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Exploring Language and Indigeneity with Paula MacDonald For grades K-4

Join us in welcoming Paula MacDonald. Paula is a Cree deaf woman from Treaty 4 territory. MacDonald is a national youth representative for the Deaf Indigenous of Canada committee and the Canadian Association of the Deaf, where she is dedicated to improving accessibility to services for the deaf. Join Paula as she speaks about deaf culture and teaches us how to sign the words for Moose Hide Campaign! Paula will also take us on a learning journey to better understand how we can be more inclusive to the deaf community and how we can be friends with people, even if they speak another language than us. Paula also speaks a little bit to the different languages within sign language such as American Sign Language (ASL) as well as Indigenous sign languages which existed pre-colonization.



The Power of Language

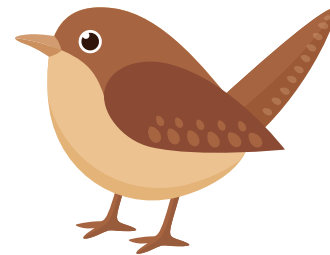
Paula explains that sign language is a visual language. That when she speaks her hands actually tell a story of what she is saying, that is really clear with signs like bear or moose, we can really see how her hands show the picture of a bear and a moose. Below, I want you to guess what you think the sign is for each word. Then on the next page you'll learn the signs and see how close you were. Remember, ASL (American Sign Language) is a visual language, so try to think of how you would show the word as a picture with your hands.

Boat



Thank you

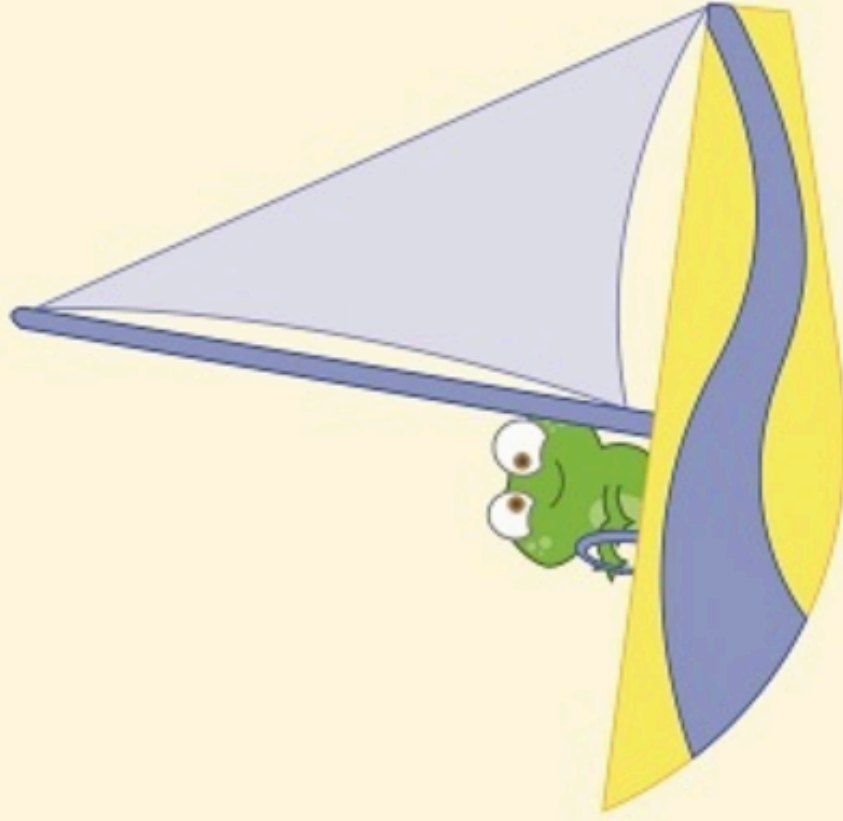
Bird



Book

boat

Make a boat with your hands and float it forward through the waves.



boat



thank you



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Your flat hand goes outward and away from your chin.

thank you

bird

Open and close your pointer
finger and thumb a few times
to make a bird's beak.



book

Start with your flat hands closed together. Now open them like you're opening a book!

