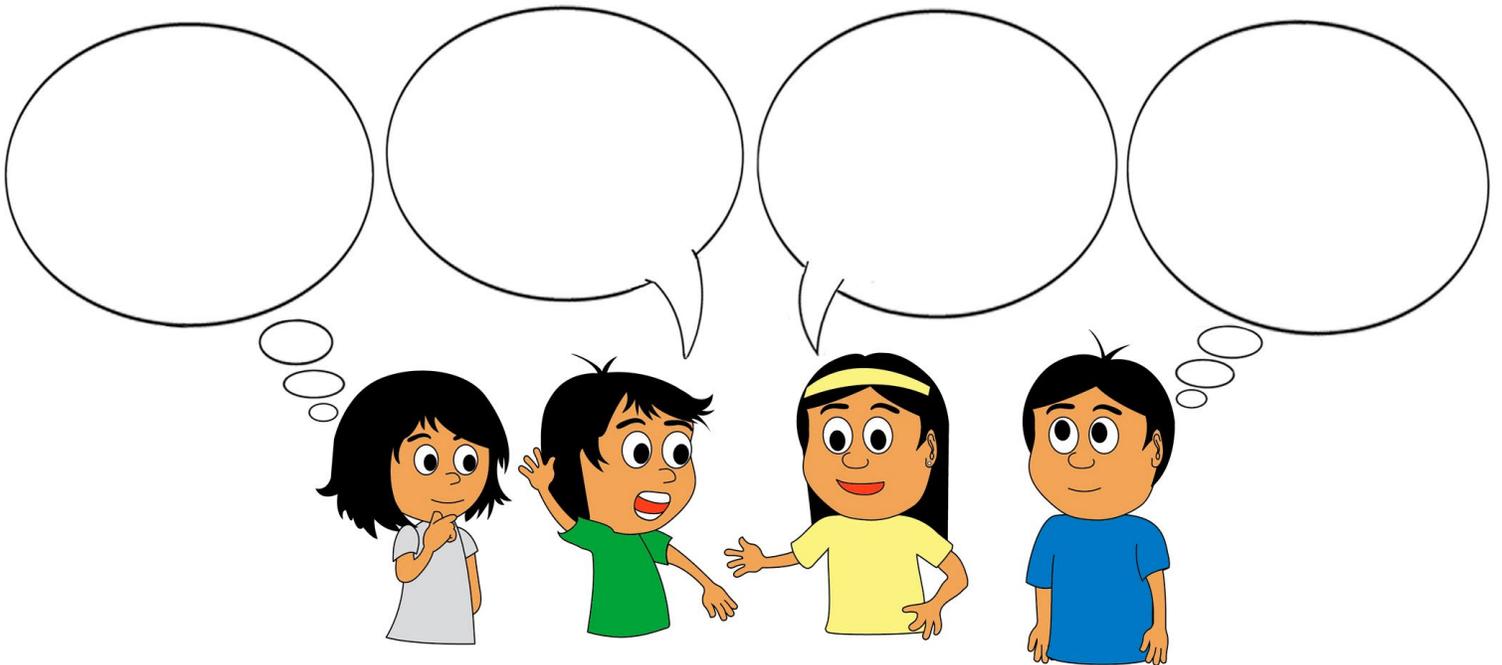


Treaties are formal and legally binding agreements made between two or more parties. To Mi'kmaq, treaties also establish ongoing relationships between treaty signatories, outlining their responsibilities to one another and to the Earth.

