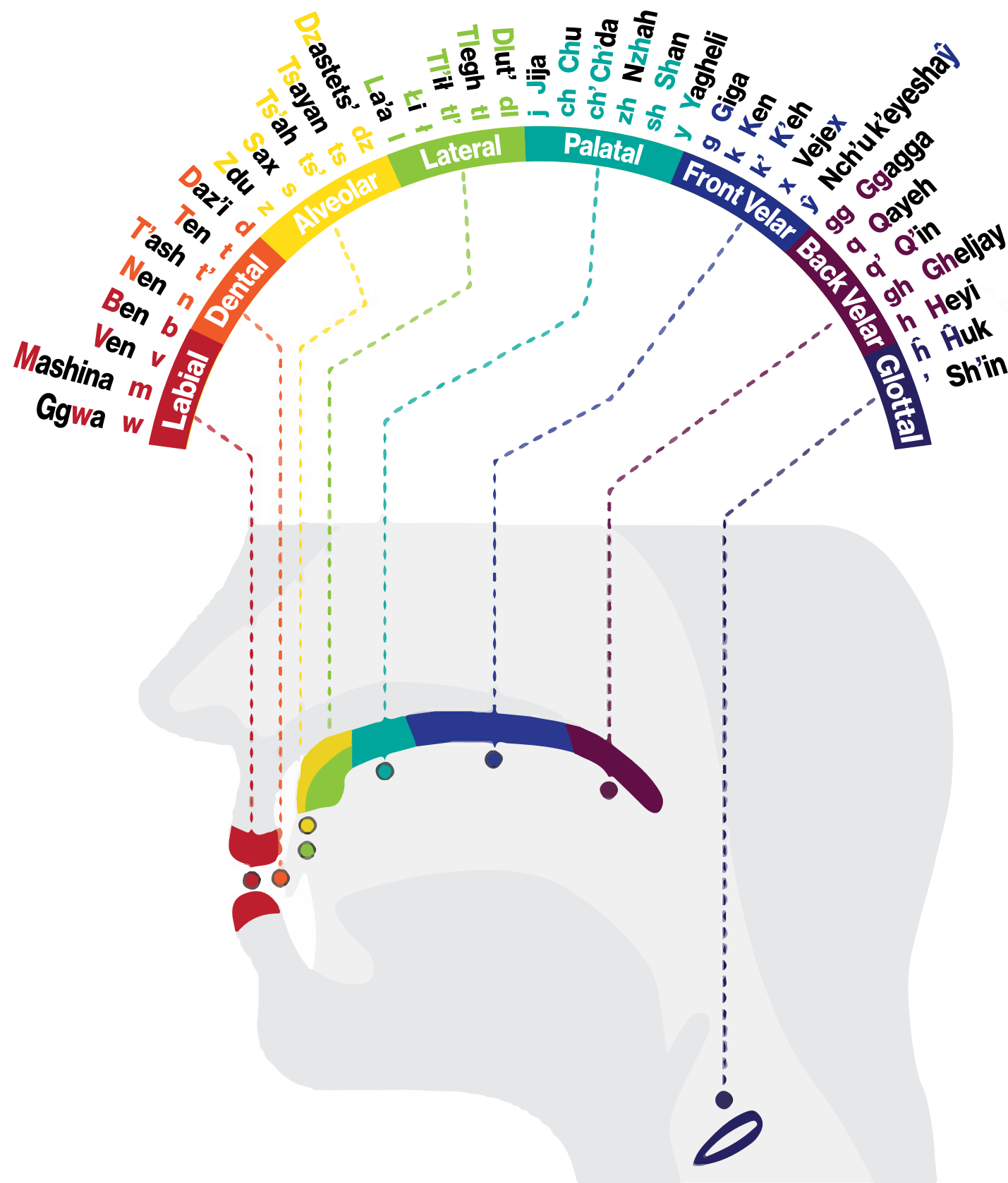


Dena'ina Alphabet



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Vowels

- a - Chin'an** like **a** in English “**f**ather” or sometimes like “**ca**t” (Upper Inlet dialect)
- e - Yagheli** an “uh” sound like English **a** in “**a**bout” or sometimes like “**e**lbow” (Upper Inlet dialect)
- i - Kit** like **i** in English “sit” or “magazi**n**e”, can sound closer to English **e** when next to a back velar like in **tiq'a**
- u - Ush** like **u** in English “**du**de”, can sound like **o** next to a back velar like in **gguya**

Terms

Labial

Sounds made with the lips

Dental

Sounds made with the tongue and the teeth

Alveolar

Sounds made by touching the tooth sockets

Lateral

Sounds that make airflow from the sides of the tongue

Palatal

Sounds made by touching the middle of the roof of the mouth

Front Velar

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

Back Velar

Sounds made by touching the uvula or near it

Glottal

Consonant sounds made from the vocal cords