



# Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture

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## **Introduction:**

This project was conducted in the summer of 2004 by Rosalyn R. LaPier with translation and assistance by Shirlee Crow Shoe at Piegan Institute in Browning, Montana. Piegan Institute is a private not-for-profit organization with its national office and community-based programs located on the Blackfeet Indian reservation in northwest Montana. The Piegan Institute's community-based projects include operating the Nizi Puh Wah Sin school, a Blackfeet language immersion school for grades K through 8, conducting seminars and conferences, producing written, audio and video materials and carrying out extensive research on the Blackfeet language and history. The mission of Piegan Institute is to serve as a vehicle to research, promote and preserve Native languages.

Blackfeet ancestral territory extends along the eastside of the Rocky Mountains from the Yellowstone river in southern Montana, north to the North Saskatchewan river in Canada. Anthropologists believe that the Blackfeet originated in the northeast and migrated to their present location only a few centuries ago while archaeologists are persuaded that their residence reaches back thousands of years. The Blackfeet believe they have always lived in their present location and their complex history speaks of their origin and continued intimacy in this area of North America.

The Blackfeet continue to live today, as they always have, on what remains of their ancestral homeland: one reservation in northern Montana and three reserves in southern Alberta, Canada. This Blackfeet confederacy is made up of four tribes who share a common language: the *Kainai* or Blood, the *Siksika* or Blackfoot and the *Pikani* or the *Apatohsipikani* (North Piegan in Alberta) and the *Amsskaapikani* (South Piegan in Montana).

## **The Project:**

This list is an initial effort to collect names or terms for material culture items used by the Blackfeet, especially items that may be found in museum collections. This list is not complete. In the future we hope to add to this list to make it more comprehensive and to make any corrections.

The research for this project was carried out in two parts: first, we conducted a review of the major published works on the Blackfeet language using both vocabularies and dictionaries to develop a list of material culture names or terms; and second, we reviewed these terms with contemporary speakers of the Blackfeet language. The contemporary speakers assessed the list and added information on pronunciation of terms or its literal translation. An audio recording was made by Shirlee Crow Shoe of the majority of the terms. The pronunciation of some terms could not be found, at this time, because they were either ancient or fallen into disuse.

There are no standard spellings for Blackfeet words or terms. This work uses a variety of spellings from the various resources listed below. In addition, a phonetic pronunciation is included to help non-Blackfeet speakers to pronounce the terms. The vocabularies and dictionaries used for this project are:

J.H. Bradley. Blackfoot Vocabulary. (Helena, Montana Historical Society, Ledger Book H, 1860)

C.M. Lanning. A Grammar and Vocabulary of the Blackfoot Language. Fort Benton, Montana Territory, 1882. (Original translations by Joseph Kipp and W.S. Gladstone, Jr.)

Rev. J. W. Tims. Grammar and Dictionary of the Blackfoot Language. (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1889)

C.C. Uhlenbeck and R.H. Van Gulik. An English-Blackfoot Vocabulary: Based on Material From the Southern Peigans. (Verhandelingen Der Koninklijke Akademie Van Wetenschappen Te Amsterdam, 1930)

Peigan Board of Education. Blackfoot Developmental Dictionary. (Brocket: Peigan Board of Education, 1986)

Donald G. Frantz and Norma Jean Russell. Blackfoot Dictionary of Stems, Roots, and Affixes, Second Edition. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1995)

Bradley and Lanning's original vocabularies were developed in 1860 and 1882 primarily for English language speakers coming into Blackfeet territory to conduct trade or military operations. The purpose of these two original texts was to present basic Blackfeet vocabulary for basic communication. Both the Bradley and Lanning works are based on the South Piegan dialect.

Rev. Tims' 1889 vocabulary was developed for Blackfeet speakers to learn English. The purpose of this text was twofold: 1) to develop religious materials for Blackfeet speakers; and 2) for new priests to learn the Blackfeet language. Rev. Timms is based on the Siksika dialect.

Uhlenbeck and Van Gulik's vocabulary researched in 1912-13 and published in 1930 was the first work by trained linguists to study and document the Blackfeet language. Their purpose was not for communication but for documentation. Uhlenbeck's work was based on work with the South Piegan dialect.

The Peigan Board of Education's 1986 word list consists of common Blackfeet words and terms. It included various terms for material culture items.

Frantz and Russell's 1995 dictionary is the most recent addition to the works done on the Blackfeet language. Frantz, a trained linguist, worked with contemporary Blackfeet speakers, most closely with Russell to develop his dictionary. Frantz's work is based on the Kainai or Blood dialect.

Next to the Blackfeet names, in the following vocabulary of material objects, is an abbreviation of their origin (see above). Each name or term is listed in chronological order of the published date of its source. The abbreviations are:

BD – Bradley, 1860

LN – Lanning, 1882

TM – Tims, 1889

UH – Uhlenbeck, 1930

PE – Peigan Board of Education, 1986  
FR – Frantz, 1995

This list of terms is divided into material object descriptive sections. As stated earlier this work is not complete and each section does not include a complete list of material items. These sections were chosen because they provide a general overview of known material items. Each entry is listed only once within the following sections.

Ceremonial Items  
Clothing  
Guns & Gear  
Horses & Gear  
Household Items  
Lodge & Interior  
Tools & Weapons

Each entry includes four categories of information: 1) the Blackfeet term, using all variations of spellings, 2) the phonetic pronunciation, 3) the English word for the term, and 4) the literal translation in Blackfeet. The Blackfeet language is descriptive. Words and terms are often made up of other words describing an object or the action of the object. Most entries have information in all four categories. However, an entry is incomplete in cases where the information could not be corroborated during the brief project period. If the entry is not complete the category line is left blank, to be completed at another time. Below is an example for the term for “gun case.”

**Blackfeet Term:** Asso’tsenamau (TM)  
Asó’siinaamaa (FR)

**Phonetic:** A soo tsee naa maa

**English Word:** Gun case

**Literal Translation:** Sootsimaan = parfleche  
Naamaa = gun or weapon

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# Ceremonial Items





Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Misámaahkoyinnimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Me some aah coo yen nee maan

English Word: Bundle, Long-time pipe

Literal Translation: Misámi = long time  
aahkoyinnimaan = pipe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Ninaimsskaahkoyinnimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Nee nam sk aah coo yen nee maan

English Word: Bundle, Medicine pipe

Literal Translation: Ninaimsska = medicine (water/lizard)  
aahkoyinnimaan = pipe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Naatowá'pii (FR)

Phonetic: Naa too wa pee

English Word: Ceremonial article

Literal Translation: Naatoyi = holy

aa'pii = refers to "a thing" but by itself has no meaning, must be attached  
to a prefix root word to have meaning

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Inaamaahkaa (FR)

Phonetic: Ee na maah kaa

English Word: Coup, acquire a keepsake or take a trophy from an enemy

Literal Translation: namaa = bow

i'taki = take

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Iihtáóhpakóyi'sakio'p (FR)

Phonetic: Eeh toe pa ko yee suck cue pa

English Word: Bone, hollow used for doctoring with herbs

Literal Translation: Iihto = used as an instrument

pakoyi = blow on/with

sakio'p =

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term:      Inísskimm (FR)

Phonetic:            Ee niss kim

English Word:       Buffalo stone

Literal Translation:    Iníí = buffalo  
                                 skimm = describes as a shape

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Iinió'tokaan (FR)

Phonetic: Ee no to kaan

English Word: Buffalo skull

Literal Translation: Iinii = buffalo  
ó'tokaan = head

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Amopístan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa moo pee staan

English Word: Bundle

Literal Translation: Isoomooni = wrap with an outer covering



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Is toke e mat sis (LN)

Istok'imatsis (TM)

Istaistokimop (PE) *or*

**Isttok'imaatsis (PE)**

Isttókimaa (FR)

Phonetic: Ee took ee maa tses

English Word: Drum

Literal Translation: Isttoki = knock on

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term:     Auūs'tam (TM)  
                          Awaistaam (PE)  
                          Awáísstaam (FR)

Phonetic:            A west taam

English Word:        Flag

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Saaám (FR)

