The Comanche tribe is a group of Native Americans who live on the Great Plains of the United States. They were originally part of the Shoshone tribe of Wyoming. They broke away from the Shoshone around 1700 and migrated south. They lived in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado.

Comanche on horseback near a tipi

About the same time, the Comanche began using horses as an important part of their lifestyle. Horses allowed them to travel great distances quickly. Horses helped in hunting buffalo and attacking enemies.

The Comanche were hunters, hunting mostly buffalo, deer and bear. Men did almost all of the hunting, while women collected nuts, seeds and fruits. The Comanche were organized in small groups, called bands.

Comanches lived in tipis, which were tents made of hides. The tipis could be taken down for moving to new locations.

Today, about half of the 14,000 Comanche people live in Oklahoma. Other Comanches live in Texas, New Mexico and California.

Quanah Parker, chief of the Quajadi Comanche

Comanches on a buffalo hunt

Fill in the Blank

What tribe did the Comanche come from?

Shoshone

What is a tipi?

a tent made of hides

What animal helped the Comanche hunt buffalo and travel long distances?

the horse

What were small groups of Comanche called?

bands

Word Search

Circle each of the words on the list in the puzzle.
Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.

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B X G H B S I Y E Y S D J B O
W E U O V H W B C H O E A Y M
K N A S C K P U O R S E R V Z
T R J R O J E S U F W R Q X K
F J Q J M V H S B E Z K L A E
A D N D A O I Z R I Y F G Z T
K U A Z N C B N P O V T R M W
S C G E C U A I T I H I D E R
D C N K H O T M O F Z C G I W
N S Y D E D D G R J E E D W M
A B H Y S F O J C I U F A L X
B U B O L A F F U B E C Z F A
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BANDS   COMANCHE   HUNT
BEAR   DEER   SHOSHONE
BUFFALO   HIDE   TIPI
               HORSE