

## Worksheet 1. Hopi Place Names

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The Hopi Tribe is a sovereign nation located on over 1.5 million acres in northeastern Arizona. The reservation is made up of 12 villages on three mesas. Hopi Land, or “Hopitutskwa,” encompasses a much larger area of Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado, where Hopi people have historically lived and traveled. Hopitutskwa includes a number of important places and landscapes to the Hopi culture. Today, around 20,000 people are part of the Hopi Tribe and they live all over the United States and around the world. Their homeland, Hopitutskwa, remains important as the political, spiritual, cultural, historical, and current home of many Hopi people.

Because Hopitutskwa has been home to the Hopi people for centuries, many places in the region have names written in the Hopi language. Sometimes those names appear on published maps; sometimes they do not. Many places that have published English language place names also have Hopi language names that are used by the Hopi people even though they are sometimes not included on maps.

Using the chart below and the map of Hopi Lands (Handout 1), try to find the following places in Hopitutskwa and complete the chart. If you find a location already included on the map, circle the name. If you can find the location based on information from a different map, add it to your map of Hopi Lands.

Complete the assignment by answering the questions that follow the chart.

Hopi name	English translation	Location/additional information	Can you find it? Circle location on Hopi Lands map or use reference map to add it.
1. Hopitutskwa	Hopi Lands	Everywhere Hopi people and their ancestors lived, traveled and died as they moved from their place of origin to the Hopi Mesas	

**Language of Place: Hopi Place Names, Poetry, Traditional Dance and Song**

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2. Yuvukpu	“cave-in,” “sink”	Meteor crater east of Flagstaff	
3. Nuvakwewtaqa	“one wearing a snow belt”	Anderson Mesa	
4. Sakwavayu	“Blue river”	Clear Creek	
5. Itaakuku	“our footprints”	Archaeological sites and other artifacts across Hopi Land	
6. Tutuveni	“writing on rocks,” “newspaper rock”	Shrine on pilgrimage to Grand Canyon, west of Tuba City	
7. Wukoskyavi	“big valley”	Tonto Basin, Tonto National Forest	
8. Nuvatukya’ovi	“snow butte on top place”	San Francisco Peaks	
9. Palatkwapi	“Red Land of the South”	Area near Tonto Cliff Dwellings in Central Arizona, Tonto National Monument	
10. Village of Sichom’ovi’	“flower mount on top place”	Near Walpi on First Mesa	
11. Village of Shungopavi, Songoopavi	“sand-grass spring place”	On Second Mesa	
12. Village of Hotvela	“juniper slope”	On Third Mesa, close to Orayvi/Oraibi	

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13. Village of Paaqavi/Bacavi	“reed springs place”	On Third Mesa, close to Orayvi/Oraibi	
14. Tusaqtsomo	“grass hill”	Bill Willams Mountain	
15. Tsimontukwi	“jimson-weed butte”	Woodruff Butte	
16. Pikya’ingwtsomo	“stone-axe material gathering hill”	Wildcat Peak	
17. Hunaptuyqa	“cliff-rose point”	Preston Mesa	
18. Pangwuvi	“mountain sheep place”	No-trail Mesa in Dinnebito	
19. Pisisvayu	“river of echoing sounds between canyon walls”	Colorado River through Grand Canyon	
20. Ongtupqa	“salt canyon,” “grand canyon”	Grand Canyon	

- Carefully review the English translations of the Hopi place names. How might you describe these types of names? What do they have in common.

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2. Based on these place names and your own knowledge of northeastern Arizona, describe the landscape and environment of Hopitutskwa.

3. What do these (and other) place names tell us about Hopi people and culture? Be sure to include an example.