

Match Game (Grade P – 5)

Definition List

Ash Basket

Mi'kmaq baskets made from the ash tree.

Birch Bark

The bark of a white birch tree used to make things like canoes, bowls and wigwams.

Birch Bark Canoe

A canoe built mainly of cedar or ash, covered with birch bark and laced with spruce roots.

Chief

The elected leader of a Band that oversees reserves as defined by the Indian Act.

Dream Catcher

An Indigenous craft believed to help a person have good dreams.

Drum

Small hand held or large round drums, producing a beat referred to as the heartbeat of Mother Earth.

Eagle Feather

Used to help an Indigenous person have a spiritual connection.

Elder

Title given to the older population who are respected for their life's knowledge and wisdom.

Four Colors

White, Yellow, Red and Black and can have different meanings depending on personal teachings.

Headdress

Different types of headwear made from leather and feathers worn during ceremonies and other cultural celebrations.

Hoop Dancer

A person who has learned traditional dances using hoops.

Igloo

Traditional dome shaped home, made of snow.

Inukshuk

Inuit design made from stones in the shape of a person used as directional markers.

Ji'kmaq

Hand held wooden stick shaped musical instrumental.

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Luskinikn

Mi'kmaq bannock made on an open fire or baked in an oven.

Mawiomi

Mi'kmaq word for the gathering of people for social, cultural and spiritual time.

Moccasins

Traditional soft soled leather footwear worn in all types of weather.

Moose Call

A cone shaped funnel made from birch bark used attract the moose.

Mother Earth

A respected title given to the earth and compared to a human mother who gives life.

Mukluks

Traditional footwear made from caribou or seal skin and worn in all types of weather.

Sage

A plant referred to as a sacred medicine which is used to get rid of negative energy during a smudging ceremony or sprinkle offering to Mother Earth.

Snow Goggles

Were designed and worn to help reduce the glare from the sun reflecting from the snow.

Snow Shoes

Wooden, weaved footwear attached to the foot allowing easier travel over the snow.

Stones

The oldest substance on Mother Earth used as a connector to the ancestors and referred to as Grandfathers and Grandmothers.

Sweet Grass

A grass referred to as a sacred medicine used to cleanse the mind, body and spirit during smudging time or used as a sprinkle offering as a sign of thanks to Mother Earth.

Talking Circle

A circle formation used for communicating with each other.

Talking Stick

A stick or other item collected from Mother Earth to be used during a talking circle.

Teepee

Name given to a traditional home or structure used by some Indigenous people.

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Traditional Dance

Different styles of dance performed during ceremonies and powwows.

Ulu

An Inuit knife with a specialized designed that can be used in multiple ways.

Waltes

Traditional Mi'kmaq game using a wooden plate, discs and counting sticks which is still being played today.

Wigwam

The name for a traditional Mi'kmaq home or structure made of birch bark and other materials from the forest.