Phonetic: Saahm

English Word: Headdress

Literal Translation: Saaám = also referred to as medicine or power of healing

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term:      Awayiisoonii'p (FR)

Ayii soyii saam

Phonetic:            Aa way ee soo nee pa

A yee soo yee saam

English Word:      Headdress, full length

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term:      Poisstámmaan (FR)

Phonetic:              Poo ss taa man

English Word:        Headdress, ornament of a

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Aapatstaan (PE)

I' simáán (FR)

**Owa'siyiihtaan (FR)**

Phonetic: Ee see maan

Oo wa see yeh taan

English Word: Headdress, porcupine hair roach

Literal Translation: I'simaa = dye

owa's = mane of a horse

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Naatowaas (PE)

Phonetic: Naa to waas

English Word: Headdress, Sundance woman

Literal Translation: Naato = holy

Ma's = root of prairie turnip (*Psoralea esculenta*)

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Ikkimaani (FR)

Phonetic: Eek key maan

English Word: Head ornament (a feather used as)

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Aapíínima'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Aa pee nee ma tses

English Word: Herbs, a general collective name for medicinal herbs

Literal Translation: Opii nomo = doctor with  
A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Iksstsoohkinn (FR)

Phonetic: Eks stso oh kin

English Word: Necklace, shell, gained upon initiation

Literal Translation: Aksstsii = sea-shell (any form)

Ohkinni = necklace (wear)

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Itauks' pūnūkiotūkkiopi (TM)

Phonetic: Ee tae ka spun ih cue ta koup

English Word: Paint

Literal Translation: Itauks' = uses

Punukiotukkiopi = paint

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term:     A son (LN)  
                          Asõn' (TM)  
                          A'sáán (FR)

Phonetic:            Aa saan

English Word:        Paint, any kind (LN)  
                          Paint for the face (TM)  
                          Paint for face or tipi (FR)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Sik-ka-tai (BD)

Phonetic: Sik ki

English Word: Paint, black

Literal Translation: Sik = the color black

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Kom-mo-ne (BD)  
Ko mun nooy (LN)

Phonetic: Coo moo nee

English Word: Paint, green

Literal Translation: Ko mono = the color green

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Mok-ke-san (BD)

Moke e son (LN)

Aapsis (PE)

Akai'tsii (FR)

Máóhka'saan (FR)

Phonetic: Mow ah ksee san

English Word: Vermillion (BD)

Paint, red

Ochre, red paint (PE)

Bright red ochre paint (FR)

Literal Translation: Maohk = the color red

A'saan = paint

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Ni'ítsi'saan (FR)

Phonetic: Nee yee tsee san

English Word: Paint, dark red ochre (found in the north & east)

Literal Translation: Niita'p = real  
A'saan = paint



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Tátsikii'saan (FR)

Phonetic: Tao tse kee san

English Word: Paint, light red ochre (found in the mountains)

Literal Translation: Tatsiki = middle  
A'saan = paint

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Ksikkihkimiko (FR)

Phonetic: Ksik kih kee me ko

English Word: Paint, white ochre

Literal Translation: Ksikkih = the color of white  
Kimiko = clay

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Na-pa-o-tok-ko-we (BD)

O ta kooy (LN)

Phonetic: Oo tah ko yee

English Word: Paint, yellow

Literal Translation: Otahko = the color of yellow

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term:     A kooy na mun (LN)  
                          A'kuaiñniman (TM)  
                          Aahkóyinnimaan (FR)

Phonetic:            Aa coy yen nee maan

English Word:        Pipe

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Miisuma'kwii-iniimaan (PE)

Misámaahkoyinnimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Me sum ma coy yen nee maan

English Word: Pipe, Long-time

Literal Translation: Isam = long (in time)

aahkoyinnimaan = pipe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Ikkákima'tsis (FR)  
Isstahtsikímaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Eek ka kah ma tses  
Is stah tse kee maa tses

English Word: Pipe cleaner

Literal Translation: Ikkakim = top on the sides  
a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Mĩtsi-a'kuai-inniman (TM)

Mii sti

Phonetic: Mee stee a coo yen nee maan

Mee stee

English Word: Pipe stem

Literal Translation: Mii sti = refers to wood

Mis tsi a kuai inniman = wood pipe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Sáápo'p (FR)

Phonetic: Saa poop

English Word: Plume

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Apaksípistaan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa puck ksee pest aan

English Word: Pole, used by the leader of the Horn Society

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Awáksipistaan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa wa kse pest aan

English Word: Pole or staff wrapped in otter fur

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Asoyááhkoyinnimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa soo yaah coo yen nee man

English Word: Pouch for a pipe or tobacco

Literal Translation: Sooyinitakssin = fringe as in buckskin fringe

Aahkoyinnimaan = pipe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Awünná' (TM)

Awaanán (PE)

Awanáán (FR)

Phonetic: Aa waa none

English Word: Rattle

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Aksstsíí (FR)

Ksstsíí (FR)

Phonetic: Auks stsee

Ksstsee

English Word: Shell, sea

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term:     Awotaan (PE)  
                          Awó'taan (FR)

Phonetic:            Aa woo taan

English Word:        Shield

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Au'toanisso (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Staff

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Itau'túkkiopi (TM)

Iihtáótakio'p (FR)

Phonetic: Eeh toe taa cue'p

English Word: Tongs

Literal Translation: Iiht = connector for instrument

O'taki = take something



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Iihtawáámato'simao'p (FR)

Phonetic: Eeh taa waa ma too see maop

English Word: Tongs, ceremonial for incense

Literal Translation: Iiht = connector for instrument  
Amato'simaan = incense

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Aapiitsikamaan (PE)  
Aapitsíkamaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Aa pee tsek a maa tses

English Word: Tripod, for ceremonial bundle, back rest or cooking pot

Literal Translation: Waapitsíkai = use as a brace or support  
a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Es-ki-na-shi-na (BD)

Ootskinasina

Phonetic: Oot ski naa sin

English Word: War bonnet

Literal Translation: Mootskina = animal horn

Sina = refers or connector, meaning it is worn as an object

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Ceremonial Items

Blackfeet Term: Ikkiiatsis (PE)

Ikkia'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Ek kia tses

English Word: Whistle, Bone

Literal Translation: Ikk = blow into an instrument

atsis = tool or associated instrument

# Clothing



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Auákasistotòχsiks (UH)

Phonetic: Aa wah ga see stoo too sheeks

English Word: Antelope dress

Literal Translation: Auákasi = trotter

Istotòχsiks = be clothed

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Áuakasiotokìs (UH)

Phonetic:              Aa wah ga soo to kiss

English Word:        Antelope hide

Literal Translation:  Áuakasi = trotter  
                              otokìs = skin



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: O'tsista'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Oo tses sta tses

English Word: Apron

Literal Translation: O'tsist = something round, placed in front  
A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ístaytsimàn (UH)  
Yiistahtsimaa (FR)

Phonetic: Yee stah tsee maa

English Word: Antler

Literal Translation: Carry on one's own back

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kris-ti-man (BD)  
Kis tchim mon (LN)  
Ksĩstsĩm'man (TM)  
Ksiistsimaaniists (PE)  
Ksiistsimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Ksee tchim mon

English Word: Beads (seed)

Literal Translation: Ksiistsimaan = beads

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Six'kui (TM)

Siksko (FR)

Phonetic: Sick scho

English Word: Beads, black

Literal Translation: Sik = the color black

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Mix kim e kis tchim mon (LN)  
                                 Mi'ksskimmiksiistsimaan (FR)

Phonetic:              Mix kim e kis tchim mon

English Word:        Beads, brass

Literal Translation:  Mi'ksskimm = metal (any kind)  
                                 Ksiistsimaan = beads

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ots'kuinokui (TM)

Otsskonoko (FR)

Phonetic: Oot scho no coo

English Word: Beads, green

Literal Translation: Otssko = the color green or blue

Kiniinoko = seed

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: O muk kis tchim mon (LN)

Omahksiksiistsimaan

Phonetic: Oo mah kis tchim mon

English Word: Beads, large

Literal Translation: Omahk = refers to big or large

Ksiistsimaan = bead

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Mawk'sinokui (TM)

Moahksinoko (FR)

