

# 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-kгаа

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

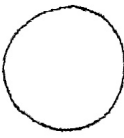

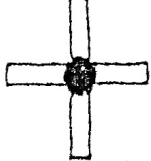
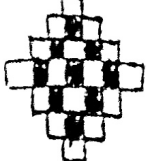


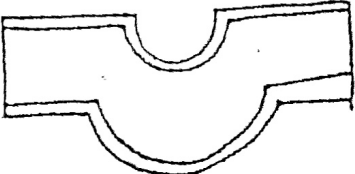
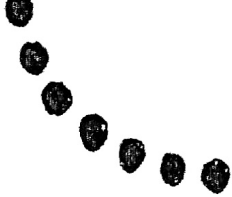

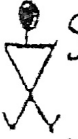













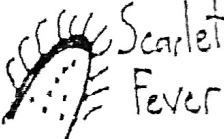
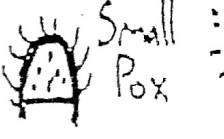


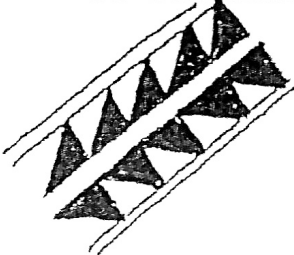

Our way of life

**Ohkotoks**

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

Big Rock

# KEY TO BLACKFOOT SYMBOLS

 Natosi (the Sun)  Kokoni-kisomm (the Moon)	  Ipi-so-Waahsa (the Morning Star)
 An important symbol representing the Sun (yellow), Moon (red) & Morning Star (cross), & circle of life	 Pleiades
 Makoi-yoh sokoyi (the Milky Way)	 Big Dipper
 Kainai  Siksika  Pikani Niitsitapi (the Blackfoot)	Foothills  Mountains   Puffballs 
 Scalp  Rifle  Tipi	Ksiistsi-komm (Thunder)  Thunder & Hail 
 Male  Female Water Serpents	 Papai tapiksi (Butterfly or Moth)
 Scarlet Fever  Small Pox  Coughing Disease	 Each hoofprint represents a successful horse raid
 Snake Pattern	 Each symbol represents acting as a scout on a successful raiding party