

### 3. Words to Know

<b>Aboriginal</b>	Refers to status Indian, non-status Indian, Metis, and Inuit peoples of Canada.
<b>Abuse</b>	A mistreatment of a person either physically, sexually, emotionally, or spiritually.”
<b>Access</b>	The time the children spend with the parent who does not have custody. When a child lives with one parent full-time, the other parent usually has access. This is called “Parent time” in a parental order.
<b>Acknowledge</b>	To accept.
<b>Assessment</b>	An appraisal or estimation.
<b>Assets</b>	Anything of value, such as money, property, or goods.
<b>Assimilation</b>	To be absorbed and incorporated. Minority groups are often assimilated into the dominant cultural group
<b>Assumption</b>	Anything taken for granted.
<b>Colonization</b>	The process of taking control of your lands, government, institutions and decisions and leaving you with few resources and dependant on others.
<b>Commitment</b>	A promise or guarantee.
<b>Consistency</b>	Uniformity, harmony.
<b>Custody</b>	Having “custody” of a child allows a parent to make the major decisions for the child such as the child’s education, religion and medical treatment and managing the child’s property.
<b>Enforce</b>	To compel by law.
<b>Guardianship</b>	The responsibility for making major decisions about the children, such as what kind of education, health care or religious training the children will receive, and how to manage anything the children own.
<b>Incompetent</b>	Unfit, unqualified or unable.
<b>Interim</b>	Temporary.

<b>Indian Act</b>	Government legislation passed in 1876 that gives the federal government authority over “Indians and Indian Lands”.
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Having the power to make decisions.
<b>Legal</b>	Authorized or allowable by law.
<b>Legislation</b>	The laws made by government.
<b>Mediation</b>	In mediation, you and the other parent work with a person who is specially trained to help you reach an agreement.
<b>Negotiate</b>	To discuss with or bargain to make a deal, or reach an arrangement.
<b>Nurturing</b>	The process of promoting the development of, raising or educating.
<b>Peace bond/ Restraining order</b>	An order made by a judge to protect one person from another.
<b>Premise</b>	An earlier statement that serves as the basis for an argument.
<b>Psychological</b>	Dealing with the mind, mental processes such as feelings, desires and thoughts.
<b>Reclaim</b>	To bring back, rebuild or restore.
<b>Separate Meetings</b>	A process that allows you and the other parent to reach an agreement. You and other parent do not meet face to face. A trained professional communicates between you.
<b>Strategies</b>	Plans or directions to achieve a certain objective.
<b>Trauma</b>	An emotional experience or shock that has a lasting effect.