



In this book you will see examples of original artwork showing a structure called a ciporoke. It is important to understand that not all Native American tribes lived in teepees and that many tribes, such as the Ho-Chunk, lived in a home called a ciporoke.



Ciporoke

What is a ciporoke?

A ciporoke is the type of house used by Ho-Chunk people long ago. They are made of wooden frames which are covered with woven mats and sheets of birch bark. Different types of bark could be used to cover the ciporoke but birch bark was used most often. Once the wooden frame is made, ropes or strips of wood are wrapped around the ciporoke to hold the bark in place.

Where do Ho-Chunk people live today?

Today Ho-Chunk people do not live in ciporokes but they are still used for cultural gatherings. Ho-Chunk people today live in modern houses and apartment buildings, just like you.

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Hoocak means: "the Sacred Language, Master Language, Parent Tongue"

Waaziija Haci means: "Those who Live in the Pines"



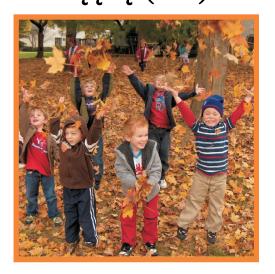
Mąąhijąją Joop

(times of the year)

weena (spring)



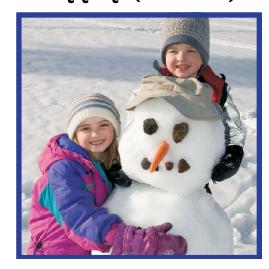
cąąnį (fall)



took (summer)

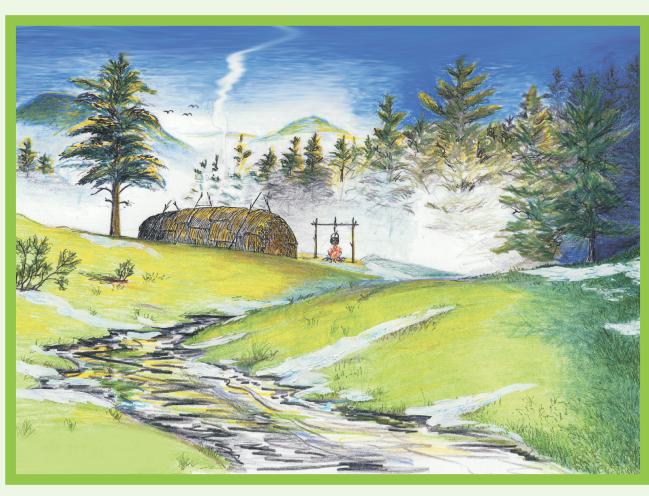


mąąnį (winter)





weeną





Weeną jee.







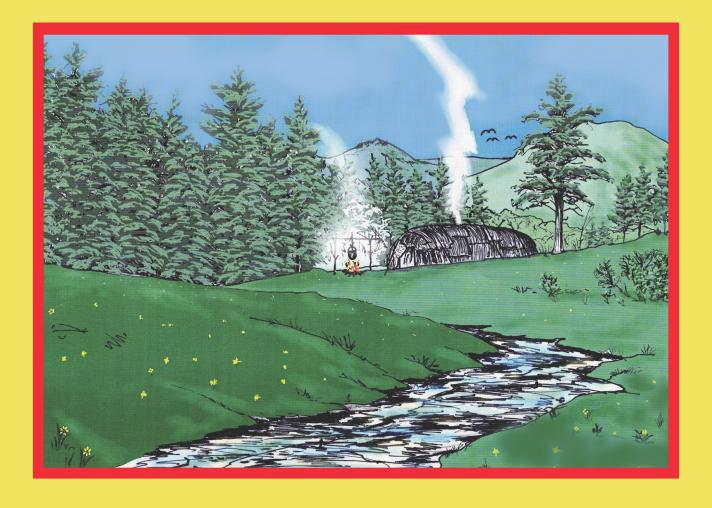




Cąągeja nį įžuje.



took



Took jee.





