

Key to Quileute Language Pronunciation

(from *Quileute: An Introduction to the Indians of La Push*, by Jay Powell and Vickie Jenson, University of Washington Press, 1976)

These Quileute sounds are pronounced as in English: *b, c, g, h, k, l, p, s, t, w, y*

ch is pronounced as in “church”

sh as in “shut”

m a *k* pronounced at the back of the mouth

x as in Scottish “loch”

f an *x* pronounced at the back of the mouth

7 a whispered *l* caused by setting the mouth as if to say “leap,”
but then simply blowing

;, *r*, *n*, *r*7, *vh* sounds pronounced with a click or snap

*k*2, *n*2, *m*2, *j*2, *x*2, *f*2 sounds pronounced with the
lips rounded

/ a glottal stop, as in “oh-oh!”

a as in “father” when accented, otherwise usually as in “what”

i as in “say” when accented, otherwise as in “peep” or “pit”

o as in “go” when accented, otherwise as in “boot” or “put”