ANIMALS, FOOD, AND EVERYDAY THINGS

raccoon

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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raccoon

from Powhatan (Virginia Algonquian)

probably "he scratches with his hands"

CITIES

Chicago

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

CITIES

Chicago

from Myaamia (Miami)

named for the wild leeks, a kind of wild onion, that grew along the river

ANIMALS, FOOD, AND EVERYDAY THINGS

moose

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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moose

from Abenaki

possibly "he strips bark"

STATES

Texas

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Texas

from Caddo

"friend"

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kayak

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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kayak

from Inuit and Yup'ik

a one-person boat

STATES

Michigan

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Michigan

from Ojibwe

"large lake"

ANIMALS, FOOD, AND EVERYDAY THINGS

caribou

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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caribou

from Mi'kmaq

"snow shoveler," because caribou dig through snow to find food

CITIES

Tucson

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

CITIES

Tucson

from O'odham (Tohono O'odham)

"at the base of the black hill"

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pecan

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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pecan

from the Illinois language (Miami and Peoria nations)

"nut"

STATES

Massachusetts

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Massachusetts

from Wôpanâak (Wampanoag and Massachusett)

"at the great hill"

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toboggan

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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toboggan

from Mi'kmaq

a sled

STATES

Oklahoma

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Oklahoma

from Choctaw

"red people," a name proposed by Choctaw leader Allen Wright

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squash

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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squash

from Narragansett

probably "things that may be eaten raw"

STATES

Minnesota

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Minnesota

from Dakota

"water that is cloudy" (some speakers say "clear")

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moccasin

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

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moccasin

from Powhatan (Virginia Algonquian)

a soft leather shoe

CITIES

Omaha

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

CITIES

Omaha

from Umo^{n}ho^{n} (Omaha)

"against the current," the Omaha Nation's own name

STATES

Connecticut

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Connecticut

from Mohegan

"beside the long tidal river"

STATES

Missouri

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Missouri

from the Illinois language (Miami and Peoria nations)

"people who have dugout canoes"

STATES

Alaska

GUESS

What do you think this word first meant?

STATES

Alaska

from Unangam Tunuu (Unangax̂, also called Aleut)

"mainland"