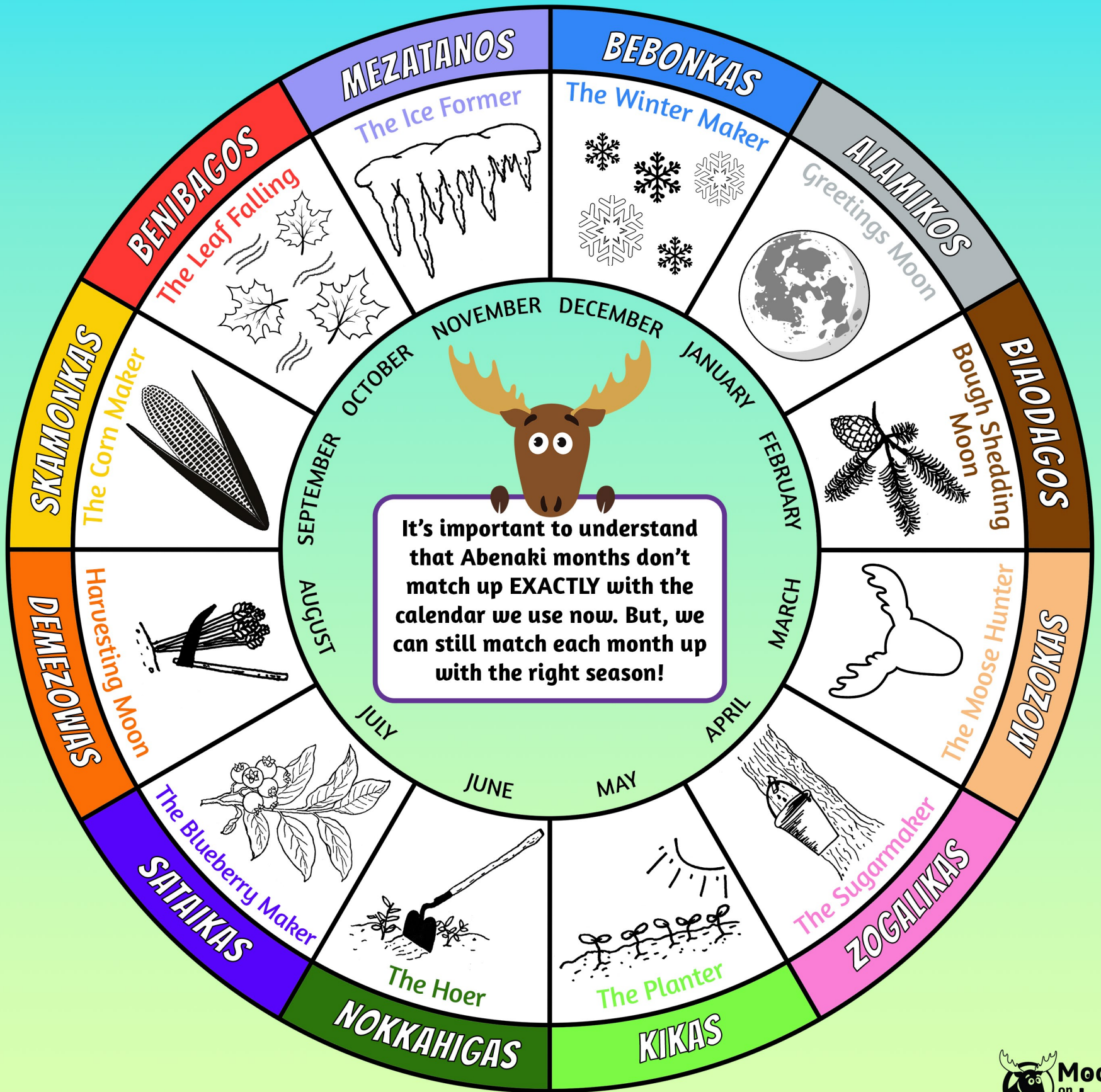


ABENAKI MONTHS OF THE YEAR

People in different parts of the world used to measure time in different ways. The Abenaki didn't use the same calendar as the Europeans did. Instead, they measured the year by the number of full moons and the changing seasons. The Abenaki named each time of year after the most important thing happening in nature or the most important activity they did. This helped the Abenaki plan for the future and understand what kind of weather to expect.



1. Which names of Abenaki months are clear to you? Which confuse you? Which surprise you? Why?
2. What activities that the Abenaki did are activities you still do? Which ones are different?
3. Why do you think that the Abenaki named their months this way? What does this say about their way of life?
4. Select one of our months from each season and rename them for your family's or community's activities. What are the new names? Why did you choose them?