

# SAUYAQ



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“The drum is a very spiritual object. Each piece of the drum has a spirit.

The spirits of the animals and plants that were used to make it form an eye looking into and out of the spirit world. The drum skin is made out of walrus stomach that has been washed, lightly scraped, inflated and allowed to dry. The drum skin is called the isriqraq (what it takes to make an eye). Once the walrus stomach is on the frame, it is then an isri.”

iqiq	iq-iq	driftwood
pupluq	pup-thlooq	drum handle
mumiq	moo-miq	drumstick
sanaulgun	sun-ohl-goon	curved knife
sauyaq	soh-yahq	drum frame
saasraqq	sash-qaq	reinforcement forming the base of the drum near the handle



Photo courtesy Joel Garlich-Miller, USFWS

“A drum must be treated with the utmost respect.

It is never to be placed flat on the floor, and it should never be touched with your feet.”

—Vincent Pikonganna  
King Island

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A drum is made out of iqiq – a piece of driftwood with brown on the inside. The Drum frame is called the Sauyaq, pronounced soh-yahq.

The drumstick is called the mumiq, pronounced moo-miq. The drum handle is called the puᑭtuq, pronounced pup-thloog.

The section of reinforced and cupped area forming the base of the drum where the handle attaches, is called the saasraq (like a cup), pronounced sash-qaq.

A saasraq was carved using a curved knife called a sanaulgun, pronounced sun-ohl-goon.



# SAUYAQ WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble each of the clue words based off of the sauyaq vocabulary.  
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to reveal the hidden message.

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