



Ƨimtii (name): _____

ᓃaas (date): _____

Moons in nuučaaᓃuᓄ

hupaᓄᓃinᓃᓃi - Traditional Moons of the West Coast

Do you know how to name and describe the moons of the year in nuučaaᓃuᓄ? Let's practice our vocabulary with some activities about the passing of time and the changing of moons.

Activity #1: What Happens During this Moon?

My calendar is out of order! The first moon is in the right place, and then everything else is mixed up.

- Put the moons back in the right order by writing a number from 2 to 12 below the name of each moon that comes after #1. Start from 1 and then go from left to right before moving to the next row.

ᓃaaᓃiiqsu: 1	huyaaqimᓄ:	saćupimᓄ:
paawacimᓄ:	yaxšiᓃimᓄ:	Ƨitimᓄ:
ᓃukᓃiiqsu:	hinkuuᓃasimᓄ:	qawašimᓄ:
Ƨaasacimᓄ:	Ƨaayaqimᓄ:	ćiyaaqimᓄ:

- On the next page, write the nuučaaᓃuᓄ name of each moon in the correct order at the top of each box in the calendar.
- Below each name, draw a small picture to show an important activity or event that happens during that moon.



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ñaas (date): _____

My Calendar

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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Activity #2: Making a Plan Around the Moons

From the video, we learned that the nuučaañuł lunar calendar followed a cycle of 13 moons, and today there names for 12 of them. Each family had names for the moons that reflected their unique perspectives on that time of year. For example, a whaling family might have different names for the moons than a plant-harvesting family.

ʔaaqinʔapmiḥsaḥak (what do you want to do) during each moon?

_____ miḥsamaḥ. (I want to do _____.)

Think about the activities or goals that you want to accomplish for each moon. Feel free to include goals you have to improve your nuučaañuł language learning journey.

For example:

čayaxmiḥsamaḥ. (I want to pick berries.)

łuukwiiḥsamaḥ. (I want to smoke fish.)

Try to answer the following questions using as many nuučaañuł words as you can. Visit FirstVoices (<https://bit.ly/35L7UWj>), or ask a fluent language speaker from your community to help you.

1. Write down today's date. What moon are we in now?

2. What is next month's moon? What will you do during this moon?

3. What is the moon two moons from now? What goal do you have for this moon?

4. What will you do three moons from now?



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5. What will you do four moons from now?

6. What will you do six moons from now?

7. What is your favourite moon and why?

8. What is your least favourite moon, and why?

9. What are your goals 12 moons from now?

10. In a notebook or on a big piece of paper, create a calendar of the next 12 moons. Make sure to leave enough space for writing under each moon name.

11. For each moon on your calendar, list one or more steps you will take during that time to help you reach your goal.

You can include activities you want to do, milestones you want to reach, or projects you want to create using your language skills.



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Activity #3: ᓃaaqaapaphak hupaᓄ. (What's your favourite moon?)

The nuučaaᓄ word hupaᓄ means sun, moon, and month.

If you were asked—ᓃaaqaapaphak hupaᓄ (What's your favourite moon?)—you could respond with your favourite month or your favourite moon. Which moon would you choose?

Here is one way you can write your response:

ᓃuupaamaᓄ (I prefer) _____ (name of moon).

Take out a notebook or a paper. Write a short story, poem, or song in nuučaaᓄ to describe your favourite moon and express why this moon is important to you.

When you're ready, share your creative writing with others by reading it out loud. You can even organize an event where everyone gets a chance to share writing or art inspired by the moons!