

## Activity 4

### Vowel Differences in Cree-Innu

The **vowels** in the Cree-Innu languages are: a, e, i, and o/u, some of which can be long or short. The length is indicated by either a double vowel, a macron, a hat, or a dot over the syllabic character: **ii, ī, î, Ä**. The e is always long, so it is often not marked as such (ê). As a result of sound changes from the mother language, Proto-Algonquian, some languages or dialects use fewer vowels, creating different pronunciation of the same words. You can group the different speakers by the vowel that is used.

#### Instructions:

- ▶ Open the Linguistic Atlas found at [www.atlas-ling.ca](http://www.atlas-ling.ca).
- ▶ Go to the 'location and travel' category.
- ▶ Select the phrase "on the road".
- ▶ Click on each marker on the map and listen carefully.
- ▶ When you find the speakers listed below, copy the word on the corresponding line.

#### What do you notice about the first vowel in the word for each speaker?

	Word	Vowel
▶ Martha Michell - Woodland Cree - North	_____	_____
▶ Leda Corrigan - Plains Cree -Northern	_____	_____
▶ Dolores Sand - Plains Cree -Southern	_____	_____
▶ Sarah Johnson - Oji-Cree	_____	_____
▶ Elsie Chilton - Moose Cree	_____	_____
▶ Mary Lou Iahtail - Swampy Cree -Eastern	_____	_____
▶ Véronique Chachai - Atikamekw	_____	_____
▶ Louise Blacksmith - East Cree - South - Inland	_____	_____
▶ Marion Cox - East Cree - North	_____	_____
▶ Silas Nabincaboo - Naskapi - Western	_____	_____
▶ Brigitta Piwas Aylward - Innu - Mushuau	_____	_____
▶ Kanani Penashue - Innu - Sheshatshiu	_____	_____
▶ _____	_____	_____
▶ _____	_____	_____
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## Activity 4b

### Realisation of the locative

Now, look at the ending of each word you found in activity 4. It is called a locative. Listen again. What do you notice?

	Ending of word
▶ Martha Michell - Woodland Cree - North	_____
▶ Leda Corrigal - Plains Cree -Northern	_____
▶ Dolores Sand - Plains Cree -Southern	_____
▶ Sarah Johnson - Oji-Cree	_____
▶ Elsie Chilton - Moose Cree	_____
▶ Mary Lou Iahtail - Swampy Cree -Eastern	_____
▶ Véronique Chachai - Atikamekw	_____
▶ Louise Blacksmith - East Cree - South - Inland	_____
▶ Marion Cox - East Cree - North	_____
▶ Silas Nabinicaboo - Naskapi - Western	_____
▶ Brigitta Piwas Aylward - Innu - Mushuau	_____
▶ Kanani Penashue - Innu - Sheshatshiu	_____
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