Phonetic: Mawk kse no ko

English Word: Beads, red

Literal Translation: Moahksi = the color red

Kiniinoko = bead

*or* inoko = refers to round or marble shape



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ksix'kui (TM)

Ksikko (FR)

Phonetic: Ksik ko

English Word: Beads, white

Literal Translation: Ksik = the color white

Inoko = refers to round or marble shape

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Otokui' nokui (TM)

Otahkonoko (FR)

Phonetic: Oot ko no ko

English Word: Beads, yellow

Literal Translation: Otahko = the color yellow

Inoko = refers to round or marble shape

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Saatá'pssin (FR)  
Saatstakssin (FR)

Phonetic: Saa ta pssin

English Word: Beadwork design

Literal Translation: Saatstoo = trim to edge beadwork

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Kiaayootokis (FR)

Phonetic:             Kia you to kiss

English Word:        Bear skin/robe

Literal Translation:    Kiaayo = bear

Otokis = skin

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ip'satsis (TM)  
Ipsattsis (PE)  
Amáípssim (FR)  
Máípssim (FR)

Phonetic: Ee pa sa tses  
A may pa sim  
May pa sim

English Word: Belt

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Apaohponotssim (FR)

Phonetic:            A pa oh po no tsim

English Word:        Belt worn outside of breech cloth

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Akĩs'tsũmmokõn (TM)

Phonetic: Aa ksit tso mo kon

English Word: Bonnet

Literal Translation: Aakii = woman  
Isttsom'kaan = hat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Istsikĩt'sikin (TM)

Isttsikĩtsikin (FR)

Phonetic: It stee kit tse kin

English Word: Boot

Literal Translation: Isttsikii = slippery, smooth surface

Atskin = shoe



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Spistsikitsikin (PE)  
Sspísttsikitsikin (FR)

Phonetic: Sspit tse kee tsee kin

English Word: Boots, Cowboy or Tall

Literal Translation: Sspi = high  
Isttsikii = slippery, smooth surface  
Atskin = shoe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sa-ko-ko-tox-koi (BD)

Sa ko kot tus ko (LN)

Sakuk'kutũsko (TM)

Saakokotoissko (FR)

Phonetic: Saa ko ko tois sko

English Word: Bottle

Literal Translation: Saakokotoi = another name for a glacier

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Pun (TM)

Pónn (FR)

Phonetic: Poon

English Word: Bracelet

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Pone skon (LN)

Phonetic:             Poo nee skan

English Word:        Bracelet, brass (made)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Mikut'aikim (TM)

Phonetic: Me cout ta kim

English Word: Brass

Literal Translation: Mikotaikimm = copper (FR)

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sa-pa-kex-sa-tis (BD)

Phonetic: Saa paa kicks sa tsis

English Word: Brass rings

Literal Translation:

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: O-to-kwe-se-pis-ti-ma-tis (BD) *or*  
A-ka-po-nix (BD)

Phonetic: Otah see pis te ma tsis

English Word: Brass wire

Literal Translation:

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Akaponix = a lot of bracelets

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Iihtáyo'kímao'p (FR)

Iyo'kímaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Ieh ta you ke maop

Ee you key maa tses

English Word: Breech cloth

Literal Translation: Yo'kímaat = cover

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Aapátsstaan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa pat ss taan

English Word: Breech cloth, back apron

Literal Translation: Waapat = behind

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: A wa kos pa nin na ta (LN)

Au'akös (TM) *or*

Au'atuyiotokís (TM)

Apannsiimaan (PE)

Phonetic: O'to kis

Awa to yo to kis

Aa pan see maan

English Word: Buckskin

Literal Translation: Deer hide tanned (LN)

Deer (TM)

Ipanss = be tanned

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Áwákaasiistotoohsin (FR)

Phonetic:              Awaa kaa see stew toh sin

English Word:        Buckskin clothing

Literal Translation:    Awakaasi = deer

                              Istotoohsin = clothing

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Innoisooyiinii'p (FR)

Phonetic: In new soo yee nee pa

English Word: Buckskin, fringed outfit

Literal Translation: Inno = long

Sooyiiniip = fringe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kaayíís (FR)

Phonetic: Guy yees

English Word: Quill

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kaaysskááhpohsoyiistotoohsini (FR)

Phonetic: Guy yss kaah poh soy yee s to tooh see nee

English Word: Buckskin suit, men's made with quill work

Literal Translation: Kaayss = quill

Aapaiai = weasel

Mohsoyis = tail

Istotoohsin = clothing

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kaaysskááhpohsoyiisoka'simi (FR)

Phonetic: Guy yis ka aah po h soy ee sok a'simi

English Word: Buckskin suit, women's made with quillwork

Literal Translation: Kaayii = quill

Aapaiai = weasel

Mohsoyis = tail

Asoka'sim = clothing, jacket or coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Immuyan' (TM)

Phonetic: Em moo yan

English Word: Buffalo robe (TM)

Literal Translation: Hairy robe or shawl (TM)



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sa pe kin na mat sis (LN)

Sapi'kūmatsis (TM)

Phonetic: Saa pee kin na ma tses

English Word: Button

Literal Translation: Sap = in

Ikin = tooth

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: A-o-tan-ni-so (BD)  
A woo ton nis e (LN)

Phonetic: Aa woo ton ni so

English Word: Buttons, brass

Literal Translation: Awo'taan = shield  
Iso = stem word referring to shape

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Po-ka-tan-ni-so (BD)

Phonetic: Poo ka tan ni so

English Word: Buttons, round

Literal Translation: Poka =

Awo taan = shield

Iso = stem word refers to shape

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Is to ki pis tse (LN)  
Istokhai'pĭstse (TM)

Phonetic: Is too kai pes tee

English Word: Calico

Literal Translation: Isttohk = thin  
Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Nai'pistsi (TM)  
Nááipisstsi (FR)

Phonetic: Naa pis tse

English Word: Cloth

Literal Translation: Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sik-a-pis-ti (BD)

Sĭk' aipĭtsi (TM)

Phonetic: Sick aa pes tsee

English Word: Cloth, Black

Literal Translation: Sik = the color black

Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Oats ki pis tse (LN)

Phonetic: Oots kai pis tsee

English Word: Cloth, Blue

Literal Translation: Otssko = the color blue or green  
Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ka-po-e-man (BD)

Phonetic: Kaa poo ee man

English Word: Cloth, Printed

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Mok-a-pis-ti (BD)  
Moke ki pis tse (LN)

Phonetic: Mo kaa pis tsee

English Word: Cloth, Scarlet

Literal Translation: Moahk = the color red  
Naapisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ksik' aipistsi (TM)

Phonetic: Ksik kai pis tse

English Word: Cloth, white

Literal Translation: Ksik = refers to the color white  
Naipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Apai'sŭtsaksinni (TM) *or*

Istoto'sists (TM)

Istotoohsin (FR)

Phonetic:            Is too tooh sin

English Word:      Clothing

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: So-ka-som (BD)

Asookasim (PE)

Asóka'sim (FR)

Phonetic: Aa soo kaa sim

English Word: Coat

Literal Translation: Asoka'sim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sow tot soo kos (LN)  
Sau'otŭtsisokösim (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Coat, over

Literal Translation: Soatat = over  
Asoka'sim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Immoyiisoka'sim (FR)

Phonetic: Im moo yee sok a sim

English Word: Coat, fur

Literal Translation: Immoyii = hairy or furry  
Asoka'sim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Nin-na-so-ka-som (BD)

Phonetic: Nin naa soo kaa som

English Word: Coat, Man's

Literal Translation: Ninna = man  
Asoka'sim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: A'putsiisokasim (PE)

Phonetic: Aa putt tsee sok aasim

English Word: Coat, Overcoat or any garment worn over a set of clothes

Literal Translation: Aapat =  
Asoka'sim = coat



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Spiksisokasim (PE)

Phonetic: S'spik ksee so kaa sim

English Word: Coat, Thick or Winter

Literal Translation: Isspik = thick

Asoka'sim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:	Itai'soksĭstauasiopi (TM)
Phonetic:	Ie tai sok kse taa wa soop a
English Word:	Waist coat, vest
Literal Translation:	Itai = prefix/stem refers to usage for Soki = good Istawasi = grows well or good

