

Let's Learn Taino Together : Vocabulary Words for Quiz

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The purpose of these vocabulary words is to help jog your ancestral memory to the language of our people. You might be familiar with some of these words, having heard them spoken in your home or maybe you use them now. By reviewing these words, practicing them, and adding them to your vocabulary are steps in restoring our ancestral language. Hamom for being a part of this journey.

- Ama - River
- Behuco - Jungle vine
- Boa - Snake
- Bohio - Round thatched roof home
- Cassava - Flat bread made from Yucca
- Caguama - Sea turtle
- Caona - Gold
- Ceiba - Sacred Tree of the Taino aka The Tree of Life
- Guacamayo - Macaw
- Guaraguao - Red Tailed Hawk
- Guiro - Gourd rhythm instrument
- Hohoto - Rotten or spoiled
- Hutia - Caribbean Rodent
- Kiskeya - (Island) Mother of all Lands aka Haiti Kiskeya Bohio
- Koki - Beloved frog of Boriken
- Mabe - Honey
- Maguey - Cactus plant used for making rope, fibers, and other things
- Manati - Sea Cow
- Turey - The Sky
- Yayael - Constellation aka Orion - The Son of Yaya