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For some of the activities that involve animals, you can introduce or supplement the activity with further language learning by replacing the English word for the animal with the corresponding word from a First Nation's language.

Ask local Elders or language speakers for the correct spelling and pronunciation of the names of animals.

Here are a few examples; please note that there are a variety of spellings for these words, and different dialects for one language may use different words. Some words are translated orally and are written down phonetically. Follow the spellings and pronunciations used in your own community.

Cree

bear = maskwa ³	rabbit = wapos ⁴
muskrat = wacask ⁵	goose = niska ⁶
otter = niki ⁷	marten = wapistan ⁸
fox = makkayshoo ⁹	

Ojibway

deer = waawaashkesh ¹⁰	fish = ginoonh
moose = mooz	dog = nimosh ¹¹
beaver = amik	

Haudenosaunee / Iroquois

eagle = awehe gó:wah (Cayuga) ¹²	dog = è:rhar (Kahnasakate Mohawk) ¹³
raccoon = ati:ron (Mohawk) ¹⁴	

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