

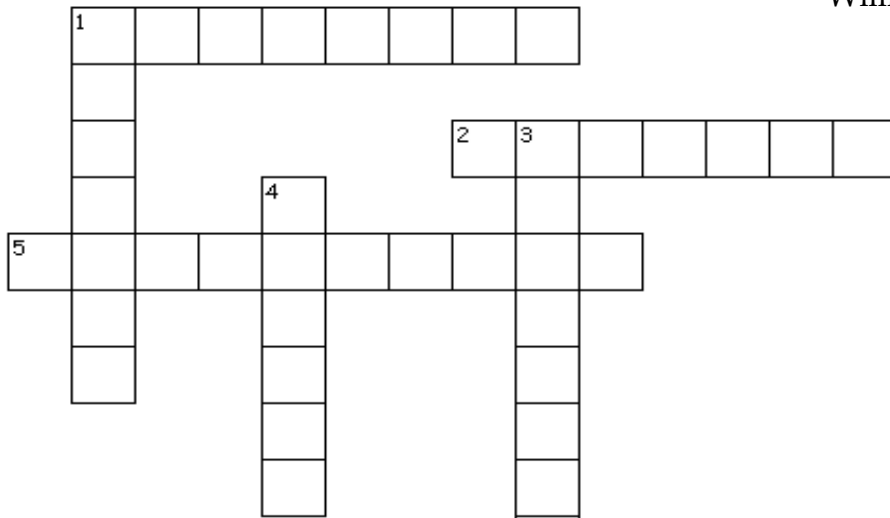
Samish Language Crossword Puzzle

Get to know the Samish Logo

This design was done in traditional colors red and black. The red relating to the blood that flows through all of us. The black is for structure and strength of our bodies and mind. Here we see in a circular motion the sun as it radiates down its gift of energy to all living things. We see the two hands that show the presence of man and inside the hands are the two sla hal bones. These pieces of our traditional guessing game “Sla-Hal” the game of life. In the center we have “Hysh-ka” our killer whale from Samish J-pod, below Hysh-ka is a traveling canoe, from which a lot of the old people traveled the waters of this area. At the bottom we have the bald eagle our strength our guide and our protector. He is the one who sees all and warns us of a coming storm or if trouble is near. We hold the eagle feather as strong medicine, as do our brothers and sisters across Indian country. And finally behind the sun is a canoe paddle, without it we could not travel across the waters in work or play. These paddles were and still are today cared for in a very respectful way. Their shapes and sizes may vary but they were made out of necessity. Over all this design is who we are here at Samish and at the same time opens the door to all visitors and guests.



William A. Bailey, Coast Salish Artist and Carver



Instructions:

Finish the crossword puzzle using the artist’s description of the Samish Logo and the translation table below.

Time Goals:

- Samish Speaker — 5 min
- Samish Language Learner — 10 min
- Beginning Samish Learner or Crossword Enthusiast — 15 min

English	Samish
Red	neséq̓w
Black	neq’íx
Old People	s7elálexw
Sun	sq̓wq̓wél7
Blood	sáschen
Orca	q’ellhólmechen
Canoe	snéxwlh
Hand	s7áles
Eagle	kwélengsen
Paddle	sq’émel
Medicine	st’ál7ngexw

Across

1. Gives its gift of energy to all.
2. Come in many shapes and sizes and are treated with respect.
5. Known to be our strength, our guide, and protector.

Down

1. Our people traveled in _____.
3. Our relatives in the Salish Sea.
4. Signifies the structure and strength of our bodies.