

A **harpoon** is a long [spear](#)-like [projectile](#) used in [fishing](#), [whaling](#), [sealing](#), and other [hunting](#) activities to shoot, kill, and capture large [fish](#) or [marine mammals](#) such as [seals](#), [sea cows](#) and [whales](#). This photograph shows two views of a 19th-century [Inuit](#) harpoon, known as an *unaaq* in [Inuktitut](#), from [Labrador](#) in present-day Canada.