

31– Common productive postbases in Nunavimmiutitut

(Work in progress. This is not an exhaustive list. Translations are tentative.)

Noun makers

/gaq	one that is -ed in a inherent way
/gialik	one that should
/giaq	fact of -ing
/giikkuti	means to prevent from -ing
/gunaq	one that looks as though it will
/gusiq	way of -ing
/innaaq	one who only
/jiaq	one unintentionally -ed
+niku	what is left over after -ing
+niq	notion of -ing
+nirpaaq	one that ... the most
+nirsaq	one that ... more
/qati	one with whom
+siti	one good at -ing
/suuq	one that has the habit of -ing
±taq	one that is -ed (passive participle)
+ti	-er (agent)
+tu(q)	one that (active participle)
/usiaq	what is received because of -ing
/(g)uti	means of -ing, reason for -ing
+vallak	sound of -ing
+vik	place or time for -ing

Noun extenders

/aaluk	big, bad, very
/aapik	little, dear
/arniq	smell of
/aruq	small
/galak	a bit
/gasak	together
/giik	two related together
/ilitaq	protection against or for
/jaq	piece of, skin of
/kallak	small, short, cute
/kasa(a)k	almost

/kkut	those of, the family of
/kkuvik	container for
/kuluk	nice little
/kutaaq	long
/laaq	tiny
/liaq	made
/lik	one that has
/limaaq	all
/lirtaq	made by
/llarik	real
/lluaq	exactly
+miuq	inhabitant of
/mmarik	complete
/ngnguaq	imitation of
+nitaq	one that dates from
/nnaq	favourite
/paaluk	very big
/paujaaluk	huge, extremely
/quti	owned, considered as
/rataq	really
/rjuaq	big
/rlak	big
/rluk	bad
/rqaaq	first
/ruluk	bad little
+siaq	found, bought, met
+siuti	one used for
+taaqaq	newly got
+talik	one that has in an inherent way
/tamaat	each
+taq	pertaining to
+tjuaq	big
/tsainnaq	the same
/tsajaq	material for making
/tsaq	future, potential
/tsiaq	good, beautiful
/tsiavak	very good
/tuaq	only
/tuinnaq	just, nothing but, any
/tuqaq	old
/ugaluaq	nevertheless, although
/ujaq	one that resembles
+viingngaqaq	great
/viniq	former, meat of

Verb makers

/ggiq-	have with oneself
/gi-	have as
/giik-	be mutually
/git-	have a good/big/plenty of
/gummita(a)q-	take meal at ... time
/ijaq-	remove, break, be cold in one's
/innaaq-	do only with
/iq-	remove
/irut-	have no more
/it-	be without
/it-	be located
/itjaaq-	remove, undo
/ituq-	fetch
/kit-	have a little/few
/li-	make, produce
/liaq-	go to
/lijaq-	carry, have with oneself
/liq-	provide with
/liri-	occupy oneself with, have pain in one's
/lirtuq-	supply with
/littaag-	be annoyed by
/liuq-	make, manufacture
+luk-	have a bad
/ngnguq-	become
+nniaq-	occupy oneself with
/qaq-, +taqaq-	have, there is
/qarqiq-	honour, jealously guard
/raaq-	cost
/rjuujaaq-	look like
+si-	get, buy, find, see
+siuq-	look for, hunt, travel through, celebrate
+taa-	get
+taq-	go and fetch (something containable)
+tu-	have a big/plenty of
+tuq-	eat, drink, consume, travel on water by
/tuu-	be the only
/u-	be
/ujaaq-	seem to be
/ujaq-	imitate
/uq-	go, act
/vik-	do ... times

Verb extenders

/a-	in a repeated or prolonged way
/aqi-	suddenly
/gajalauq-	would have -ed ... if
/gajaq-	would ... if
/gajuk-	tend to
/galak-	a little
/galaapik-	a little bit
/gasuk-	try
/gasuaq-	try hard to, be busy -ing
/giallak-	a little more, again
/giangngaq-	for the first time
/giaq-	go and, go -ing
/giaqaq-	must, have to
/giartuq-	go and, go -ing
/giasi-	begin to
/giavik-	almost
/giiq-	finish -ing, already
/giuq-	for the very first time
/giursaq-	learn to, practise -ing
/guaq-	easily tend to
/guma-	want to
/gumaiq-	no longer want to
/gumalliq-	want intensely to
/guminaq-	be desirable to
/gunnaq-	can, be able to
/gunnangi-	can no longer
/gunnasi-	can now
/gusuk-	want to, need to, be inclined to
/innaq-	do nothing but, only
/iq-	not any more
/it-	not
/itjaaq-	make one become un- -ed
/ja(a)q-	repetitively, continually
/juit-	cannot, never
/kainnaq-	for a moment
/kasa(a)k-	almost
/kallak-	suddenly
/kattaq-	several times
/kitaq-	one after another
/kkaq-	make one (do)
/kutaq-	for a long time

