



Apps

These apps can be adapted to support First Nations language learning in the language nest, at school and in the home.

My PlayHome is an interactive dollhouse that allows children to explore and use everything in the home. Create characters that can eat, sleep, shower, brush their teeth and more. With this app, learners can practise language associated with the home and daily routines.

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My PlayHome School is an extension of the My PlayHome app. This app allows children to expand their learning by exploring the school as they play various roles. With this app, learners can practise the language associated with school and the classroom.

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My PlayHome Stores is an extension of the My PlayHome app. This interactive app allows children to explore four different stores where they can play, build their own ice cream cones, go grocery shopping and more. With this app, learners can practise the language associated with various day-to-day tasks outside of the home and school.

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My Story allows you to create your own stories. This is a great app for both home and school use. You can make voice recordings so the story can be told using your language. You can also create your own text for the story; if your language has a keyboard app, you can practise reading and writing in the language. Your stories can be imported and exported for easy sharing with others.

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Bitsboard makes learning fun using games and flashcards. Certain games cannot be modified and rely on the use of English, but there are selected games that can be customized to support language learning. For example, the flashcard game can be customized to only show images without the language, and there is also the option to record audio. With 25+ games to play with, this app can be a useful tool for language learning and practice.

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Teaching Tools

Language Cheat Sheets

“Cheat sheets” are a helpful tool for staff in the language nest. These sheets act as a quick resource for adults to help them stay in the language at all times. The Tahltan Language Nest has created their own cheat sheets that include commonly used words and phrases for staff members to practise.

[Tahltan Colouring and Crafts](#)

[Tahltan Playtime](#)

[Tahltan General Language Nest Phrases](#)

Resources for Second Language Learners

It is common for staff in the language nest to be second language learners, and many are often learning the language alongside the children. The following are some resources to support second language learners in the nest.

[Mentor-Apprentice Language Program Handbook](#)

First Peoples' Cultural Council, 2012

This handbook provides practical information, tools and strategies for individuals who want to use the Mentor-Apprentice Program (MAP) method for learning their First Nations language. The handbook includes a detailed overview of the MAP method, as well as resources to support successful language learning.

See also FPCC's [MAP Toolkit](#) for more MAP language learning resources.

[Language for Life: Nourishing Indigenous Languages in the Home](#)

First Peoples' Cultural Council, 2019

This practical handbook was developed to support Indigenous families who want to learn and speak their Indigenous language together in the home. This handbook is also useful for second language learners as it includes tips, strategies and resources for how to use Indigenous languages in everyday settings. Resources include ideas for games and activities to make language learning fun, a guide for claiming spaces for language in the home, templates for setting language learning goals and more.

[WSÁNEĆ SEN: I am emerging: An Auto-Ethnographic study of life long SENĆOŦEN language learning](#)

Jacqueline Jim, 2016