

Our Alaska Native Neighbors



People have been living in interior Alaska for almost 14,000 years! From the beginning, they have lived off the land. They are careful with plants and animals so that food and other resources last for future generations—their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren.

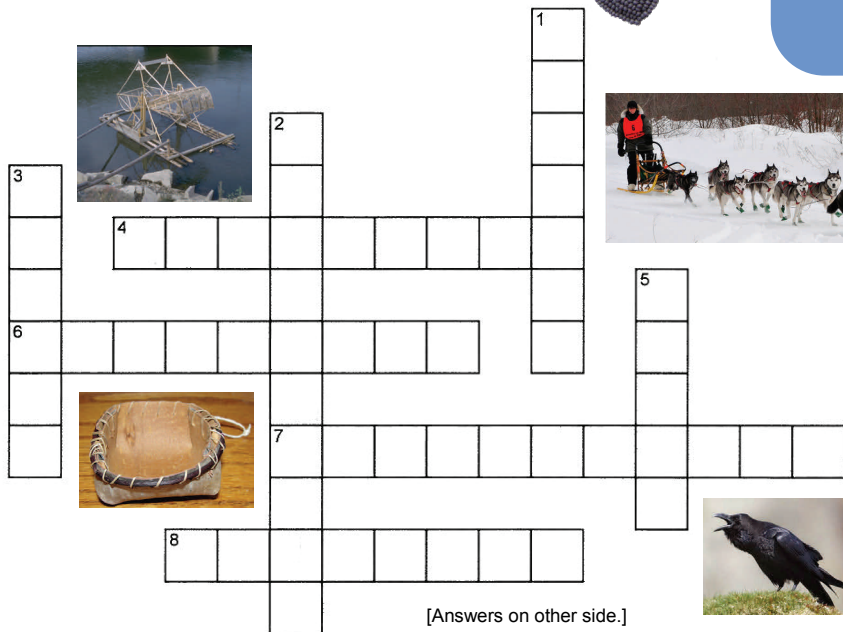
People living in different regions in Alaska developed ways of hunting and collecting based on their resources and the landscape. They preserved their food carefully so it was available when resources were sparse.

In some places, caches are used to raise stored food off the ground and away from predators. In other places, food is stored underground to keep it cool.



Say *thank you* for gifts from the Earth:

quyanaq — Inupiaq
quyana — Yupi'k
mahsi' cho — Gwich'in Athabaskan
tsin'e e — Tanacross Athabaskan
gunalcheesh — Tlingit
qagaasakung — Unangan



[Answers on other side.]

ACROSS

- 4 A large wooden device put in the river to catch fish
- 6 The material that can be used to make baskets and buckets
- 7 The practice of gathering resources from the land
- 8 An art form of Alaska's Athabaskan people

DOWN

- 1 A vehicle used for winter travel in Alaska
- 2 Alaska Native people of the Interior
- 3 How Alaska Native people organize their communities
- 5 The bird that carries prayers to the sky; the trickster

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The Store Outside Your Door

Subsistence is the practice of gathering needed resources from the land and water, such as animals, plants, and minerals. These can be used in many different ways for food, medicine, clothing, transportation, and shelter. Not everyone has access to a grocery store... the land is their supermarket!

Alaska Native people have always been ingenious in the ways they utilize every part of every resource. Waste is minimized and resources are left for use another time.

Can you imagine?



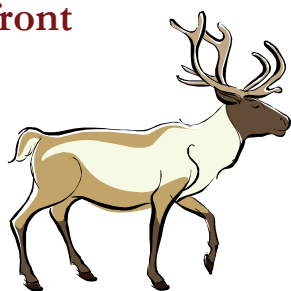
Imagine you are living off the land and need to provide for your family. What kinds of things do you go out and collect or hunt for? What types of items in your home can you make from things you collect from the land? Where will your family's clothing and shelter come from? You may not find all the things in your area that you need. You might need to trade with other groups who have other resources. What is valuable from your area that you could trade; what would you trade for?



Dena' Nena' Henash... our land speaks

Find all the items that come from the store that's outside your front door!

beaver	lichen
blueberry	moose
caribou	porcupine
cranberry	salmon
crowberry	spruce
currant	subsistence
fireweed	whitefish
hare	



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