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Mike ke kin ne o sat sis (LN)

Mak'ikīniosatsīs (TM)

Phonetic: Maa ka kin nee you sa tses

English Word: Comb

Literal Translation: Yaakihkīniyi = comb one's own hair

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: A'p̄s (TM)

Phonetic: Aa pis

English Word: Cotton

Literal Translation: Probably referring to Naaipissti = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Xix ki pis tse (LN)

Ksikai'pistsi (TM)

Phonetic: Ksik kai pis tsee

English Word: Cotton sheeting

Literal Translation: Ksisk = referring to the color of white

Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Mawx'ıkkım (TM)

Phonetic: Mo wah ksika skim

English Word: Copper (metal)

Literal Translation: Moahk = prefix/stem referring to the color of red  
Mi'ksskimm = metal, anything that has the properties of

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Nai'pĭstsiopĭs (TM)

Phonetic: Nay pis tsa pis

English Word: Cord

Literal Translation: Naaipissti = cloth

A'pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Po-ka-so-ka-som (BD)

Phonetic: Poo kaa soo kaa sim

English Word: Dress, child's

Literal Translation: Pookaa = child  
Asoka'sim = coat



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Awakaasistot' oos (PE)

Phonetic: Aa waka aa see stood oo se

English Word: Dress, Deer skin clothing

Literal Translation: Aawakaasi = deer

Istotoohsin = clothing

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: A-ke-so-ka-som (BD)

Ake'sokösim (TM)

Phonetic: Aa key soo ka sim

English Word: Dress, woman's

Literal Translation: Aakii = woman

Asoka'sim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Oak to ke pe (LN)  
‘Tokipi (PE) *or*  
O’tokiipis (PE)

Phonetic: Oo t oo key pis

English Word: Ear-ring

Literal Translation: Mohtookis = ear  
A’pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Pokai'imatsis (TM)

Phonetic: Poo kai maa tsee

English Word: Fan

Literal Translation: Ohpapokai = blown  
a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Mamm̃n (TM)

Phonetic: Maa min

English Word: Feather

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sa pe kits o oat sis (LN)

Sape'kĩtsosatsis (TM)

Phonetic: Saa pee kits o saa tsee

English Word: Finger ring

Literal Translation: Sap = in, within

Mookitsis = finger

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Asso'kösīm (TM)

Phonetic:             As so k so sim

English Word:        Garment

Literal Translation:   Asoka'sim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ip'satsis (TM)

Phonetic: Eep saa tsee

English Word: Girdle

Literal Translation: Another word for belt Ipasatsis

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Tse ko koat tse tse (LN)

A'tsetsi (TM)

Aatsiitsi (PE)

Phonetic: Aa tse tsee

English Word: Gloves

Gloves or Mitts (PE)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Tsi-mo-ken (BD)  
It sim o kon (LN)  
Istsūm'mokōn (TM)  
Anootapisttsomo'kaan (FR)

Phonetic: It tso mo kaan

English Word: Hat  
Cap (FR)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Immiksīs'tsümmokõn (TM)

Phonetic: Im mi ksit tso mo kan

English Word: Hat with Brim turned up

Literal Translation: Imiksiyi = curved shape

Itsomokaan = hat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Om'kinookustimookaan (PE)

Phonetic: Oom ah ka nick ksit tso mo kaan

English Word: Hat, Cowboy

Literal Translation: Omahk = big or large

Itsomookaan = hat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Immoyis'tsümmokõn (TM)

Phonetic: Em moo yit somo kaan

English Word: Hat, fur

Literal Translation: Immoyi = hairy or furry  
Itsomokaan = hat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Apahkís (FR)

Atokís (FR)

Phonetic: Au pah kiss

Aa too kiss

English Word: Hide

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Asikĩn (TM)

Phonetic: Aa see kin

English Word: Hide, dry

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Otokĩs (TM)

Ottokis (PE)

Phonetic: Oo to kiss

Oot too kiss

English Word: Hide, green

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Paanssín (FR)

Phonetic: Paa ns seen

English Word: Hide, tanned

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Apahkiáápoko (FR)

Phonetic: Aa pah key poo koo

English Word: Hide strip

Literal Translation: Apahkis = hide, usually rawhide

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kotokiaanoko (FR)

Phonetic: Koo too kan no ko

English Word: Hide, rawhide

Literal Translation: Atokis = hide

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Saapímaan (FR)

Phonetic: Saa pee maan

English Word: Hood

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ot-ski-noi (BD)  
Mootskina'yi (FR)

Phonetic: Oot ski noe

English Word: Horn  
Animal horn (FR)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Isttapinni (FR)

Phonetic: Is ta pin nee

English Word: Lace, as in leather work

Weave or thread

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sa-pop (BD)  
Pükke'u (TM) *or*  
Istsiköp'okui (TM)  
Isttsikapoko (FR)

Phonetic: Is tsee kaa poo koo

English Word: Leather

Literal Translation: Isttsik = smooth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sik-sa-pop (BD)

Phonetic: Sick sa poop

English Word: Leather, Black

Literal Translation: Sik = referring to the color black



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Asso'tsiman (TM)

Sootsimaan (FR)

Phonetic: A soo tsi maan

English Word: Leather case or parfleche

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Mok-sa-pop (BD)

Phonetic: Mawk sa poop

English Word: Leather, red

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Pa-na-ka-tan (BD)

Phonetic:

English Word: Leather, Painted

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: O-ti-es (BD)

Atsís (TM)

Atsis (PE)

Atsís (FR)

Ootáán (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Legging

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Apaksísttohksipokái' staan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa puck ksest tooh ksee pok ai staan

English Word: Leggings, mens

Literal Translation: Apaksistohkii = flat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Immoyiikanssin (FR)

Phonetic: Im moo yee kan sin

English Word: Leggings, men's fur for dancing

Literal Translation: Immoyii = hairy or furry

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: A ke tsis (LN)

Ake'asis (TM)

Phonetic: Aa key tses

English Word: Legging, woman's

Literal Translation: Aakii = woman

Atsis = leggings

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Istapinnakssin (FR)

Phonetic: Is taa pin naak sin

English Word: Loomwork

Literal Translation: Isttapinni = weave



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: At tseat tse (LN)

Átsi'tsi (FR)

Phonetic: A tseat tse

English Word: Mittens or gloves

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ne ta pit se kin (LN)

Atsikīn (TM)

Nittsitsikin (PE)

Niitsítsikin (FR)

Phonetic: At tse kin

Nee tseat tsi kin

English Word: Moccasins

Literal Translation: niit = real

atsikin = footwear

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Issakóótohtonaisikin (FR)

Phonetic: Iss pa koot oh to naa tse ken

English Word: Moccasins, high-topped

Literal Translation: Sspii = tall or high

Mootohton = heel

Atsikin = shoe

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Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:     O kin e (LN)  
                          Mokĩn'ists (TM)

Phonetic:            Oo kin ee  
                          Moo kin ests

English Word:        Necklace

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Po tse so sat sis (LN)

Atsīs (TM)

Phonetic: Aa tses

English Word: Pants, white man's

Literal Translation: Opottsii = tight

Atsis = leggings

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:     A tseix (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word:     Pantaloons

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Stakh'topaisokösim (TM) *or*  
Apai'pisokösim (TM)

Phonetic: Staah to pai pee so kasim  
Apai pee so ka sim

English Word: Petticoat

Literal Translation: Istaht = under  
Oopaihp = waist  
Asoka'sim = clothing (also coat)

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Skini'tan (TM)  
Náápiihtaan (FR)

Phonetic: Ski nee tan  
Naa peeh taan

English Word: Pocket

Literal Translation: Old Man's place for belongings (FR)



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: As o po mat sis (LN)  
Itai' sūpopummatsopi (TM)

Phonetic: Eta so popo mat tso pi

English Word: Purse

Literal Translation: Ohpommaa = buy

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kaayíís (FR)

Phonetic: Guy yees

English Word: Quill

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Atonáán (FR)

Phonetic:              Aa too naan

English Word:        Quillwork

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kotokiaanoko (FR)

