
Totem poles

Vowels

When two vowels are placed together, they form a new sound called a diphthong. A diphthong is when two vowel sounds slide together to make one sound in a word.

Example, the /ea/ in 'tea' is one sound.

Part 1. Look through the story for the /ea/ vowel.


How many can you find? _____

Part 2. List the words you found below.

Part 3. Use the words above to complete the sentences.

- There is more than one _____ to the word 'bat'.
- Yesterday I saw two _____ resting on our roof.
- They _____ received a gift on their birthday.
- _____ like to eat berries and salmon.
- Last weekend, we enjoyed a _____ with our friends and family.

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Check your understanding 

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are totem poles made from?

2. List some places in B.C. where you can see totem poles.

3. How are totem poles used during feasts or potlatches?

4. Give an example of an animal carving and its meaning in Haida culture.

5. How do totem poles preserve cultural stories and histories?

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Answers

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Part 1. 5

Part 2. feast, bears, eagles, each, meaning

Part 3.

- a. meaning
- b. eagles
- c. each
- d. bears
- e. feast

Check your understanding

1. Totem poles are carved from cedar wood.
2. There are totem poles in Stanley Park, Victoria, Sechelt Alert Bay and Haida Gwaii.
3. Totem poles are used to greet important visitors during a feast or potlatch.
4. The raven can be a magician. It also tells the story of the beginnings of Haida Gwaii.
5. Totem poles tell stories through the carvings. The stories can be legends or myths. The stories can be the history of a family.