

# STONE

ACE GEOLOGISTS SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, FOR MILLENNIA ALASKANS HAVE BEEN PROSPECTING FOR THE MOST SPECIAL ROCKS TO CRAFT INTO ESSENTIAL TOOLS.

**uyangaġ** (Unangam Tunuu)  
light, porous rock of compacted volcanic ash, or tuff, carved into lamps

**cheh chii** (Gwich'in)  
"water bottom stone"  
palm-size, stream-smoothed sandstone disks used as net sinkers

**s'oow ɣút'aa** (Tlingit)  
"greenstone one that chops"  
jade stone adze

**bak'dnaljagi qatnigi** (Dena'ina)  
"rock that is luminous inside"  
fine-grained, glassy stone, such as agate or chert, flaked into weapon tips and sharp-edged tools like knives and scrapers

**ivisaag** (Inupiaq)  
red ochre powdered for pigment to coat snowshoes and tool handles

**teggalqupiaq** (Yup'ik)  
dark stone, not broken when exposed to heat, used as a whetstone

**bests'ae** (Ahtna)  
volcanic glass, or obsidian, used for sharp-edged tools, spearpoints, and arrowheads