Phonetic: Koo too kia no ko

English Word: Rawhide

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: E moo yan (LN)

Immuyan' (TM)

Aan (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Robe

Robe or Shawl (FR)

Literal Translation: Immoyi = hairy or furry

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Immoyaan (FR)

Phonetic: Em moo yaan

English Word: Robe, hairy

Literal Translation: Immoyi = hairy

Aan = robe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: O muk a pan se (LN)

Omahksipaansin

Phonetic:

English Word: Robe, large head and tail

Literal Translation: Omahk = big or large

Paanssin = tanned hide

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Kut tchis too yix (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Robe, small head and tail

Literal Translation: Katsistoyiikoan = yearling



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Akáa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Aa kan tses

English Word: Robe, protection or power

Literal Translation: Aká = many

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Note: same word as Larait.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Me ko to ke (LN) *or*  
an ouk sin e (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Robe, split

Literal Translation: Mi'k = referring to the color red  
Otoki = hide  
Anao'kssin = half

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ikū'stokīpsatsīs (TM)  
Kinsstookipssa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Scarf for the neck

Literal Translation: Ikinssi = warm  
Mohtookis = ear  
Ipsatsis = wrap

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Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Maaai (PE)

Aan (FR)

Maaái (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Shawl or Robe (FR)

Literal Translation: Aan = robe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Innoisayiino'toa (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Shawl or Robe (FR)

Literal Translation: Inno = long  
Sayiino'toa = fringe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Isspiksstohksaan (FR)

Phonetic: Iss pee kseat toh ksaan

English Word: Shawl, thick made from a Pendleton wool blanket

Literal Translation: Isspik = thick

Isttohk = thin

Aan = robe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Is to kson (LN)  
Istokhsan' (TM)  
Isttohksaan (FR)

Phonetic: Is toh ksaan

English Word: Shawl

Literal Translation: Isttohks = thin  
Aan = robe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Stoxs-so-ka-som (BD)

Istox'isokösım (TM)

Phonetic: Es too xis so ko sim

English Word: Shirt

Literal Translation: Isttohk = thin

So'kasim = clothing



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Istsikĩt'sikĩn (TM)

Aatsiikin (PE)

Atsikín (FR)

Phonetic: Is tsee kit tsee kin

Aa tsee kin

English Word: Shoes

Literal Translation: Isttsik = smooth

A'tsikin = shoe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Isttsikítsikin (FR)

Phonetic: Ist tsee kit tsee kin

English Word: Shoe, leather

Literal Translation: Isttsik = smooth  
Atsikin = shoe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Assipis (TM)

Phonetic: Aa see pis

English Word: Sinew

Literal Translation: Assipis = another name for muscle

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Sakhoto'ōsim (TM)

Phonetic: Sakh oo too sim

English Word: Sock

Literal Translation: Saahk = short

Ato'ahsim = sock

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Nat to wos sim (LN)

Ato'össim (TM)

Phonetic: Aa too sim

English Word: Stockings

Literal Translation: Ato'ahsim = socks

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ne now to wos sim (LN)

Phonetic: Nee naw too aw sim

English Word: Stockings, mens

Literal Translation: Ninaa = man  
Ato'ahsim = socks

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ixta'poko (TM)

Phonetic: Iik sta po ko

English Word: String

Literal Translation: Isttsik = smooth

Apoko = stem referring to strip

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Itaisüppikĩn'amaupi (TM)

Phonetic: Ii tai sa p pik in a mop

English Word: Stud for shirt

Literal Translation: Itai = stem word for “use for”  
Sapinnamm = button



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Stu'tsisokasim (PE)

Phonetic:             Sta ah tsee so ka sim

English Word:        Under-garment

Literal Translation:    Istaht = under  
                              Asoka'sim = clothing

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term:      Stu'tsitii (PE)

Phonetic:             Sta ah tsee tsee

English Word:        Underwear

Literal Translation:    Istaht = under

                              Atsis = leggings or pants or trousers

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Clothing

Blackfeet Term: Ka ko ke soo (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Vest

Literal Translation: Mo'kiikin = breastbone

Asoka'sim = clothing



Guns

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Gear



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Auõx'opũn (TM)

Phonetic: Aa wak kso bun

English Word: Ball, shot

Literal Translation: Aawakksis = chewing gum

Opano'tsi = tear open

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: A-wok-so-po-wa (BD)

A wok so pun (LN)

Auõx'pũn (TM)

Awákksoopan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa wak kso bun

English Word: Bullet

Literal Translation: Aawakksis = chewing gum

Opano'tsi = tear open



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: A-ka-sas-ka-a-wok-so (BD)

Ak ki sax ki wok so po (LN)

Akai'saxkauõxopũn (TM)

Phonetic: A ka sax wak so bun

English Word: Cartridge

Literal Translation: Aka = many

Saikskaa = explode

Aawakksi = chewing gum

Opano'tsi = tear open

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: A wok so ip sats (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Cartridge belt

Literal Translation: Aawakksi = chewing gum

Opano'tsi = tear open

Iipsattsis = belt

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Tse ats e mon (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Cartridge pouch

Literal Translation:

Note: Could be trying to say *Sootsimaan* or parfleche bag.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term:     Ki-sa-ki-tam (BD)  
                          Ne ta pe kris si ke ton (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word:       Flint, gun

Literal Translation: Niita'p = real

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Na-ha-ma (BD)

Na ma (LN)

Na'ma (TM)

Náámaa (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Sapŭp'įstattsis (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, Bayonet

Literal Translation:

Note: Sounds like *Saapapist'tsis* which means lance or spear.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Mix-kim-ki-sa-ki-tan (BD)

Kris si ke ton (LN)

Ksǐssai'kitan (TM) *or*

Mǐkkǐmikǐs'saiketan (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun caps

Literal Translation: Mi'ksskimm = metal

Saisksaa = explode

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Ksisaiki'taan (FR)

Phonetic: Kse sai key taan

English Word: Gun, cartridge for gun powder

Literal Translation: Ksis = sharp  
Saikskaa = explode



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Asso'tsenamau (TM)

Asó'siinaamaa (FR)

Phonetic: A soo tsee naa maa

English Word: Gun case

Literal Translation: Sootsimaan = parfleche

Naamaa = gun or weapon

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Nat se ko pokes im (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, double

Literal Translation: Naatsikapo = double

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Sok'kui-na'ma (TM)

Phonetic: Soo ko naa maa

English Word: Gun, heavy

Literal Translation: Ssoko = heavy

Naamaa = gun or weapon

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: A-ka-sas-ka (BD)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, Henry-rifle

Literal Translation: Aka = many  
Saissko = chase out

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Inūx'inama (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, pistol

Literal Translation: I'naksi = small

Naamaa = gun or weapon

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Sat-so-po-a-tis (BD)

Sat so pot sis (LN)

Satso'pötsis (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun powder

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Isstahtsimaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Is stah tsim aa tses

English Word: Gun, ramrod for powder rifle or flint rifle

Literal Translation: Istaht = under

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Na-o-ye (BD)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, revolver

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Kit-se-ko-pax (BD)

Kĩtsikopũn (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, Shot

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Ootohtoikin (FR)

Phonetic: Oo toh tae ye ken

English Word: Gun, stock of

Literal Translation: Ooto = from a distance  
Mottsikiikin = shoulder blade

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Nan i so sax ki (BD)

Nan i so sax ki (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, Spencer

Literal Translation: Naaniso = eight

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Ak ki sax ki (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, Winchester '66

Literal Translation: Aka = many

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Sik ak ki sax ki (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, Winchester '73

Literal Translation: Sik = referring to color of black  
Aka = many

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Guns & Gear

Blackfeet Term: O muk sik as ki sax ki (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun, Winchester '79

Literal Translation: Omahk = big

Sik = referring to color of black

Aka = many

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Sa-pis-ti-na-tis (BD)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gun worm

Literal Translation: Sap = in or within





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Blackfeet Term: Is kooy pis tat sis (LN)

Is'kuiipĩstatsĩs (TM)

Isskoyipisttaa'tsis (PE)

Ísskoyipisttaa'tsis (FR)

Sotsskímaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Iss koo yee pis tatsee

