

Alaska Native Languages & Studies

Talking About Snow

dleit	dleit	dleit shakadzoo	dleit + sha-ka-∅-√dzoo
snow	snow / white (color)	snow falling from tree	snow + head.hsf.cl.√hit-by-throwing
dleitgéedi	dleit-√geet-i	dleit yátx'i	dleit + yát-x'-i
snowstorm	snow-√storm-[relational]	fine snow	snow + child.[plural].[relational]
dleit kachíxwti	dleit + ka-∅-√chíxw-t-i	dleit x'akée	dleit + x'a-kée
snowball	snow + hsf.cl.√rub/massage	on top of snow	snow + mouth.above
dleit kakél't'	dleit+ ka-∅-√kél't'	kagíx'xi	ka-∅-√gíx'x-i
ashy snow	snow + hsf.cl.√ashes	hard packed snowdrift	hsf.cl.√creak.[repetitive].[relational]
dleit kakétsk	dleit+ ka-∅-√kéts-k	kaklahéen	ka-ka-la-√héen
granular snow	snow + hsf.cl.√loosely-piled	wet snow	comparitive.hsf.cl.√water
dleit kalt'íx'	dleit+ ka-l-√t'íx'	kaléek	ka-∅-√léek
block of frozen snow	snow + hsf.cl.√frozen/hard	snowblindness	hsf.cl-√dazzle
dleit katl'íx'xi	dleit+ ka-l-√t'íx'-x-i	(ka)neek; (ka)neik	ka-∅-√neik
snow crust	snow + hsf.cl.√frozen/hard.[repetitive].[relational]	slush; snow on water	hsf.cl-√slushy
dleit ka.óoxu	dleit+ ka-∅-√óox-u	kas'eesjaa	ka-∅-√s'ées'-ch-aa
blowing snow	snow + hsf.cl.√blow.[relational]	blowing snow	hsf.cl-√blown.[habitual].one(s)
dleit k'wát'	dleit+ k'wát'	núkt háatl'i	núkt + háatl'i
snow lump (lit. snow egg)	snow + egg	large snowflakes that melt on contact	grouse-(male) + excrement.[relational]
dleit kaadí	dleit+ kaadí	s'akyátsx'i	s'ak-yáts-x'-i
avalanche	snow + rockslide/snowslide	lumpy snow	bone.child.[plural].[relational]