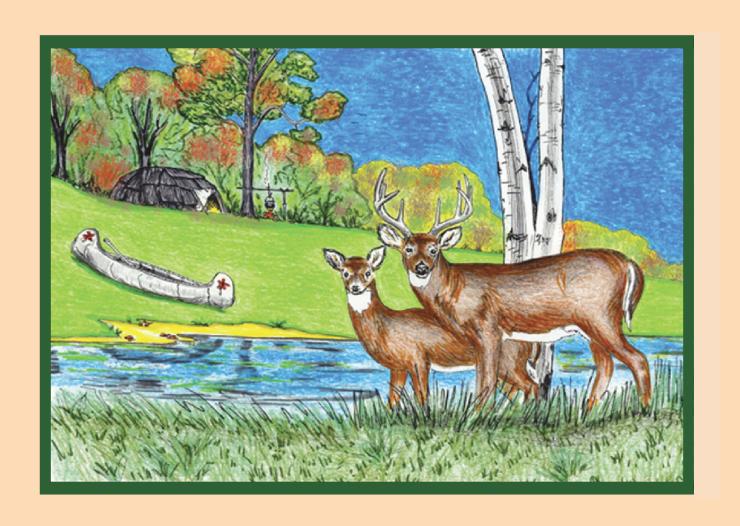
Cąągeja taakacje.





cąąni







Cąąnį jee.













Cąągeja mąąxije.





mąąnį



Mąąnį jee.





Cąągeja hosįnįhije.





Hąąpra jaasge jee? Hąąp pįhije!





Word List

Hoocak Word Phonetic Pronunciation English Meaning

maahijaja joop m(ah) hee j(ah) j(ah) joop seasons (four changes of the year)

Haapra jaasge jee? h(ah)mp rda jasgay jee What is the day like?

ciporoke chee poo rda kay Ho-Chunk home

weenąwee n(ah)springtookdoe ksummercąąnįch(ah) n(ee)fallmąąnįm(ah) n(ee)winter

Weeną jee.wee n(ah) jayIt is spring.Took jee.doe k jayIt is summer.Cąąnį jee.ch(ah) n(ee) jayIt is fall.Mąąnį jee.m(ah) n(ee) jayIt is winter.

Haapra jaasge jee? h(ah)mp rda jasge jee What is the day like? Caageja niižuje. ch(ah) gay ja n(ee) zho jay It is raining outside.

Haapra jaasge jee? h(ah)mp rda jasge jee What is the day like? **Caageja taakacje.** ch(ah) gay ja daa kuch jay It is hot outside.

Haapra jaasge jee? h(ah)mp rda jasge jee What is the day like? Caageja maaxije. ch(ah) gay ja m(ah)xee jay It is cloudy outside.

Hạạpra jaasge jee?h(ah)mp rda jasge jeeWhat is the day like?Cạạgeja hosinịhije.ch(ah) gay ja hoe s(ee) n(ee) he jayIt is cold outside.

Hạạpra jaasge jee?h(ah)mp rda jasge jeeWhat is the day like?Hạạp pịhije.h(ah)mp pee he jayIt is a good day!



What Have We Learned:

- 1. Can you name the four seasons in Hoocak?
- 2. What is your favorite season?
- 3. **Haapra jaasge jee?** What is the day like in **took**? What is the day like in **maani**? How are **took** and **maani** different?
- 4. Draw and label:

Have children divide paper in half. Have them draw a picture on the top half of what they would see in the season **caani** and on the bottom half draw a picture of what they would see in the season **weena**.







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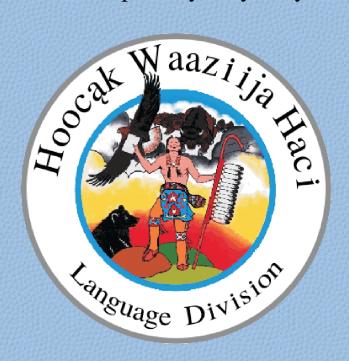
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