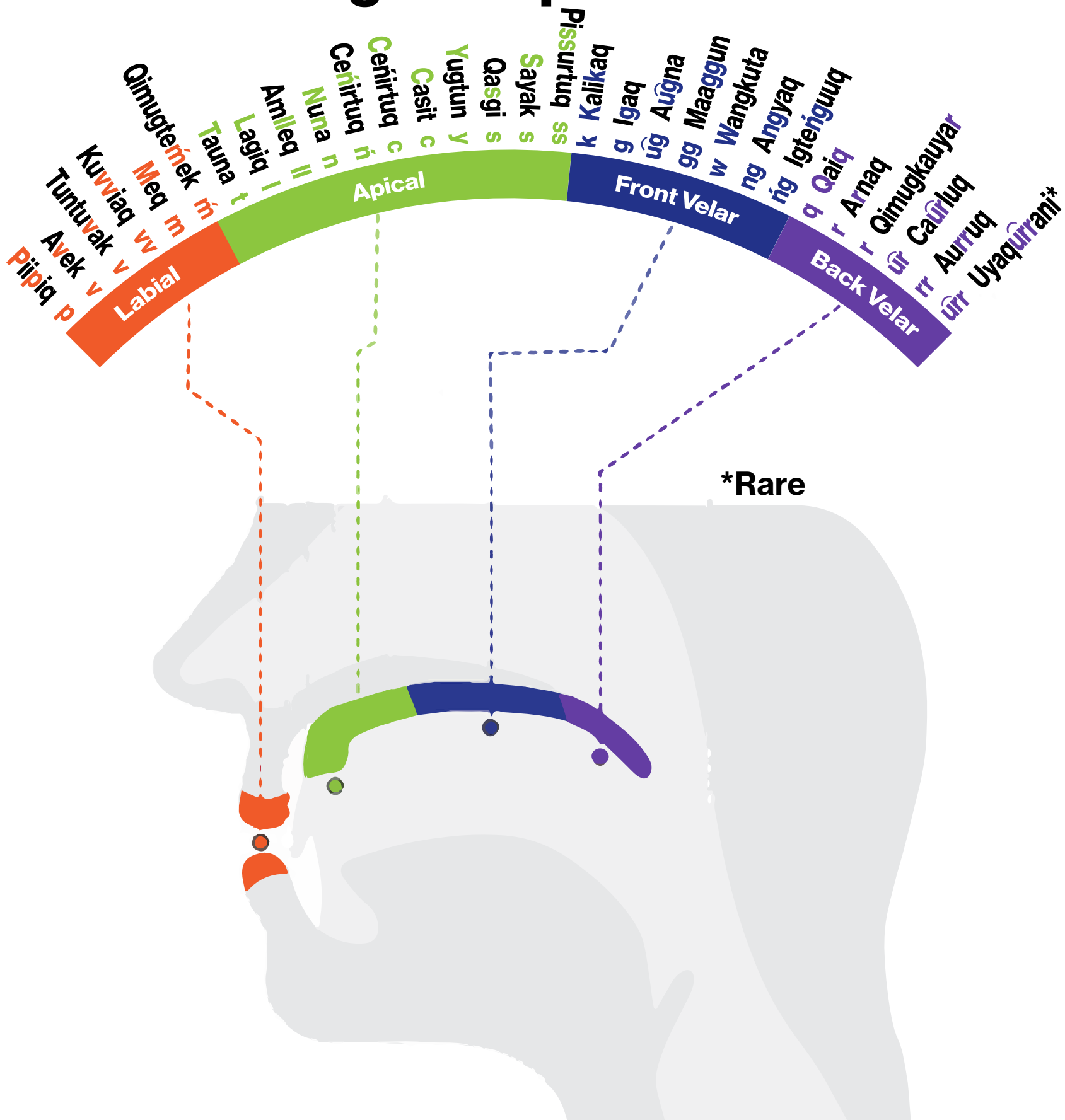


Yugtun Alphabet



Adapted from Jacobson, S. A., & Jacobson, A. W. (1995). A practical grammar of the Central Alaskan Yup'ik Eskimo language.

Vowels and 'r'

a - Ca like **a** in English “**f**ather”

e - Meq an “uh” sound like English **a** in “**a**bout”

i - **Kita** like **i** in English “mach**i**ne”, like English “h**i**t” when next to a back velar like in cak**i**q

u - **Yugtun** like **u** in English “**du**de”, like English “**thou**ght” when next to a back velar like in al**u**q

aa, ii, & uu are pronounced longer than **a, i, & u** as in **maani, ii,** and **calissuu**

' - Ma'urluq/mit'uq/tep'lek separates vowels, lengthens consonants, and changes pronunciations of consonant combinations that would read differently otherwise

Terms

Labial

Sounds made with the lips

Front Velar

Sounds made by touching the soft part of the roof of the mouth

Apical

Sounds made with the tip of the tongue

Back Velar

Sounds made by touching the uvula or near it