## **My Message to Eagle Feather**

Before an Indian becomes a warrior, he must have a name. So he goes into the wilderness and the first thing he sees gives him his name: Little Bear, Dark Cloud, Sitting Bull, Big Snake etc. Remember when you were a young child and played Red Indians? Let's do it again: You are turning into an adult. Now turn around. Do it. What can you see? A modern picture perhaps? Three windows? An electric bulb? A chewing gum? A cactus on the window board? Snow on the roofs? The shining sun? A red sweater? A green pencil?

What have you noticed first? .....? So your name is from now on: .....!

And now you're going into the wilderness for the first time. After a week you "write" a "postcard" to your Indian parents. Do not use any Latin letters. Just use these Indian symbols. You may invent some more of them.

You are very happy to feel freedom. You are now living in the mountains. There is a bear around. But you feel strong enough to protect yourself. If the bear attacks, then you will fight. You like the weather because it's not too hot. A man with a horse crossed your path. He comes from the desert and returns to his village at the Red River. You think this man will be your best friend for many years to come. He is a good hunter. So you will never be hungry again. You always do your best and your parents would be proud of you.

