

Native Idaho

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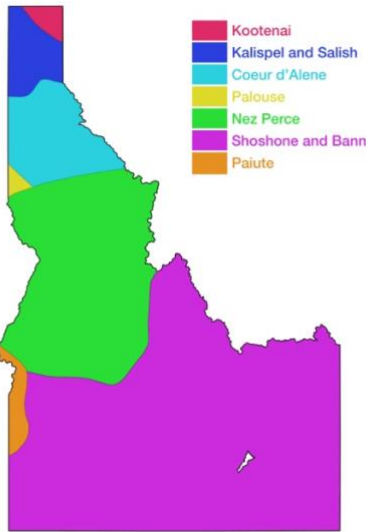
in the Nez Perce Language

There are five federally recognized Indian tribes in Idaho – the Shoshone-Bannock, the Shoshone-Paiute, the Coeur d'Alene, the Kootenai, and the Nez Perce. The Nez Perce reservation consists of 750,000 acres, located east of Lewiston, Idaho.

The Nez Perce are centrally located in the region and have their own names for their neighbors. The Nez Perce call themselves **Nimípuu** – the people. Their names for the other Native people in Idaho are...

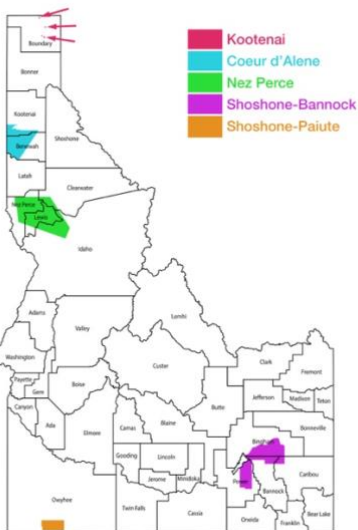
- **Kúuspel'uu** – Kutenai
- **'iskíicu'mix** – Coeur d'Alene
- **Séelix** - Salish
- **Hey'úuxcpel'uu** – Northern Paiute
- **Pelúucpuu** – Paloos
- **Tiwélqe** – Shoshone-Bannock

Common words and phrases in Nez Perce:



Idaho Tribes' approximate ranges before White contact.

(Source - <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/great-states-idaho-6.4/activity/>)



Idaho Tribes' present reservations

The lands of the Idaho Tribes have been greatly reduced, but they retain their reservations and hunt, fish, and gather across all of their traditional territories.

You can learn a lot more Nez Perce Language by taking classes at LC State with Harold Crook and Angel Sobotta.

Ta'c léeheyn - good day

Ta'c méeywi – good morning

Ta'c haláxp – good afternoon

Ta'c kuléewit – good evening

'eehé – yes

Wéet'u – no

Qe'ciyew'yew' – thank you

Qo'c 'ee hexnú' – See you later (to 1 person)

Qo'c 'eetx hexnú' – See you later (to plural)

'iin wees _____. – I am (your name).

'iin wees ta'c. – I am well.

Manáa 'ee wees? – How are you?

'iin wees ... - I am...

Niimípuu – Nez Perce

Sooyáapoo – White

Kúuspel'uu - Kutenai

'iskícu'mix - Coeur d'Alene

Séelix - Salish

Tiwélqe – Shoshone-Bannock

Célmén – Asian

Cimúuxcimux – Black/African

Nez Perce words for animals & some common items

sík'em – horse

ciq'áamqal – dog

payóopayoo – bird

pícpic – cat

xáxaac – grizzly bear

yáaka' – black bear

'iníit – house

'atamóoc – car/truck

kuus – water

hipt – food

hitéemenwees – school

tíim'es – book/paper

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phrases here on
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