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The **Cree (Nêhiyawêwin/Nihithawîwin/Nêhinawêwin)** word for grandmother is koohkum (kô-khûm) and in **Michif** it is spelled koohkoom. The word for grandfather is mooshoom (moo-shûm). Koohkums are very important in Cree and Métis culture. They share in the duties of raising their grandchildren. They also share their knowledge with their grandchildren.

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