

# NANIQ

A naniq is a seal oil lamp used all across the Arctic region. They were typically made out of soap stone, clay or metal. It was an important job to tend the lamp and make sure the flame stayed even and lit.

naniq	nun-iq	seal oil lamp
palliq	pal-lick	wick of cotton grass or moss
peqaq		
uqsruq	ook-shook	old seal oil used as fuel for the flame
taqaruq	taka-rook	small stick or antler to tend the oil lamp

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The community shared when others were in need. Everyone pitched in.

“It’s not living in the past, its continuing our culture. We honor the past and we are moving ahead.” -Guy Martin



*“The Eskimo not only hunts for food for himself and his family, but for the most important member of his household, the lamp... (Hough, p. 16).”*

Naniq has several functions. The heat from the lamp provides warmth, and the flame provides light, The naniq melts snow, cooks food, and dries clothes.

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Find the naniq vocabulary words in the word search below.

U S M S C M T M D T R S N A D V S I A A  
Q P H L W A Z O L U E W J B D K E Q L K  
S S O K Q T B F B K L Q G X Y S Y F K R  
R I E A L Q F L K D T D Q W W W C D P J  
U Q R A J G E Y O T N B S G S F K C X S  
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Q O B X C N U C P C E Y L W G X K O P R  
W D H S S S H K U A S M Z M Q D B I Y B  
Z S Q I N A N P S M D V O C T T X G G U  
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L V K D W L E I W L I D O T V X N E A O  
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P A L L I Q E J A T C A M W V G T I B C  
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**Find the vocabulary words in the puzzle!**

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| • PEQAAQ      | • ANTLER    |
| • SEAL        | • KNOWLEDGE |
| • TAQARUQ     | • LAMP      |
| • TRADITIONAL | • NANIQ     |
| • UQSRUQ      | • OIL       |
| • WICK        | • PALLIQ    |