



THE CALL OF THE KING OF THE FOREST

ACTIVITY BOOK



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Theme

WHEN CAN YOU HEAR A MOOSE
CALL IN THE FOREST?

Informations

TARGETED GRADES

Primary and secondary

LENGTH

1 period or more

IDEAL PERIOD

Fall

LOCATION

Plan an activity in the forest for listening.
Possibility of inviting a hunter to
demonstrate the different moose calls.

RESOURCES NEEDED

- ✓ Moose legend (*See pages 7-10*)
- ✓ Audio/video recordings
(*See pages 11-12*)
- ✓ Materials for making a call
(*See pages 13-14*)

Activity Outline

INTRODUCTION

Reading the moose legend

(See pages 7-10)

LISTENING TO CALLS

- Listen to the different moose calls (male and female) from audio/video

(See pages 11-12)

- Invite a hunter to demonstrate the different moose calls

MAKING A MOOSE CALL

Practical workshop to create a moose call

(See pages 13-14)

DISCUSSION

Discuss the importance of calls in moose communication and answer questions

(See pages 5-6)

CONCLUSION

Reflection and discussion on what has been learned *(See pages 5-6)*

Objectives

ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES

- Listen to different sounds of animals in our forests and be able to identify the moose.
- Read the moose legend
- Understand the importance of caution when hunting
- Learn how to create a moose call

SKILLS TO DEVELOP

- Communicate effectively
- Establish the intention of the communication and who it is intended for
- Explore ideas related to the situation of the message

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Message coherence
- Critical and dynamic presence in others' communications



Questions

RELEVANT QUESTIONS

- ① Are you going to be a hunter one day?
- ② How do you see the hunting season?
- ③ Have you ever seen a moose shot?
- ④ Do you know how many moose are killed each year?

QUESTIONS *(discussion)*

- ① Why do we use an object to call the king of the forest?
- ② What's the name of the object the Natives used to call the moose?
- ③ How is it made, and with what?
- ④ Have you ever been hunting?
- ⑤ Have you ever heard a moose call? Were you scared?
- ⑦ Do you know where moose are found?
- ⑧ Do you think moose are fooled by a call?
- ⑨ Do you think moose are vigilant during hunting season?

Questions

- ⑩ Why do male and female moose make different calls during the hunt?
- ⑪ Do you know when the moose's call starts?
- ⑫ When do you think the hunt begins?
- ⑬ How long does the moose call last?
- ⑭ Have you ever seen a moose up close during the call?

Lexicon

AYABE

MOOSE

ONIDJANI

FEMELLE MOOSE

MANCIE

VEAL

MOZIGIDAGAN

MOOSE CALL



Long time ago, a majestic animal wandered alone in the neighbouring forest of the Abenakis camps. It would devour the top of the trees for food. Slowly, the forest was being destroyed and the Abenakis were disappearing, being deprived of their natural food supply. This situation could not last any longer. So one day, the Great Spirit sent his son Gluskabi to Earth. He gathered all the survivors and said: "Moz is threatening your existence. It can't go on like this. This must change now."





From a piece of bark that he found nearby, he made a moose caller that he will use to call the moose. On the first call, after several minutes a faint voice was heard. Finally, after repeated calls the voice became increasingly near and the moose appeared out of breath and dripping with sweat.



He approached Gluskabi who was blaming him for his selfishness. "Moz", said the Great Spirit's son, "I do not like your behaviour. Because of you, the Abenakis will disappear forever. This situation must change, do you hear me? You must never eat the top of the trees again. Understood? They are all dying because of you!"



The moose listened to the criticism without protesting. He understood that his behaviour was threatening the Abenakis. Gluskabi approached to the sheepish moose and ordered: "Lower your head!" He grabbed him by the antlers and crushed him with all of his weight. Moz shrunk and shrunk until he reached his present size. Gluskabi said to Moz: "When the Abenakis call you with their moose caller, go to them. You understand me?" Ever since, when they hunt moose, the Abenakis hunters use a moose caller.

First Nations Education Council (1997). **Moz, Abenakis Legend.** In *Our legends to read and tell* (p. 5-8).





Explaining the various calls of moose is not an easy task. It is difficult to convey in writing the richness and variety of the sounds they produce. To help you better understand and reproduce these calls, this sheet contains audio examples for each of the cries.

Different moose calls

①

ADULT MALE CALL

Used to mimic a dominant male marking his territory or challenging another male.



②

YOUNG MALE CALL

Ideal for mimicking a younger, less threatening male, often used to attract curiosity or calm an older male.



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Calls of the female

③

NON-RECEPTIVE FEMALE CALL

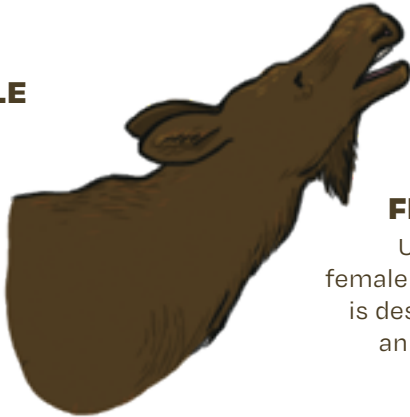
Employed to simulate a female rejecting a male's advances, often used to observe reactions without provoking confrontation.



④

PLAINTIVE FEMALE CALL

Mimics a female seeking attention or showing discomfort, perfect for attracting a curious or protective male.



⑤

RECEPTIVE FEMALE CALL

Used to imitate a female in heat, this call is designed to attract an adult male for a close encounter

LISTEN TO THE
AUDIO RECORDING →



Activity

HOW TO MAKE A MOOSE CALL



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①

Take a piece of **birch bark** (23x48 cm / 9x19 in.).

Roll the bark (white part inside) into a **cone shape**.

Secure the shape with a screw or staple.

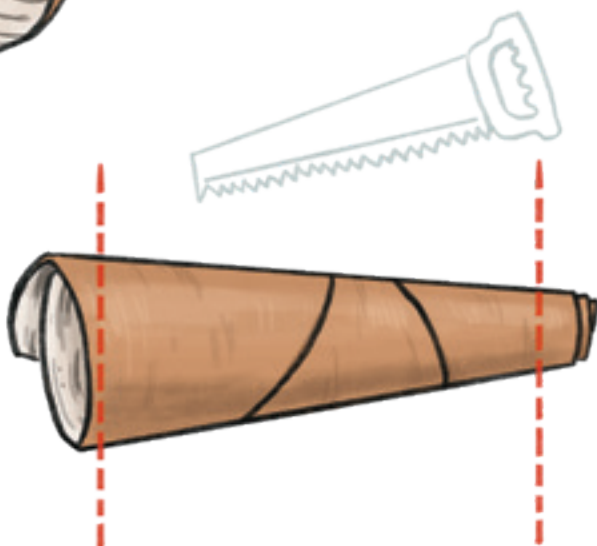


Cone shape



② OPTIONAL

With the help of an adult, trim both ends to even out.



Distance between holes

7,5 cm / 3 in



③

With the help of an adult, drill a series of small holes all along the cone, following the edge of the bark. Each hole must go through the 2 layers of bark.



Complete the call by passing a **rope*** through the holes to secure it.

Distance between holes

2,5 cm / 1 in



④

OPTIONAL

Reinforce the wide end of the moose call with another piece of bark (2.5 cm / 1 in. wide).

Secure with a screw or staple.

Drill a series of small holes all around the tip, just below the reinforcement.

Pass a **rope*** through the holes to secure.

*** 1.5 M / 5 FT OF ROPE REQUIRED FOR THE CALL AND REINFORCEMENT (APPROX.)**



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