

There are nine different aboriginal languages spoken in the NWT. Languages develop over thousands of years and they tell us a lot about the people who speak them and the environment that they live in. We asked speakers of some of these languages to translate some keywords related to

You'll see that some words translate easily and some need very long explanations. There are many words that have no translation. The same is true when trying to translate from aboriginal languages into English and French. We asked the translators to provide some back translations too. These show how different the literal meaning of the translation can be from the original English.



#### Little Brown Bat

South Slavey Got'eneht'aa detsilia / A small reddish looking bat

**Inuvialuktun** Avunngaq atdjigiiktuut tingmiyuaq / Looks like a mouse that can fly

## **Renewable Energy**

Energy that is created from sources that won't run out like wind and the sun

Dogrib Tsoh ts'eèhk'ò/ Burning wood

**Inuktitut** Atukkanirunaqtuq uumaqutiksaq / Renewable sources that cause activation

South Slavey T'ahsíı met'áh t'ahsíı zhágoatheh kíı húle at'íle / A constantly replenishing energy source

North Slavey Sade hé nîhts'i hé whí le ade le gha t'á ats'itî

## Non-Renewable Energy

Energy that comes from sources that will run out and cannot be replaced, like oil and gas.

Dogrib Tèh ts'eèhk'ò/ Burning oil

**Inuktitut** Atukkannirunangituq Uumaqutiksaq / Non-renewable sources that cause activation

South Slavey T'ahsíı met'áh t'ahsíı zhágoahtheh dúle húle andeh / Energy source that can be depleted

North Slavey Tłedek'ale hé tłedet' o hé dewe betł'ãã asíí ts'erewa

Inuvialuktun Ayugaa naaAyugaa naayuaq

#### **Natural Gas**

Gas that is formed when layers of buried plants, gases, and animals are exposed to intense heat and pressure over thousands of years

Dogrib Tłèh ts'į / Gas that smells

**Gaasiituqait nunamik** | Gas from inside the land (that is already there but not traceable)

South Slavey Tłeh nihts'ı láót'ı / Gaseous gas

North Slavey Tłedek'ale

Inuvialuktun Uqsuryuaq

Chipewyan Ní tŁéze / Land gas

## **Diesel Fuel**

A common fuel derived from crude oil that powers many vehicles and small power stations

Dogrib	Ndè gotłèh / Oıl from earth
Inuktitut	Uqquusautinut uqsualuit / Heavy oil that is used for heating houses
South Slavey	Tłeh met'áh mehzhię nechá zhágoahtheh / Fuel used by heavy equipment
North Slavey	tłedet'o
Inuvialuktun	Uqsuryuaq
Inuinnaqtun	Uqhuryuaq / Fuel
Chipewyan	Beschën tŁéze / Truck fuel

# Hydroelectricity

Electricity that is produced from turbines driven by the flow of water

Dogrib	Egàk'ò̞tł'ì etłè
Inuktitut	Uumaqutiit imaqtuqtut / A source that causes activation using water power
South Slavey	Tu elįh t'áh ek'ak'ǫo etłeh ts'ehtsı / Electricity made by flowing water
North Slavey	Tu ťá edíkó ať 1
Inuinnaqtun	Aulaniqimarmitaulaniuqhimayuq / Electricity that is powered by water
Chipewyan	Deze t'a nıŁts'ı háŁe / By river wind is made

#### **Biomass**

A term used to refer to material that has been grown like wood or canola. Biomass energy is energy produced by burning this material, for example wood pellets.

Dogrib	Dechini / Among the forest
South Slavey	T'ahsíı zhánízheh dúle ts'edéhk'ó/ Growing things (certain plants)
	that can be burned for energy
North Slavey	Tse
Inuvialuktun	Ikisungnituq qiyuk / Burning wood

## **Kilowatt-hours**

A measurement of energy usage

Dogrib	Egàk' òti'ì edàtio t'à ahot'ı / How much electricity is used
South Slavey	T'ahsíı met'áh ek'ak'óo dánéht'ée t'áh ats'et'į kézedzíhdzáh /
	Instrument that measures electricity usage
North Slavey	Sadze t'á edíkó daneht'e k'eowi kerehtá
Inuinnaqtun	Aulaniupuuktaqtautaa / Measurement of energy

### Watt

A measurement of Electricity flow defined as one joule per second

Dogrib	Egàk'ò edànaetso / The strength of electricity
South Slavey	T'ahsíı megháádé ek'ak'óoetłeh dánéht'ée t'áh ats'et'į keots'edihsho/
	A measurement unit to determine electricity usage
North Slavey	Edíkó danaretse
Inuinnaqtun	Pauwatuutipnaunaitkutaa / Measurement of power

## **Subsidy**

An amount of money given to support an activity which may not be financially sustainable on its own, or to provide incentive for people to engage in such an activity because of benefits associated with it that go beyond financial gain.

Inuktitut	Ikajuusiat / Things provided as help/aid
South Slavey	T'ahsíı t'ahsáats'eh2į gha sáámba t'áh gots'áhxodı /
	Financial assistance to help support certain projects/activity
North Slavey	Así dewe nadedi t'á gots'é nakedi
Inuvialuktun	Aittugaa quyallitauyuaq
Inuinnaqtun	Kiinauyaqikayuutauyuq / Money that is available for subsidy
Chipewyan	Tsamba xá nets'édi / Get help for money

# Vampire energy/Phantom energy

Energy that is used by devices such as televisions and laptops when they are not in use but still connected to an outlet.

<b>South Slavey</b>	T'ahsíı azháetséle ek'ak'óo etłeh dánéht'ée t'áh azhát'ı /
	Electricity used by small appliances (TV and laptops)
North Slavey	T.v, satsoné bet'á ets'eretł'é kanñ t'á ts'et'î le kúlú edíkó kats'e dłá le nídé kale hetłe ot'e
Inuvialuktun	Qaumaniq atugaa / Light that is used
Inuinnaqtun	Pauwatuutqaritayanitlu, qun'ngiarutinitluikumangitkaluaqhutikaulaniqtungikaramik /
	Power used when computers and tvs are plugged in even though they are not on

