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Blackfoot, or *Siksika* is an Algonquian language with about 8,000 speakers in the US state of Montana and the Canadian province of Alberta.

The Blackfoot syllabary was devised by John William Tims (1857-1945), an Anglican missionary from England who spent 12 years from 1883 to 1895 among the Blackfoot people in the North-West Territories of Canada (now Alberta). Tims based his Blackfoot syllabary on James Evans' Ojibwe syllabary and used it to produce a dictionary of the Blackfoot language and translations of a number a biblical texts.

Nowadays the syllabary is rarely used as the Latin alphabet is prefered.

Blackfoot syllabary

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Sample text

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Transliteration

Aamohka nitaayakitsinikatawahka kiaayaowahka ki omahka kipitakiwahka anistawa Ksistsikomaaki. Iitoisiyihk. Iiksipihtsi omii otsitotoispima miini.

Links

Further information about the Blackfoot syllabary

http://www.languagegeek.com/algon/siksika/blk syllabarium.html

Blackfoot Language - details of the phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, etc http://www.fp.ucalgary.ca/blackfoot/

Blackfoot words and phrases with audio

http://www.schoolnet.ca/aboriginal/audiosam/blackfot/black-e.html

http://www.fp.ucalgary.ca/howed/lexicon.htm

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Official site of the Blackfoot Nation http://www.blackfoot.org

Other syllabaries

Blackfoot, Carrier, Celtiberian, Cherokee, Cree, Cypriot, Hiragana, Iberian, Inuktitut, Katakana, Kpelle, Loma, Mende, Ndjuká, Ojibwe, Vai, Yi

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