Treaty

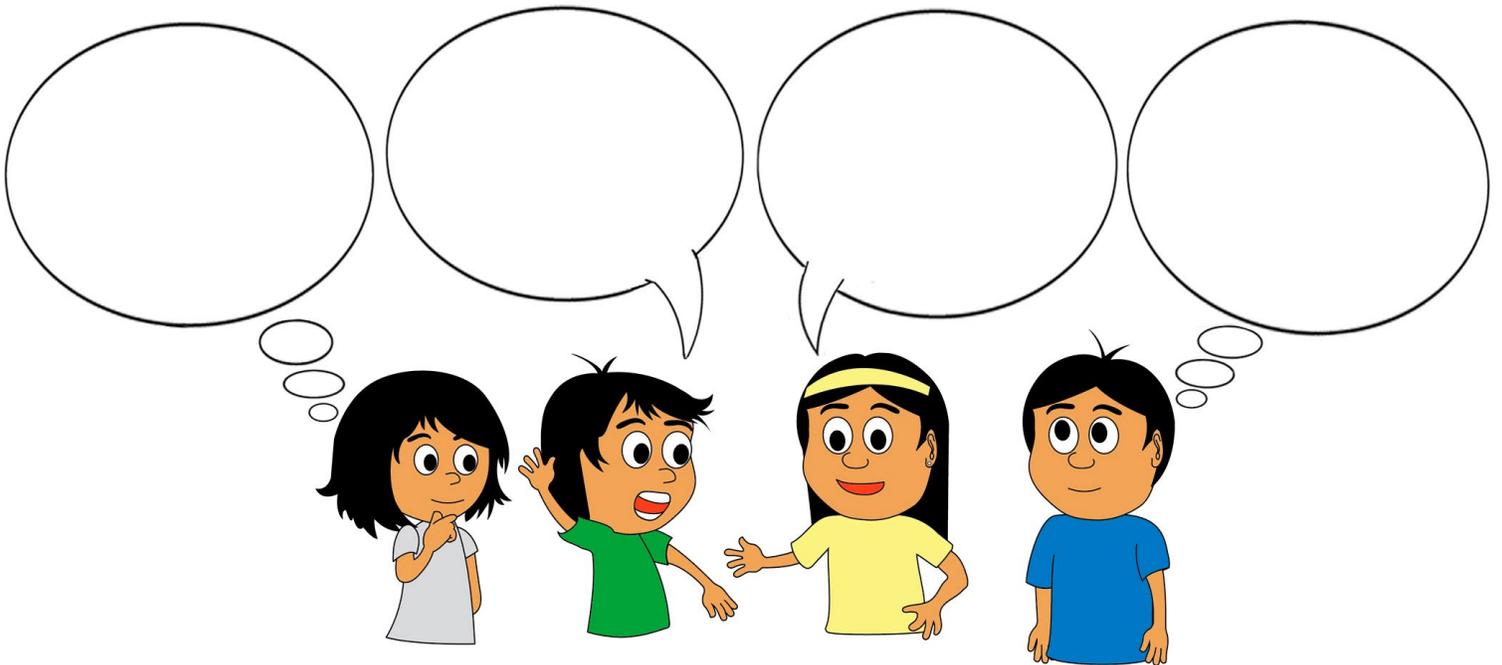
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A relationship made between two or more individuals or groups to achieve mutual benefit, or to reach a common goal.

Alliance

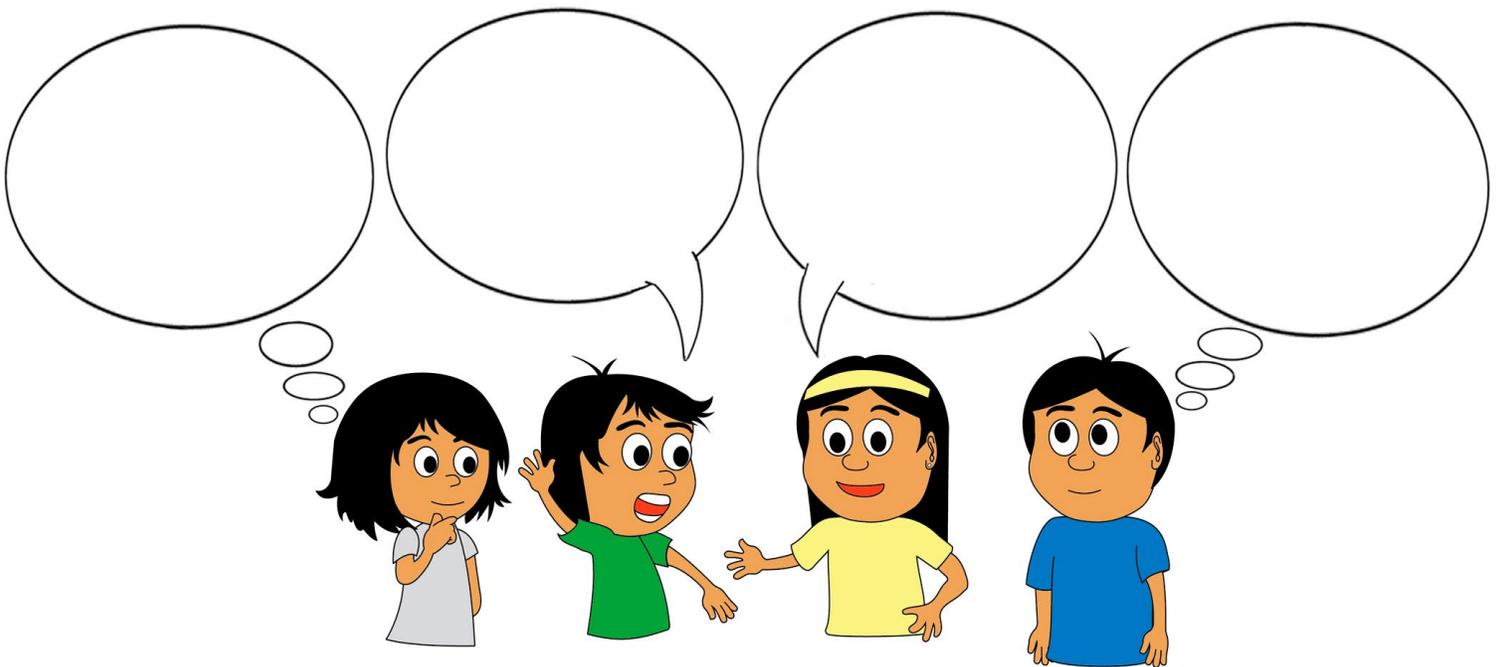
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Someone who signs a treaty as a representative of their family, community, or nation.