Soot ss kee maa tsee

English Word: Bridle

Literal Translation: Sskoo = go back

Ayiksipi = wrap

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

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Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: A sats ke mat sis (LN)

Assuts'kimatsīs (TM)

Sotsskimaatsis (PE)

Sotsskímaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Soota ski maa tses

English Word: Halter

Literal Translation:

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Kin stats eix (LN)

Kinssta'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Kin sta tses

English Word: Harness

Literal Translation: Okinni = necklace

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Kĩn'stan (TM)

Phonetic: Ken stan

English Word: Horse collar

Literal Translation: Kinssta'tsis = harness

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Akáa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Aa kaa tses

English Word: Larait

Literal Translation: Aká = many

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Kumam'itsinŭkiopŭs (TM)

Phonetic: Ko mam it sin u ko pis

English Word: Lariat, cowboy

Literal Translation: Komi = round

O'ma'pim = overturn or roll over

Inno = long

A'pis = rope



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Am'itsĩnũkiopĩs (TM)

Phonetic: Aa min tse n a cue pis

English Word: Lariat, Indian three braid

Literal Translation: Yaamsstsinni = braid

Inno = long

A'pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term:      Ats'otopoamitsĩnũkiopis (TM)

Phonetic:              Aa tso to po ame tsin o kopis

English Word:        Lariat, Peigan four braid

Literal Translation:    Atso't = from all sides

Yaamsstsinni = braid

A'pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Mio'p̄s (TM)

Phonetic: Mew o pis

English Word: Lariat, plain rawhide

Literal Translation: Mii = hard

A'pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Isttsikítsis (FR)

Phonetic: Is tsi ki tsis

English Word: Leather chaps

Literal Translation: Isttsik = leather

Atsis = leggings or pants

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Maakohkimma'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Maak oh ke m ma tses

English Word: Rein

Literal Translation: Maak = arrange

Ohkomataki = drive

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: A pes (LN)  
Nai'pĭstsiapĭs (TM)  
A'pĭs (FR)

Phonetic: A pes  
Nai pest si apes

English Word: Rope

Literal Translation: Naaipisstsi = cloth  
A'pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: E nap po ko (LN)

Ino'p̄s (TM)

Phonetic: In na po ko

In no pes

English Word: Rope, long

Literal Translation: Inno = long

A'pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Kotokiaapoko (FR)

Phonetic: Ko to kia po ko

English Word: Rope, rawhide

Literal Translation: Motokis = skin or hide

Apahkiaapoko = hide strip



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Sok ka po ko (LN)

Sako'p̄is (TM)

Phonetic: Sa ko pes

English Word: Rope, short

Literal Translation: Saahk = short

A'pis = rope

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: E e tan (LN)  
Ee'tan (TM)  
Ii-iitaan (PE) *or*  
Kootsakii-iitaan (PE)

Phonetic: Ee yee taan  
Koot tsa kee yee taan

English Word: Saddle

Literal Translation: Ikottsi = stuff or pad (PE)  
Iyi'taan = saddle

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Na-pe-e-ton (BD)

Nap e e tan (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Saddle, Cal.

Literal Translation: Naapi = stem referring to Whiteman

Iyitaan = saddle

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Kiiyí'taan (FR)

Phonetic: Kee yee taan

English Word: Saddle horn

Literal Translation: Iyi'taan = saddle

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Horse & Gear

Blackfeet Term: Saapíkaakia'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Saa pee kaa kia tses

English Word: Stirrup

Literal Translation: sap = in or within

ikaaki = position one's foot in a specific place

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Manistsí'sstaan (FR)

Phonetic: Ma nes st see ss taan

English Word: Travois

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term: Sáíkimoa'tonipsstaan (FR)

Phonetic: Saa kee mow to nip ss taan

English Word: Travois platform poles, the two smaller poles tied across the two larger poles.

Literal Translation: Saikima = opposite  
Yissksipi = tie together

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Saooko'pis (FR)

Phonetic: Saa oo ko pes

English Word: Travois rope used for fastening load down

Literal Translation:

A'pis = rope



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Is ta pis ta mat sis (LN)

Istsipĩs' simatsĩs (TM)

Isstsipĩsimaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Is tsee pis simaa tsis

English Word: Whip

Literal Translation: Sstsipisimaa = whip

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument



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Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Skinne'tsiman (TM)

Skinítsimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Ski nit se man

English Word: Bag

Literal Translation: Skiniihtaan = pocket

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Isoohkamaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Is ooh ka maa tses

English Word: Container or bag used for storage (FR)

Literal Translation: Sok = good

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Blackfeet Term: San-ye-ko-e-ni-man (BD)

Phonetic:

English Word: Bag, Fire

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term: Iitsimaisskinititsimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Ee tsi ma eske nitse man

English Word: Food storage bag (FR)

Literal Translation: Iitsimaan = food kept in a parfleche



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Nis-ki-nit-si-man (BD)

Phonetic: Ne ski nit tse man

English Word: Bag, Indian (BD)

Literal Translation: Skiniihtaan = pocket

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Nimiap'ists (TM)

Niimiapii (FR)

Phonetic: Nee new pee tse

English Word: Baggage

Literal Translation: Niimiapii = miscellaneous belongings

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term:     Aksin (PE)  
                          Akssín (FR)

Phonetic:            Aak sin

English Word:        Bed

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term: Se-kan (BD)  
Se kon e (LN)  
Sekan'ists (TM)  
Si'kaan (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Bedding, Indian

Literal Translation: Sik = cover

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Asáóhkama'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Aa saoh ka ma' tses

English Word: Berry container (container used when picking berries)

Literal Translation:

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Na-pis-ti (BD)  
Ni pis tse (LN)  
Nai'pĩtsi (TM)  
Naipiistsi (PE)  
Naaipisstsi (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Blanket, any kind

Literal Translation: Naaipisstsi = referring to cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term:      Sik-a-pi-pis-ti (BD)  
                              Sik ki pi pis tse (LN)  
                              Sikapai'pĭtsi (TM)

Phonetic:             See ka pi st tse

English Word:        Blanket, black

Literal Translation:  Sik = referring to the color black  
                              Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Ot-a-ko-a-pis-ti (BD)

Oats ki pis tse (LN)

Akasīstai'pīstsi (TM)

Phonetic: Oot aka pist se

A ka ses tai pist se

English Word: Blanket, blue

Literal Translation: Ossko = referring to the color blue

Naaipisstsi = cloth



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Nai'pĭstsisokōs (TM)

Phonetic: Nai pest se sok a sim

English Word: Blanket, coat

Literal Translation: Naaipisstsi = cloth

So'kasim = coat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term:     Ot-ska-pis-ti (BD)  
                          Ots'kuipistsi (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word:       Blanket, green

Literal Translation:   Otssko = referring to the color green  
                          Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: E kik e ni pis tse (LN)

Ikikĩn' aipĩtsi (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Blanket, gray

Literal Translation: Ikkihkini = boring or no color

Naaipissti = cloth

Note: Usually referred to grey blankets.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Amanı̄stai'pı̄tsi (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Blanket, many colors

Literal Translation: Omai'nist = different

Naaipissti = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Mok-a-pi-pis-ti (BD)

A moke ki pi pis tse (LN)

Mawk' aipĩstsi (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Blanket, red

Literal Translation: Moahk = referring to the color red

Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Immoyiitaan (PE)

Phonetic:

English Word: Blanket, Saddle

Literal Translation: Immoyi = hairy or furry

Iyi'taan = saddle

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Ak-ka-sat-si (BD)

Ak ki sats tsaw (LN)

Pīs'sataipītsi (TM)

Akáísatstsaa (FR)

Phonetic: Ak ki sats tsaw

English Word: Blanket, striped (Hudson's Bay blanket)

Literal Translation: Many (patterns) cloth (LN)\*

Fancy or amazing cloth (TM)

Many-striped/layered (FR)

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Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Ikĩn' aipĩtsi (TM)

Phonetic: E ken a pes tse

English Word: Blanket, warm

Literal Translation: Ikinnii = warm

Naaipissti = cloth



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: a pi pis tse (LN)  
Ap'aipĩtsi (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Blanket, white

