

# Native Americans – Word List

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- **accompany** = to go with someone or something
- **ancestor** = a member of your family who lived a long time ago
- **arrival** = the coming
- **arrowhead** = the sharp, pointed end of an arrow
- **at birth** = when they were born
- **attack** = to use weapons to hurt someone or kill them
- **basket** = container made of wood or branches that is woven together; you can put things in it
- **bean** = a small seed or fruit that comes from a climbing plant; it is cooked and used as food
- **belief** = idea that you think is true
- **berries** = small, soft fruit with seeds
- **better off** = to have more money and live a better life than before
- **blanket** = a cover for a bed, made of wool
- **bow and arrow** = a weapon made out of a long, curved piece of wood; the ends are connected with a string; you shoot long, thin and pointed pieces of wood with it
- **bravery** = actions that show you have courage and are not afraid
- **brick** = a hard block of baked clay used to build houses
- **buffalo** = animal that is like a large cow with long, curved horns
- **cattle farm** = farm on which you raise cows
- **century** = a hundred years
- **ceremony** = a very important event
- **cliff dwelling** = houses that are built into hills or mountains
- **cloth** = material that is used to make clothes
- **common** = much used
- **convert** = change to
- **corn** = tall plant with large yellow seeds ; it is cooked to be eaten or used to feed animals
- **cover** = a layer over something
- **craft** = to make things with your hands
- **create** = make
- **cure** = heal; to make healthy
- **decorate** = to make something look prettier
- **deer** = a large wild animal that can run very fast; it eats grass and has horns
- **defeat** = to win against
- **depend on** = need, rely on
- **destroy** = to damage completely
- **disappear** = gone; not seen anymore
- **discover** = to find for the first time
- **drive off** = to make someone leave
- **drugs** = illegal substances that people take to feel happy or make their problems go away
- **drum** = musical instrument that you play by hitting the surface with a stick
- **dwelling** = a place where people live
- **enemy** = people you don't like and fight against
- **explorer** = someone who travels to an unknown area and wants to find out more about it
- **extend** = reach from one place to another
- **face** = to deal with
- **fail** = not succeed
- **fierce** = violent , brutal
- **flute** = musical instrument that looks like a pipe; you blow air into it and cover some of the holes to make a sound
- **force** = (1) natural power
- **force** = (2) to make someone do something they don't want to do
- **force off** = here: they had to leave
- **fur trader** = a person who buys and sells the thick, soft hair of animals
- **gambling** = to risk money in a game or sport
- **government** = the people who rule a country
- **grave** = the place in the ground where a dead person is put
- **Great Lakes** = the five big lakes between the USA and Canada
- **Great Plains** = large area of flat land in the middle of the USA
- **handicrafts** = making things with your hands, which you then sell , especially to tourists
- **harvest** = when you bring in the crops from the fields
- **herd** = group of animals from one kind that live together
- **hide** = skin of an animal
- **highly developed** = to be very advanced ; here: to live a very modern life
- **historian** = a person who has studied history
- **honour** = respect
- **however** = but
- **improve** = to get better
- **income** = the money you get when you have a job
- **influence** = to have an effect on
- **inhabitant** = person who lives in a city, country or region
- **integrate** = to become part of a group of people
- **join together** = get together
- **law** = set of rules that a country has

- **lawyer** = a person who knows a lot about the rules of a country and gives you advice
- **main** = most important
- **make contact with** = to communicate with
- **mammal** = an animal that drinks milk from its mother's body when it is young
- **miner** = person who digs gold and other important minerals out of the earth
- **mining** = the job of digging coal, oil or other minerals out of the earth
- **one single** = only one
- **oven** = a place where you cook food
- **pilgrims** = group of English people who were the first Europeans to live in America
- **plains** = large areas of dry and flat land
- **poison** = something you eat or drink that may hurt or even kill you
- **popular** = liked a lot
- **pottery** = objects made out of baked clay
- **pour in** = to come in large numbers at the same time
- **practice** = keep up; do things often
- **pray** = to say words to God
- **preserve** = to make food last for a longer time
- **raid** = to go to a place and steal things
- **rattle** = an object that makes noise when you shake it
- **reach** = get to
- **reduce** = to make smaller
- **relative** = member of a family
- **remove** = take away
- **reservation** = an area of land that the US kept separate for Native Americans to live on
- **respected** = if other people like you because you have done good things
- **roast** = cook food over a fire
- **rug** = a small carpet
- **rush** = hurry
- **scalp** = the skin on top of your head
- **seal** = a large animal that eats fish and lives around the coast
- **set** = here: repair
- **settle disputes** = to end arguments
- **settler** = someone who goes to live in a place where not many people have lived before
- **share** = to have together
- **skirt** = piece of clothing that hangs down from your waist
- **society** = all the people in general
- **Spaniard** = a person who comes from Spain
- **spear** = a pole with a sharp point on one end
- **spirit** = a living thing that you cannot see but people think it exists
- **spread down** = here : move to
- **squash** = large vegetable that has a hard skin
- **storey** = floor
- **strength** = how strong you are
- **stretch** = to reach from one place to another
- **suicide rate** = the number of people who kill themselves
- **sun-dried** = if you leave something in the sun to dry
- **superior** = better than
- **surroundings** = the world around you
- **taxes** = money that the government gets when people sell goods
- **Thanksgiving** = a time when people thank God for the food he has given them
- **toboggan** = an object made out of wood that you use to ride down snowy hills
- **tomahawk** = a light axe used by Indians
- **tool** = something that you hold in your hand and use to do a certain job
- **tribal council** = when members of a tribe get together to discuss important things
- **tribe** = a group of people who have the same way of life and the same language ; they are ruled by a chief
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- **tribesman** = a male member of a tribe
- **unemployment** = people who do not have a job
- **unskilled worker** = a person who has not learned a trade or does not have special talents
- **war council** = a meeting that takes place when a tribe is at war
- **warrior** = a very brave fighter
- **weapon** = something you use to attack a person with
- **whale** = the largest sea animal
- **whistle** = a small object that you blow air into; it produces a high sound
- **wilderness** = land where nobody lives or works on
- **worship** = pray to