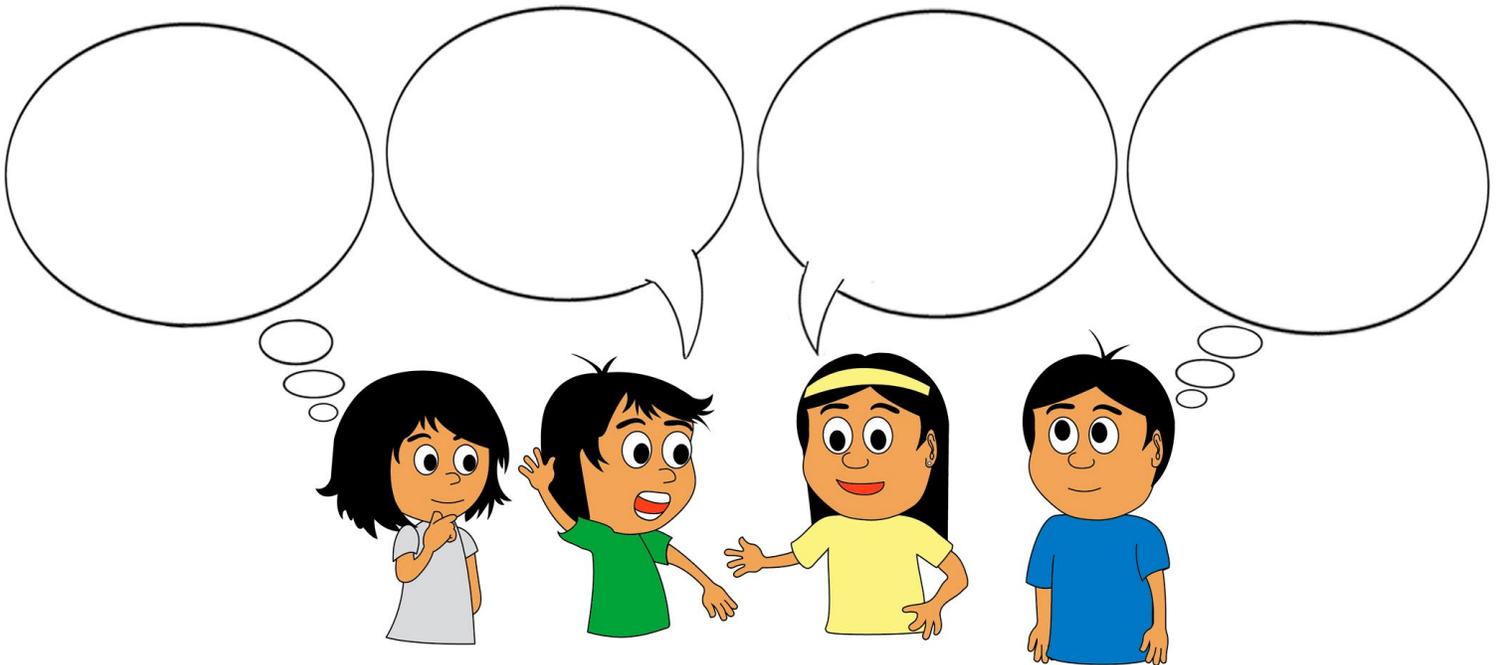
Signatory

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Right
Rights are things or ways of being that people are entitled to. Rights are protected, usually by law. For example, Canadians have the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to protect their rights. Treaties also protect rights.

