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TO THE

Chinook Pictionary.



The Chinook Jargon is composed of words taken from the dialect spoken by the Indians of that name, who inhabited Chinook Point, north of Astoria, on the northern shore of the Columbia. Some words have been taken from the French and the English languages, and some others have been made by simply imitating an action, as: ho-ho, to vomit; ha-ha, to cough, or the noise of a cascade, the explosion of a gun, &c.