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Lesson Plan

PLAINS CREE LANGUAGE LESSONS

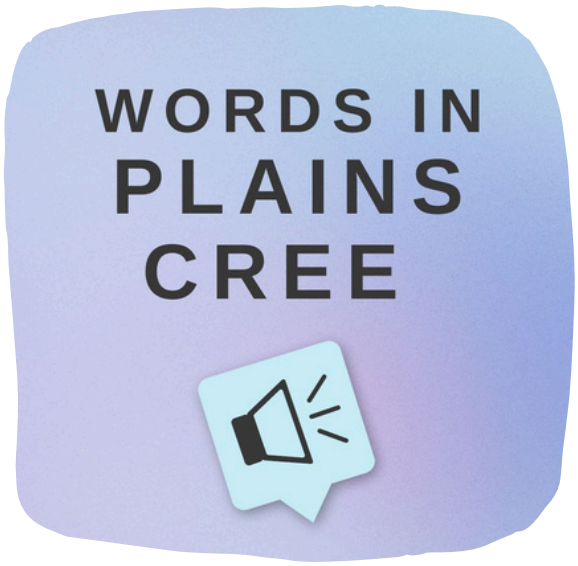
SUGGESTED AGES:

K-7

SUGGESTED SUBJECT AREAS:

English, Social Studies

WATCH ON YOUTUBE



DURATION:

1 class period (10 minutes for viewing, 50 minutes for activities)

Disclaimer: Educators and group leaders are responsible for ensuring lessons and materials presented in their classrooms or groups are appropriate for their unique students.

OBJECTIVES:

Examine and explore words in Plains Cree

MATERIALS:

- DWF Shorts on Plains Cree
  - **Animal Words in Plains Cree**
  - **Numbers in Plains Cree**
  - **More Words in Plains Cree**
- Whiteboard/large paper
- Audiovisual equipment (projector, speakers, etc.)
- Worksheet

INTRODUCTION (45 MINUTES):

1. Show **DWF's short videos on Plains Cree words**
2. Write and practice saying the words out loud to the class all together
3. Hand out the worksheet and have students complete it

CONCLUSION (15 MINUTES):

1. Reconvene as a class and allow students to share their reflections
2. Collect the worksheet

ASSESSMENT:

Assessment can be based on students' participation in discussions, engagement with the material, and the quality of their reflections during the activity.

EXTENSIONS:

1. Have students share their pronunciations with the class
2. Integrate the animals, numbers, and phrases into the classroom
3. Practice writing each Plains Cree word three times. Example: Peyak - Peyak - Peyak

PART 1: NUMBERS IN PLAINS CREE

Match the Plains Cree number with its English translation.

Peyak	**Eight**
Niso	**Four**
Nisto	**One**
Newo	**Nine**
Niyanan	**Ten**
Nikotwasik	**Seven**
Tepakhohp	**Three**
Ayinanew	**Five**
Kikatmitataht	**Two**
Mitataht	**Six**

PART 2: ANIMALS IN PLAINS CREE

Write the correct Plains Cree word next to each animal.

Bear _____

Eagle _____

Buffalo _____

Wolf _____

Beaver _____

Dog _____

Cat _____

BONUS ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of one of the animals listed above and label it with the correct Plains Cree word!

PART 3: COMMON PLAINS CREE PHRASES

Fill in the blanks with the correct Plains Cree word or phrase.

"Hello, how are you?" in Plains Cree is

_____

"Thank you" in Plains Cree is

_____

"Do Something" in Plains Cree is

_____

"I'll see you again" in Plains Cree is

_____

ANSWER KEY (FOR EDUCATORS):

Part 1:
Peyak - One
Niso - Two
Nisto - Three
Newo - Four
Niyanan - Five
Nikotwasik - Six
Tepakhohp - Seven
Ayinanew - Eight
Kikatmitataht - Nine
Mitataht - Ten

Part 2:
Muskwa - Bear
Kihew - Eagle
Paskwa Moostos - Buffalo
Mahikan - Wolf
Amisk - Beaver
Atim - Dog
Minoose - Cat

Part 3:
Tansi - Hello, how are you?
Kinanaskomitin - Thank you
Kikway-itota - Do Something
Âsay mîna ka-wâpamitin - I'll see you again