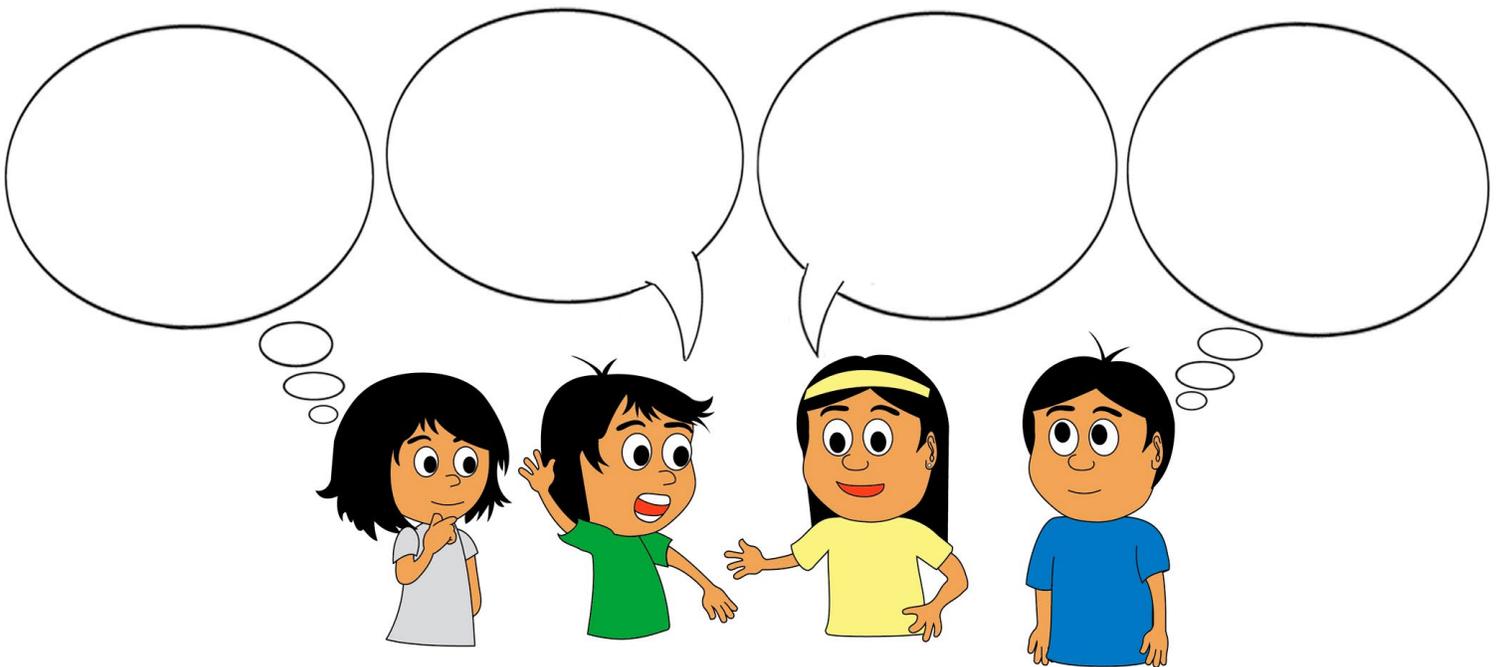
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Having a responsibility means having a duty to do something; it also means being accountable for performing that duty.

Responsibility

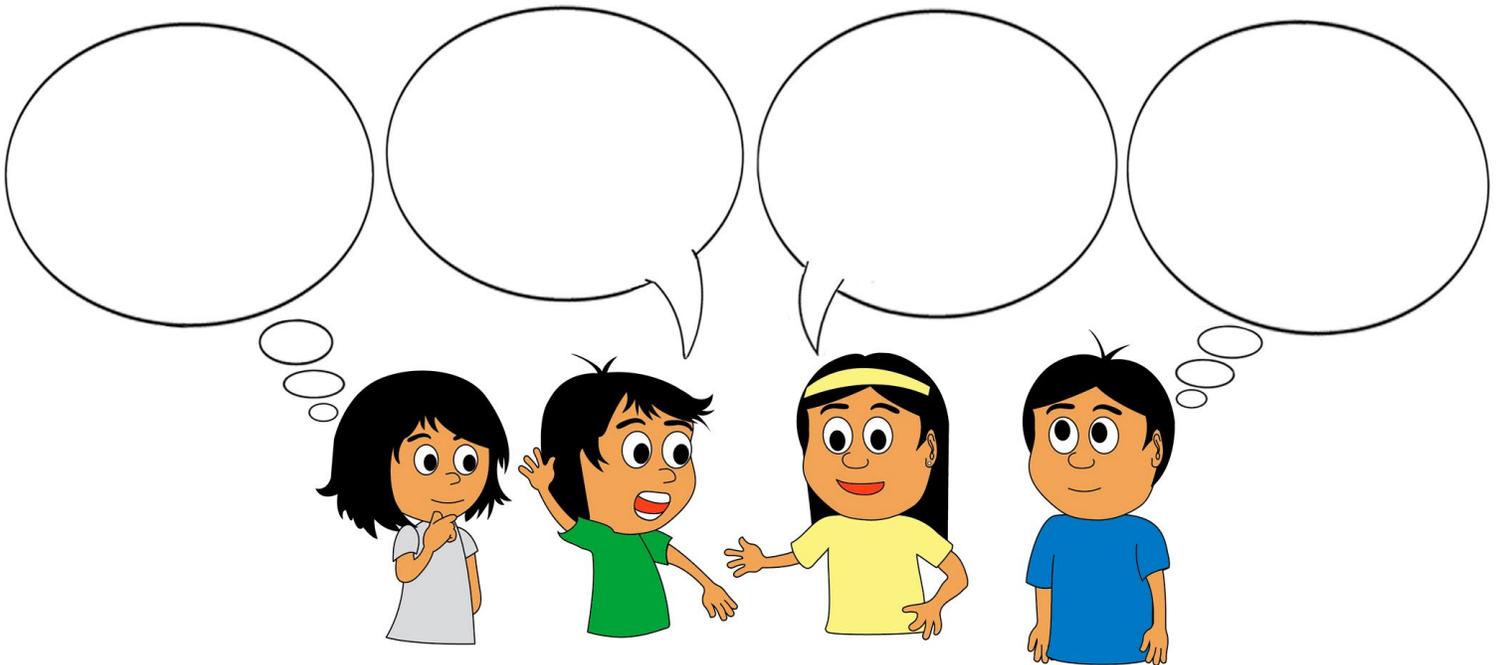
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Netukulimk is one of the most central values in Mi'kmaw life. Mi'kmaq practice sustainability by honouring all relations and living in balance with all creation. Mi'kmaq only ever take what they need. This allows them to support individual and community well-being without harming our diverse environment.

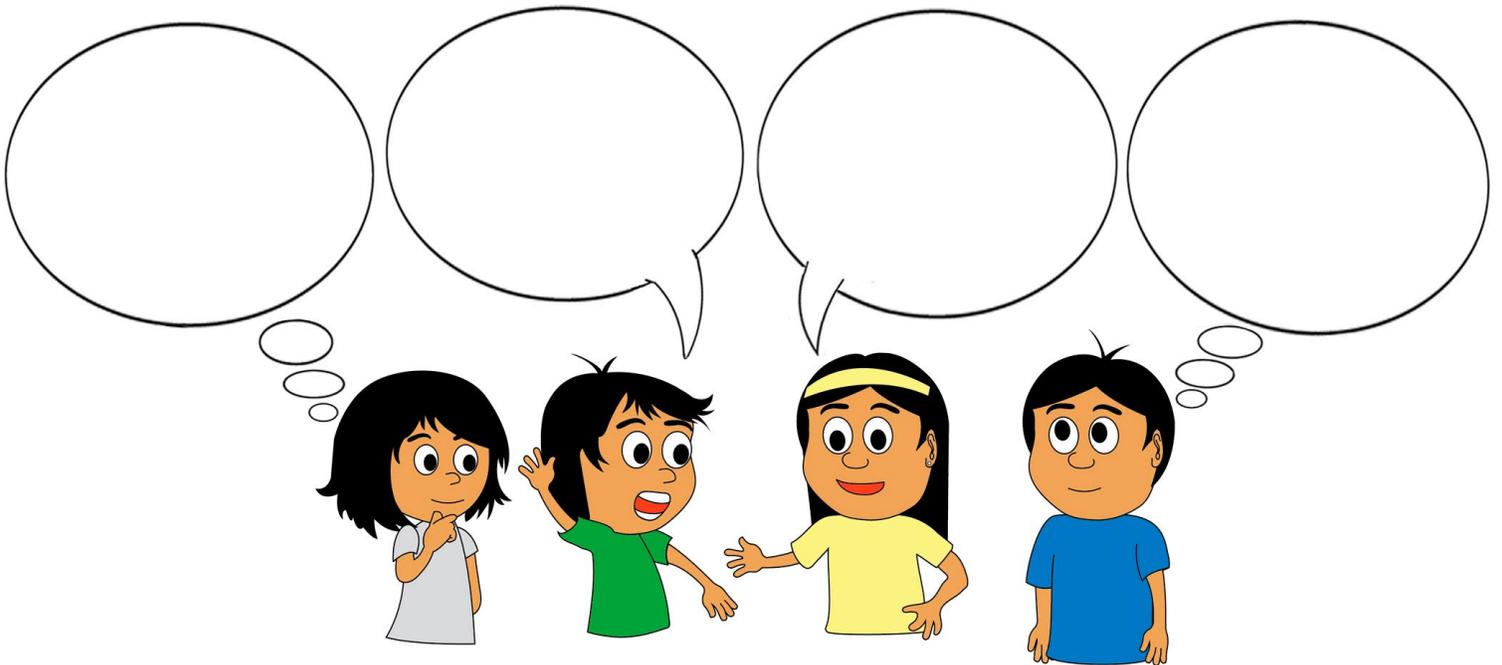
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Negotiation
Negotiation is communication between different parties who are working together to reach an agreement or resolve an issue. Negotiation often requires compromise. Oftentimes, negotiation is used to reach consensus.

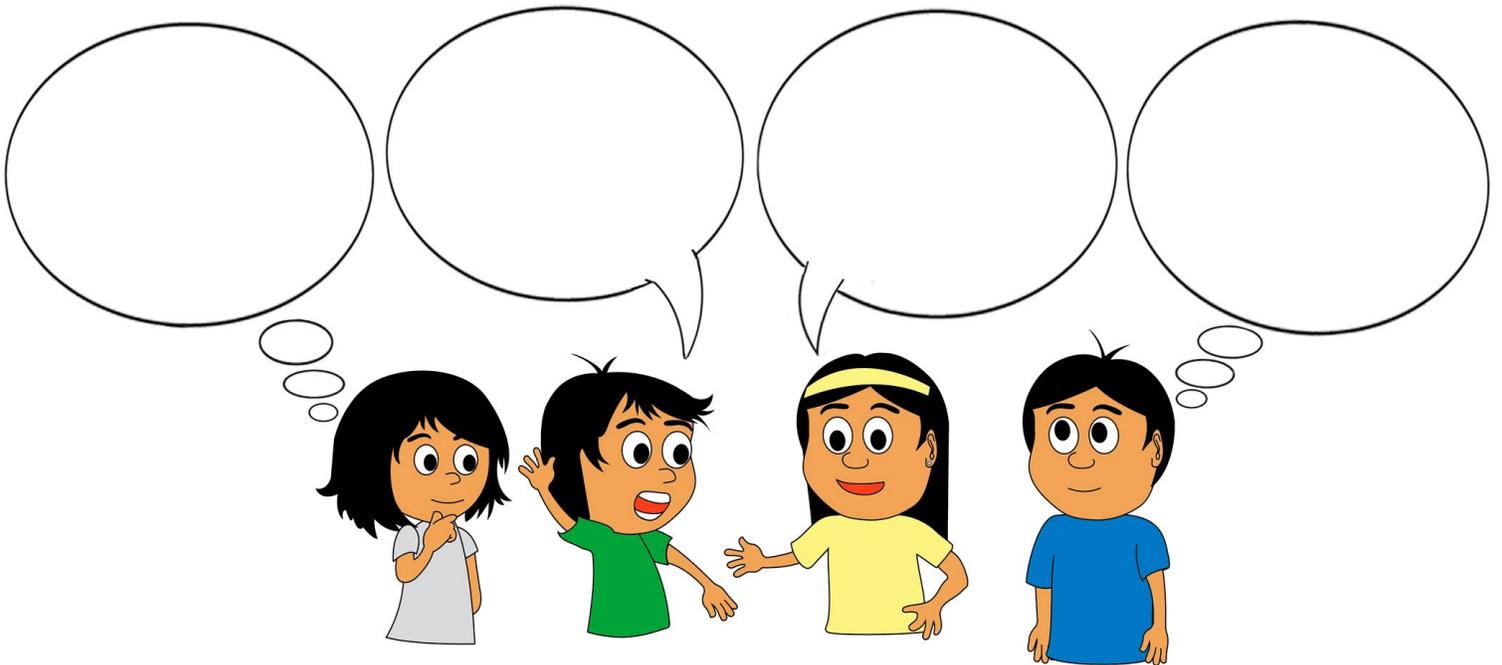
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Peace is a state of living in harmony with all beings. Agreeing on peace with other nations or parties means that there is no violence or war.