Literal Translation: Api = referring to the color white or albino  
Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Otokai'pįstsi (TM)

Phonetic: Oot kai pes tse

English Word: Blanket, yellow

Literal Translation: Otahko = referring to the color yellow

Naaipisstsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Ko's (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Bowl (made of metal or tin)

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term:     A tux ax in (LN)  
                          Atūxax'ın (TM)  
                          Aapátataksáakssin (FR)  
                          Ataksáakssin (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word:     Box

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Aapátataksáakssin (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Box in the back

Literal Translation: Waapat = back

Ataksaakssin = box

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Aapitsíkamaan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa pee tsek a man

English Word: Brace, used to hang a pot over a fire

Literal Translation: Waapitsikai = used as a brace

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Mokũm'mipokos (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Can

Literal Translation: Okamo'tstsii = straight up

Kos = dish or bowl

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: E tas i pi an nax i mat se (LN)

Anak'imatsis (TM)

Anaakimatsis (PE)

Phonetic: Aa naa key ma tses

English Word: Candle

Literal Translation: Waana'ki = illuminate

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: O'toatsis (TM)  
Ootowaatsis (PE)  
Atowá'tsis (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Cane or Walking Stick

Literal Translation:

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term:     Asso'kaiĩs (TM)

                          Sookayis (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word:     Case (TM)

                          Suitcase (FR)

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term: As so pot sis (LN)

Asso'potsis (TM)

Aasoopatis (PE)

Sóópa'tsis (FR)

Asóópa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Chair

Literal Translation: Iso = on a horizontal surface

Opii = sit

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: As-ka-tis, so-po-tis (BD)

Phonetic:

English Word: Chair, Indian

Literal Translation: Soopa'tsis = chair

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Pokau'üksin (TM)

Phonetic: Po kau ksin

English Word: Cradle, Baby

Literal Translation: Pokau = Baby  
üksin = bed

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term:     Auapǐstan (TM)  
                          Awapistaan (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word:     Cradle, Baby (Indian)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Ao'tópistaan (FR)

Kapimáán (FR)

Phonetic: Ao to pes taan

Kaa pea man

English Word: Cradle board

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term: Kose (LN)

Kos (TM)

Phonetic: Koose

English Word: Cup

Literal Translation:



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Blackfeet Term:      Issoyi (FR)

Phonetic:             Is so yee

English Word:        Dipper

Literal Translation:    Iss = in front  
                                  Oyi = mouth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Iihtáóttakio'p (FR)

Phonetic: Eeh tao ta cue up

English Word: Dipper or ladle

Literal Translation: What one dips drinks with

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: K'os (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Dish (earthenware or wooden)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: E tow yope (LN)  
Itaiksīs'takiopi (TM) *or*  
Itau'yopi (TM)  
Isttoyoop (PE)

Phonetic:

English Word: Fork, table

Literal Translation: Itaiksīs'takiopi (TM) = something you prick with  
Itau'yopi (TM) = something you eat with

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Sa-pi-a-tis (BD)

Assa'piatsis (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Glass, Looking glass or Spy glass (BD)

Glass, Looking glass (TM)

Literal Translation: Ssapi = look

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Po mee an nak i mat se (LN)

Anak'imatsis (TM)

Phonetic: Aa na key ma tses

English Word: Lamp

Literal Translation: Pomis = fat dripping

Waana'ki = illuminate

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Istokh' aipĭtsi (TM)

Phonetic: Is tok h a pestsĭ

English Word: Linen

Literal Translation: Isstoki = thin

Naaipĭtsi = cloth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term:      Apūn'nekūttan (TM)  
                                  Apani'kahtaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word:        Lining of tent

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Sa pe at sis (LN)

Assa'piatsis (TM)

Sáapia'tsis (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Mirror

Literal Translation: Ssapi = look

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Note: see Looking glass.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Omũx'ĩkkĩmiokos (TM)

Phonetic: Oom ah mik sim o kos

English Word: Pan (tin or iron)

Literal Translation: Omahk = big

Mi'ksskimm = metal

Kos = dish or bowl

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Kĩs'katsis (TM)

ĩiskatsis (PE)

Phonetic:

English Word: Pillow

Literal Translation:

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term:     Kos (BD)  
                          Seitso'kos (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word:       Plate

Literal Translation:   Siitsoohtoo = spread out  
                          Kos = dish or bowl

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Sĭssu'iatsi (TM)

Sisóya'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Sis so yaa tses

English Word: Scissors

Literal Translation: Sisoyi = cut

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: E noke soo yis (LN)

Innok'suyi (TM)

Ino'soyis (PE)

Innóóhsoyis (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Spoon

Literal Translation: Inno = long

mohsoyís = tail

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Sikapootsi (FR)

Phonetic: Sick a poo tse

English Word: Spoon, buffalo horn

Literal Translation: Sik = black

O'tapootsi = bring meat home

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Is sa pe a tsis (LN)

Issüppiat'sis (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Spy glass

Literal Translation: Issapi = look

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Note: See Looking Glass.



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Aawapiistaan (PE)

Awápistaan (FR)

Phonetic: Aa wa pee staan

English Word: Swing, Baby

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Is stax sists (LN)  
Ists'staksĭn (TM) *or*  
Itainũxiksĭs'toxakiopi (TM)

Phonetic: Is stak sin

English Word: Tacks, brass

Literal Translation: Sstaaki = hammers

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Ksikkokoau (TM)

Phonetic: Ksek ko ko wan

English Word: Tent

Literal Translation: Ksik = referring to color white  
Ookoowa = home or house

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term:      Api'kanokoau (TM)

Phonetic:            Aa pe ka no ko wan

English Word:       ▲ shaped Tent

Literal Translation:    Aapimaan = make shelter  
                                 Kokowaan = home or house

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Itaisotūnīk-īmaupi (TM)

Phonetic: Ii ta sot ank i mōpi

English Word: Tent, canvas

Literal Translation: Sotanikimaa'tsis = curtain

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Ksikkokóówa (FR)

Phonetic: Ksek ko koo wan

English Word: Tent, white

Literal Translation: ksikk = white  
okóówa = dwelling

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Mũn'stam (TM)

Phonetic: Mun stam

English Word: Tent pole

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Itauai'tsīnūkiopi (TM)

Phonetic: It a tawa tsin na kup

English Word: Thimble

Literal Translation: Iitai = something to \_\_\_\_ with, use as a tool

Wai'tsinn = sew



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: Na-pis-ti-a-se-pis (BD)

As se pis (LN)

Assipís (TM)

A'sipís (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Thread (BD)

Thread and sinew (LN)

Thread or sinew used for sewing (FR)

Literal Translation: Naaipissti = cloth

A'sipis = sinew

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: As so ki yis (LN)  
Aaputaksaksin (PE)

Phonetic:

English Word: Trunk  
Trunk, Box behind (PE)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Household Items

Blackfeet Term: An a kos (LN)

An'akös (TM)

Anakaasii (PE)

Áínaka'si (FR)

Phonetic: Aa na kasi

English Word: Wagon

Literal Translation: Áínaka'si = it rolls



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Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Kísskaa'tsis (FR) *or*  
Ksistopísstakiohkisska'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Kiss kaa tses

English Word: Back Rest, Lodge (made out of willow)

Literal Translation: Ohkisskaa = pillow  
A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Moo yis e (LN)

Moyĩs (TM)

Moyís (FR)

Phonetic: Moo yis e

English Word: Lodge (Tipi)

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Maná'tsis (FR)

Iss stam matsis

Phonetic:

English Word: Lodge anchor stake in the center

Literal Translation:

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Sapi'kínamaa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Sa pee ken na maa tses

English Word: Lodge buttons, small pegs used to button lodge seam

Literal Translation: Sap = in or within

Okin = bone

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Oksipistaan (FR)

Phonetic: Oo ksee pis taan

English Word: Lodge door

Literal Translation: Yo'ki = close

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Óóhksipistaan (FR)

Phonetic: Ooh ksi pis taan

English Word: Lodge door flap (entrance of lodge)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Ksippotsíkamaan (FR)

Phonetic: Kse pot tse kaman

English Word: Lodge door flap poles, inserted in a hem at the bottom of the door flap,  
(made out of service berry or choke cherry wood)