+la-	say "..."
/laqi-	consequently
/laukak-	first
/laurtuq-	for a short time
/li-	make one (be)
/liq-	begin, in process of -ing
/lirqiq-	again, a second time
/lirqitaaq-	many times, again and again
/lirtiq-	make one (be)
/litainnaq-	at last, after a long time, finally
/liuti-	compete to discover who can best
/llarik-	really
/lluaq-	exactly
/llurik-	very well, magnificently
/llutuq-	absolutely
/luaq-	much, too much
/(u)ma-	in state of having -ed
/mmarik-	completely
+naq-	cause one to
/ngaaq-	rather, preferably, more than another
/(ng)nga-	in state of having -ed
/nginnaq-	still
/ngnguaq-	play at -ing
/ngnguq-	be tired/disgusted of -ing
/ngngusuk-	be about to
/ngnguujaq-	slowly, late
+niangnguuq-	fear that
+niraq-	say that
+nirsau-	more
+nirpau-	most
+niq-	be nice to
+niujaq-	for sure (in the future)
+nnarsi-	be the time to
+nnasaaq-	with delay
+pak-	habitually
+pallia-	gradually more and more
/qatau-	with
/qatigiik-	together
/qattaq-	several times, often
/qu-	want one to
/ralaak-	for the pleasure of moving around
/rataq-	evidently, finally
/rataaq-	a few seconds or minutes before
/rqaaq-	first

/rqajaq-	be able to
/rqajaiq-	can no longer
/saaq-	quickly
/sa(a)q-	try to get one to
+si-	become one that, get oneself -ed
/si-	begin to
+siari-	wait for one to
±sima-	in state of having -ed
/suit-	cannot, never
/sungaq-	for the last time
/taaq-	continually, for a long time
+tau-	be -ed
+tigi-	as, so
+tit-	make one (do)
/tjuumi-	more than before
/tsanguaq-	greatly
/tsaggaq-	with great difficulty
/tsaq-	(slightly emphasizes what is said)
/tsaralua(q-)	although, though, even if
/tsautigi-	soon, early
/tsiaq-	well, plenty
+ttaili-	prevent from, refrain from
/tuinnaq-	simply
+tutsau-	must, should
+turi-	think that
/(g)ut(j)i-	to, for, with, mutually
/ugaq-	a long time, slowly
/ujaq-	pretend to
/umi-	a little more
/ummiq-	suddenly (feel)
/vaalluq-	too late, at bad time
+vallak-	make the sound of -ing
+vallaq-	make it noticeable that
+vasungaaq-	greatly
+viingngaq-	greatly

Tense postbases

/gumaaq-	(far future)
/kainnaq-	(very recent past, just now)
/laaq-	(tomorrow's future, more distant future)
/langa-	(today's future)
/langasi-	(immediate future)
/lau(ju)-	(distant past)

/lauq-	(yesterday's past, more distant past)
/laursima-	(pluperfect, remote past, have ever -ed)
/liq-	(ongoing present)
+niaq-	(near vague future)
+nniq-	(unexperienced past)
/rqammiq-	(recently)
/rqau-	(today's past)
±sima-	(perfect, preterite)

Note that **/viniq** can be used after **+tu(q)** and **±taq** to express past.

Post-tense postbases

/gunatsaq-	possibly
+pallai-	presumably
/rataq-	evidently
/rquuq-	probably
/tja-	certainly (+ negation)

Negation postbases

/ngngit-	not
/gunnaiq-	no longer
/ngngillarik-	really not (= not at all)
/ngngiluaq-	too much not (= not enough)
/ngngimmarik-	completely not (= not at all)
/ngngirataq-	clearly not, finally not
/ngngiuma-	not for a long time, cannot

Note the following combinations:

/laursima-ngngit-	never
/laursima-laa-ngngit-	will never
/laursima-gunnaiq-	never anymore
/laursima-laa-runnaiq-	will never anymore
+niuja-ngngit-	never ever
/lua-ngngit-	not exactly
/lua-ngngit-	not too much
/rata-ngngit-	not yet
/tja-ngngit-	really not
/tja-gunnaiq-	really not anymore

Post-negation postbases

/galuaq-	sure but, though (→ /ngngi-kkaluaq-)
/gi-	again, also (→ /ngngin-ni-)
/lauq-	please (→ /ngngi-lauq-)
+mmi-	also, as well (→ /ngngi-mmi-)
/ngaaq-	rather, preferably (→ /ngngi-ngaaq-)
/tuaq- (+ caus. or condit.)	as soon as, if ever (→ /ngngi-tuaq-)

Note the following combination:

/tsa-lauq- (+ condit.)	let's hope (→ /tsa-ngngi-lauq-)
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32– Tails

/aasit	once again
/guuq	(s)he says, they say
/kiaq	I wonder, I don't know
+li	but (often with little meaning)
+lu	and, also
+luunniit	or, even, -ever
/ngai	hello, hey
+ttauq	also
+tuq	would that

33– Exclamative endings

There are two frequent exclamative endings in Nunavik Inuktitut. They are peculiar because they express neither a case nor a mood.

Kinship nouns and personal names can take the vocative ending **/V(C)**:

panik /V(C)	→ pani-ik!
aippaq /V(C)	→ aippa-aq!
nuakuluk /V(C) /ngai	→ nuakulu-u-ngai!
Maakusi /V(C)	→ Maakusi-i!

Verb bases can take the interjective ending **/paa**:

taqa- /paa	→ taqa-paa!
angirraq- /guma- /paa	→ angirra-ruma-paa!