Peace

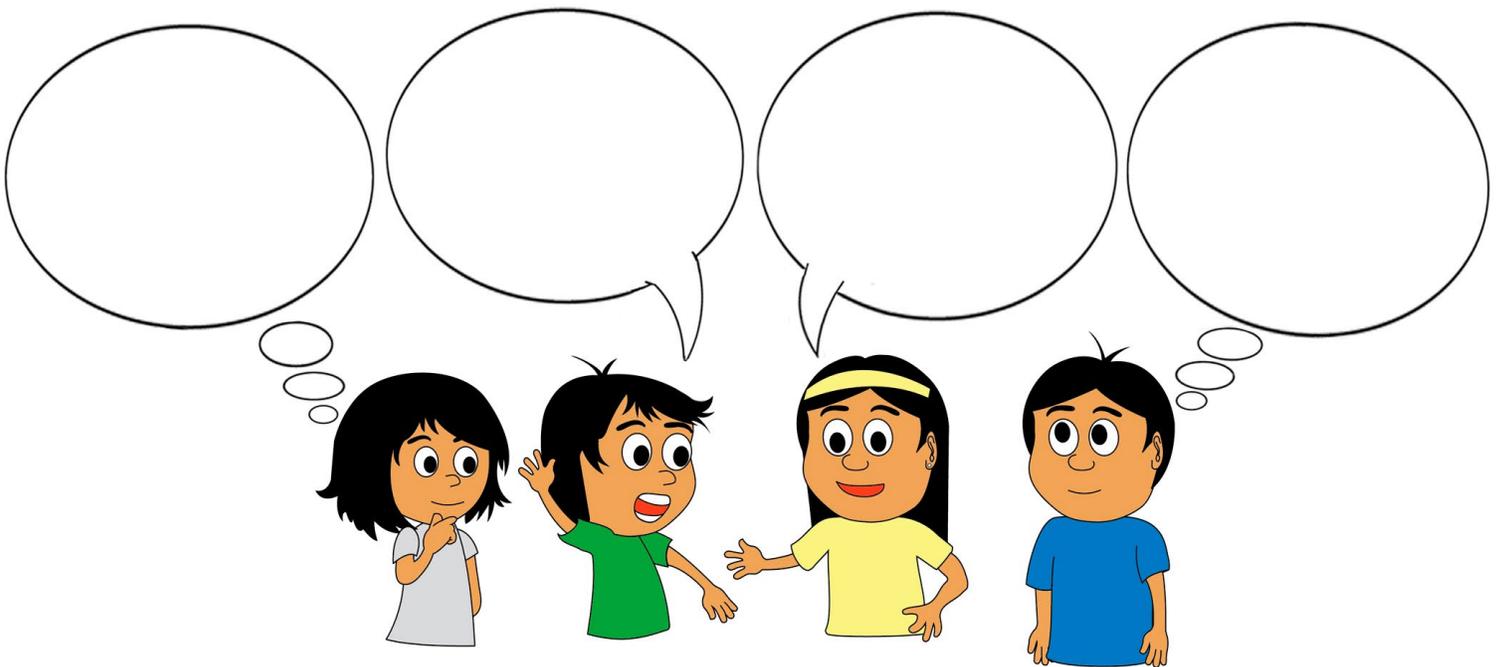
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A promise is an agreement to do something, or to not do something, no matter what. When we make promises, we assume that we will not break those promises.

Promise

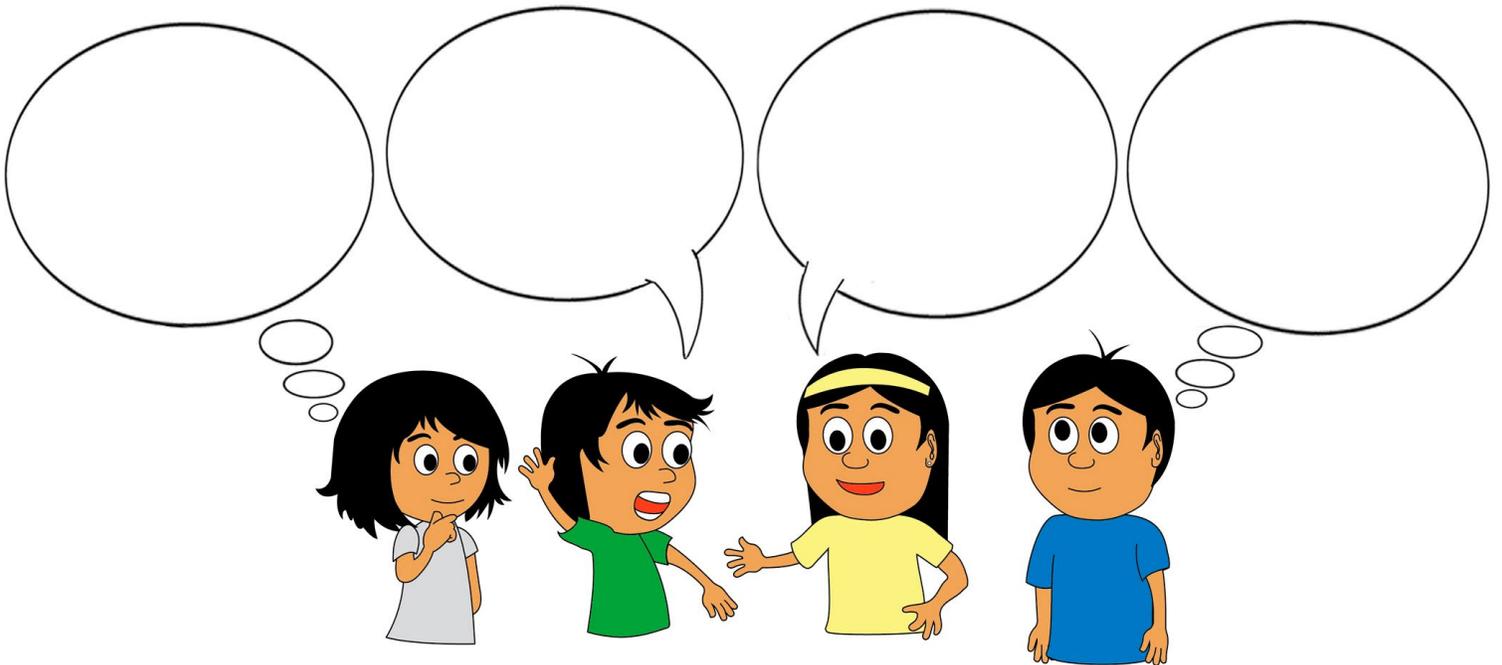
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Consensus is a way for a community, or nation, to make decisions. This means that a decision is reached that everyone agrees with. To reach a decision by consensus, the decision cannot be made without everyone's approval.