Literal Translation: Ksiwoohts = ground

Pootsi = together

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Saipstsimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Saa pis tse man

English Word: Lodge flap pole, used for ventilation

Literal Translation: Saip = out

Tsimaan = flap

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Apáni'kahtaa'tsis (FR)

Pani'kahta'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: A pa neek ah taa tses

Pa nee kah taa tses

English Word: Lodge lining, curtain

Literal Translation:

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Note: see Lining of tent

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Mi'kokáán (FR)

Phonetic: Mee ko kaan

English Word: Lodge painting

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Sstaoka'tskatsis (FR)

Phonetic: Stoa kat tses

English Word: Lodge pegs (made out of water birch)

Literal Translation: Sstao'tsi = pound a stick

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term: Ma-nis-tam (BD)  
Mun stom (LN)  
Mũn'stam (TM)  
Mánsstaam (FR)  
Niipóinsstaan (FR)

Phonetic: Nee po in s taan

English Word: Lodge pole

Literal Translation: Ipoyi = stand

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Lodge & Interior

Blackfeet Term:      Soo yeat se man (LN)

                              Sootsimaan (PE)

                              Sootsímaan (FR)

Phonetic:              Soo tse maan

English Word:        Parfleche

Literal Translation:



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Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Apaksísttohkáksaakin (FR)

Phonetic: Aa puck si stoh ka ksaa kin

English Word: Adze, scraping tool

Literal Translation: Opaksísttohkii = be flat

Kaksaakin = axe

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term:     Ápssí (UH)  
                          Aapsis (PE)  
                          A'pssi (TM)  
                          Ápssi (FR)

Phonetic:            up see

English Word:        Arrow

Literal Translation:

Note: Same word for white buffalo berry



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Ksisáiki'taan (FR)

Phonetic: Kse saa ke taan

English Word: Arrow head

Literal Translation: Ksis = pointed or sharp

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Káupiu (UH)

Kaoo'pi (FR)

Phonetic: gaa pi

English Word: Arrow, with blunt point

Literal Translation:

Note: Arrow with special head or blunt point designed to render the subject unconscious rather than kill the subject.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Sáixkimaḡkàni (UH)

Phonetic: saa kee may gun nee

English Word: Arrow-stick

Literal Translation: Sáixkima' = opposite or across opponent

Note: Similar to a coup stick, it is to touch your enemy across from you or opposite from you.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Na'ma (TM)  
Namaa (PE) *or*  
Namaa'kaan (PE)  
Aksipínnakssin (FR)

Phonetic: Aa kse pin nak sin

English Word: Bow  
Bow for hunting or sport (FR)

Literal Translation:

Note: *Namaa* is the same word for gun.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Itain'staiixakiopi (TM)

Phonetic: Eta in sta i ixa kiop

English Word: Chisel

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Apáksa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Aa puck sa tses

English Word: Club, consisting of a round rock tied to a short handle used as a weapon

Literal Translation: Ipak = hit or strike with an object

A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Mo-kris (BD)  
Moke kris (LN)  
Moksís (UH)  
Mokssis (PE)  
Moksís (FR)

Phonetic: moo kse sis

English Word: Awl

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Óksisi (UH)

Phonetic: oo kse sis

English Word: Awl case

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Too wok i nix i ku (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Auger

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term:   Kok-sa-kin (BD)  
                          Kaxa'kin (TM)  
                          Káksàkin (UH)  
                          'Kaksaaksin (PE)  
                          Ka'ksaakin (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word:    Axe

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Apáksa'tsisa (FR)

Phonetic:

English Word: Axe, small (hatchet)

Literal Translation: Apáks = hitting

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term:     Sĩmũk'kĩn (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word:     Dagger

Literal Translation:   Samakinn = lance or spear

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Sa-se-ni-ta (BD)

Se se ne ta (LN)

Sese' nitau (TM)

Sisiinitaa (FR)

Phonetic: Se se ne ta

English Word: File

Literal Translation:

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Blackfeet Term:     Ats e mon (LN)

Isstssima

Phonetic:

English Word:     Fire steel

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Itauaw'kūñxakiopi (TM)

Phonetic:

English Word: Gimlet

Literal Translation:

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Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: E ti kris sis too pe (LN)

Phonetic:

English Word: Grind stone

Literal Translation: Iitaiskimao'p = sharpener



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Itai'pǐxopi (TM)  
Iihtáipiksao'p (FR)

Phonetic: I eh tai pik soop

English Word: Hammer

Literal Translation: What one hits with

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Itaitsikūn'akiopi (TM)

Phonetic: Ee tay tsee gun aa cupe

English Word: Hoe

Literal Translation: Iitai = something to \_\_\_\_ with, use as a tool

Kun'akiopi = pick at

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Mik skim (LN)

Mĩx'kĩm (TM)

Phonetic: Meek sim

English Word: Iron (metal)

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Sto-wan (BD)

Sto an (LN)

Sto'an (TM)

Isttowaan (PE)

Isttoán (FR)

Phonetic: Stew won

Ee stew won

English Word: Knife

Literal Translation: isttohk = thin or flat

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Inūx'įstoan (TM)

Phonetic: Ee nahk stew won

English Word: Knife, pocket

Literal Translation: Inux = small  
Istoan = knife

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term:     So to an (LN)  
                          Asso'toan (TM)  
                          Sottoan (FR)

Phonetic:            Soot o won  
                          A soot o won

English Word:        Knife scabbard

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Tó'piinimaan (FR)

Phonetic: Too pee nee maan

English Word: Knife, string used to hold scabbard to belt

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term:     A-to-nox (BD)  
                          A to nok sis (LN)  
                          Atūau'ksis (TM)  
                          Attunokksis (PE)

Phonetic:            A too na ksess

English Word:        Needle

Literal Translation:

ksis = sharp or pointed



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Itai' sotonauksopi (TM)

Phonetic: Ee tah soo to no ksopi

English Word: Needle case

Literal Translation: Itai = something to \_\_\_\_ with, use as a tool

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: O-ma-ka-to-nox (BD)

Phonetic: Oo muck ao ton kses

English Word: [?]uck Needle\*

Literal Translation: Omahk = big

Ksis = sharp or pointed

\* Could not read the handwriting, possibly Buck Needle.

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: No-no-pa-tis (BD)  
Innopat'sis (TM)  
Asonnopa'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Ee no pa tses  
A soo no pa tses

English Word: Quiver

Literal Translation:  
a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Ih ton na to pa

Phonetic: Ee to na to pa

English Word: Root digging stick

Literal Translation: Onataa = dig something up from the earth

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Istau'atsis (TM) *or*  
Satsin'akiatsis (TM) *or*  
Itus'taiiopi (TM) *or*  
Itaisatsinakiopi (TM)  
Istiisstsusoop (PE) *or*  
Muttsikoan (PE)  
Mattsikaan (FR)

Phonetic: Mud tsee kaan

English Word: Scraper, Hide

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Sapūp'istatsīs (TM)

Saamakii (PE) *or*

Sapupistatsis (PE)

Saapápista'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Saa pa pis ta tses

English Word: Spear

Literal Translation:

a'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: O'kotoki (TM)

Phonetic: O ko to key

English Word: Stone or rock

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Apūx'istokskīm (TM)

Phonetic: Aa pak ss too skim

English Word: Stone, flat

Literal Translation:



Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Sama'koo (FR)

Phonetic: Saa ma goo

English Word: Stone used for pounding or grinding

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: Aapaooki (FR)

Phonetic: Aa pa oo key

English Word: Stone, sharp stone used as a knife or spearhead

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
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Blackfeet Term: Innis'toan (TM)

Phonetic: Ee nit to won

English Word: Sword

Literal Translation:

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term: A'tsis (FR)

Phonetic: Aa tses

English Word: Tool

Literal Translation: A'tsis = tool or associated instrument

Blackfeet Vocabulary Terms for Items of Material Culture  
Tools & Weapons

Blackfeet Term:      Iimíkihta'tsskaan (FR)

Phonetic:              Ee mik eh ta ts kaan

English Word:        Weapons

Literal Translation: