

Our Language: The Blackfoot Language

Words in **Black**: Word as found and spelled in Nitsitapiisinni Gallery

Words in **Grey**: Phonetic sound as pronounced

Descriptions Below

Aapaiai

aa-pbaa-yee

Weasel with its coat in the white phase; ermine

Appa-inni

aa-pbaa-ee-nee

Blood

Aapai-tsi-tapi

aa-pbA-tsee-tdaa-pbee

Weasel People, refer to the Kainai

Aim-moniisi

aam-moon-nee-see

Otter

Amsskaapipikani

aam-skgaa-pbee-pbee-kgaan-nee

Southern Peigan

Apa-nii

aa-pbaa(n)-nee

Moth or Butterfly

Apatohsipikani

aa-pbaat(h)-see-pbee-kгаа-nee

Northern Peigan

Ihtsi-pai-tapi-yopa

ee(h)-tsee-pbaa-tdaa-pbee-yO-pbaa

Essence of All Life; Creator

linisskimm

ee-nees-skgeem

Buffalo Calling Stone

linnii

ee-nee

Buffalo

Imitaa

ee-mee-tdaa

Dog

Iniiskii

ee-nees-kgee

Buffalo (plural)

Ipiso-waahsa

ee-pee-tsO-waa(h)-tsees

Morning Star

Kainai

kgaan-naa

Many Leaders; also called the Bloods

Katoyissa

kgaat-tdoo-yees-saa

Blood clot

Katoyissiski

kgaat-tdoo-yees-skgee

Sweet Grass Hills (Sweet Pine Hills)

Kiaspa

kgls-spbaa

Parted Hair Society

Kokomi-kisomm

kgoo-kgoo-mee-kgees-soom-maa

Moon

Ksahkomi-tapiksi

kg-saa(h)-kgoo(m)-mee-tdaa-pbeek-see

Earth Beings

Ksiistsi-komm

kgsees-tsee-kgoom

Thunder

Ksisk-staki

Kgsees(k)-stdaak-kgee

Beaver

Makoi-yohsokoyi

maa-kgoo(h)-yO-sO-kgoo-yee

Wolf Trail

Makoiyi

maa-kgwee

Wolf

Matapi

maa- tdaa-pbee

Other Beings

Minipoka

mee-nee(p)-pbO-kgaa

Favoured children

Moki-maani

moo-kgee-maan-nee

Pemmican

Mokoyi

mO-kgoo(e)-yee

Autumn

Motoyi

mO-tdoo-yee

Spring

Naa-to-yi-ta-piiksi

naa-tdoo-yee-tdaa-pbeeks

Spirit Beings

Napi

naa(aa)-pee

Old man

Napikowann

naa(aa)-pbeek-kgoo-waan

White man

Natosi

naa-tdoo-see

Sun

Niipo

nee-pboo

Summer

Niitoy-yiss

nee-tdoo-yees

Tipi

Niksokowa

neek-tsoo-kgoo-waa

Our relations

Nitawahsi

nee-tdaa-waa(h)-seen

Land

Nitawahsin-naani

nee-tdaa-waa(h)-tseen-naan-nee

Our Land

Nitsitapii

neet-seet-tdaa-pbee

Real people

Nitsitapiisinni

Neet-seet-tdaa-pbee-see-nee

Our way of life

Ohkotoks

oo(h)-kgoo(h)-tdook(h)s

Big Rock