

totem
 ['təʊtəm] *n*
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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

totem [totem totems] *BrE* ['təʊtəm] ¹ *NAmE* ['təʊtəm] ¹ *noun*

an animal or other natural object that is chosen and respected as a special symbol of a community or family, especially among Native Americans; an image of this animal, etc.

Derived Word ↑**totemic**

Word Origin:

mid 18th cent.: from Ojibwa (an Algonquian language) **nindoodem** 'my totem'.

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to·tem /'təʊtəm \$ 'təʊ-/ *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [countable]

[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** Ojibwa; **Origin:** ototeman 'his totem']

an animal, plant etc that is thought to have a special ↑**spiritual** connection with a particular tribe, especially in North America, or a figure made to look like the animal etc

—**totemic** /təʊ'temɪk \$ təʊ-/ *adjective*

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