



BISON MIX 'N MATCH

For First Nations peoples living on the prairies, Bison were believed to be the source of all life, and for good reason. When these large animals roamed the prairies by the millions, they were hunted by plains tribes as a source of food, shelter, clothing, tools, containers, weapons and much more. When a bison was killed, the hunter would give thanks to its spirit for giving up its life, and every effort was made not to waste any part of the animal.



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Draw a line to match each part of the bison in the left column to an item that the plains tribe made from it, on the right!

Hide (skin)		Cooking pot
Stomach		Knives
Bones		Food
Horns		Paintbrush
Tail		Drinking cup
Sinew (tendons)		Clothing
Intestines		Used for tanning hides
Teeth		Waterproof bag
Brain		Necklace
Hooves		Decoration on weapons
Beard		Fly swatter
Hair		Bow strings
Meat, Blood and Fat		Glue
Bladder		Sausage



BISON MIX 'N MATCH - ANSWERS!

Note: We've put the answers upside-down so you don't accidentally read them before doing the activity!

Bladder - Waterproof bag

Meat, blood and fat - Food (like pemmican and sausage)

Hair - Paintbrush

Beard - Decoration on Weapons

Hooves - Glue

Brain - Used to tan hides

Teeth - Necklace

Intestines - Sausage

Sinew - Bowstrings

Tail - Fly swatter

Horns - Drinking cup

Bones - Knives

Stomach - Cooking Pot

Hide - Clothing

Answers:

