The use of the terms Mi'kmaq and Mi'kmaw

- The word Mi'kmaq (ending in q) is a noun that means the people
- Mi'kmaq is the plural form of the singular word 'Mi'kmaw
- Because it is plural, the word Mi'kmaq always refers to more than one Mi'kmaw person or to the entire nation.

Examples:

- The Mi'kmaq have a rich history and culture. A Mi'kmaw came to see me.
- The Mi'kmaw nation