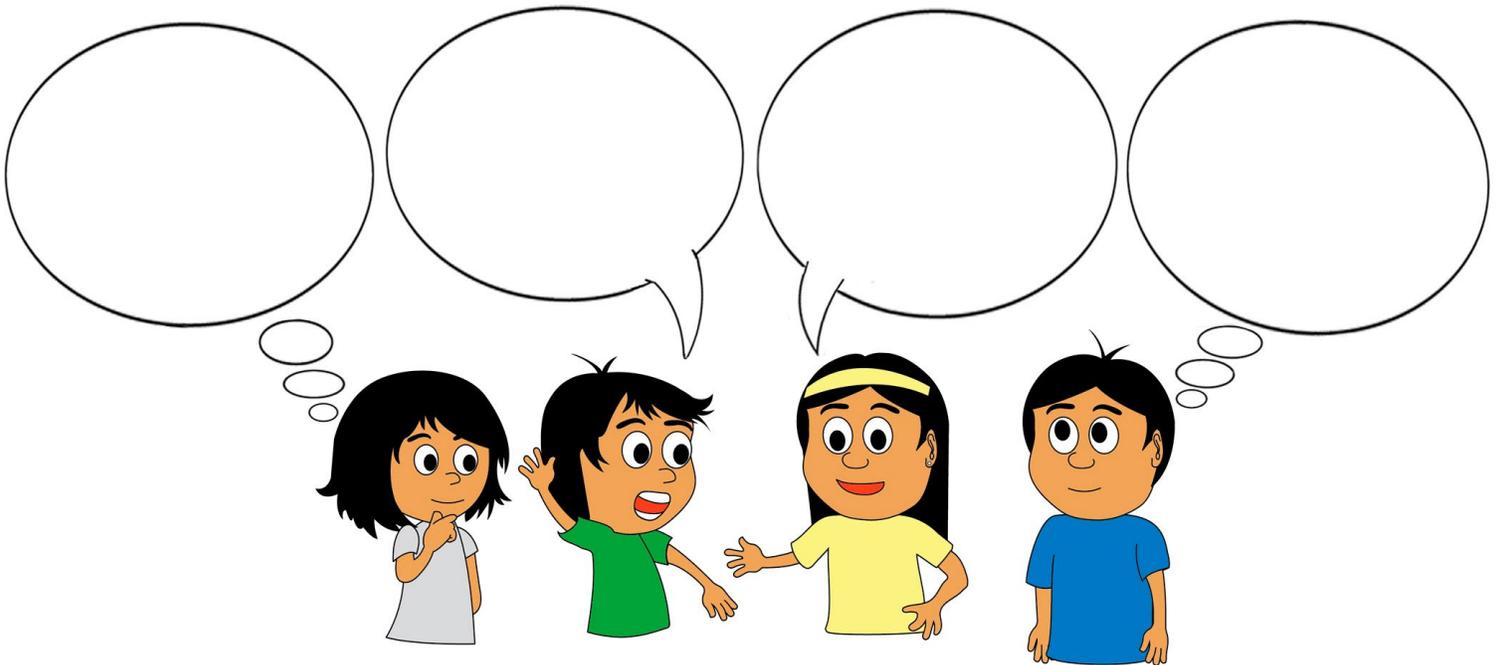
Consensus

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Ratification
Ratification is the process of making an agreement official. When a treaty is ratified, all parties have signed it, and have agreed formally to its terms.

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Msít No'kmaq

Msít No'kmaq is all of us who are related, not only our families, but all living people and things, and all that has been created. When we pray and/or when we think of them, then we are saying I love you, all my relations and I wish you all to be good and healthy.

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