



Introductions / Greetings		my husband	ninaabem	She/he is funny	wawayadendaagozi	Look here.	Omaa inaabbin. (s) Omaa inaabig. (p)	Come again.	Miinawaa bii-izhaan.	The Learn to Speak Anishinaabemowin Placemat			
Hello	Boozhoo / Aaniin	a man (men)	inini(wag)	She/he is confused	giwashkweyendam	Speak louder.	Gizhiwen. (s) Gizhiweg. (p)	Thank you for coming.	Miigwech ebii-izhaayan.	• Put these our on your table. Grab a friend or two.			
How are you?	Aaniin Ezhiyaayan?	a woman(women)	ikwe(wag)	She/he is worried/preoccupied	ondamendam	Im thinking	Ni naanaagadwendam.	Thank you all for coming.	Miigwech ebii-izhaayeg.	• Look up words. Say something out loud.			
What's up?(familiar)	Zhigwa/Zhigo	a young woman (women)	oshkiniikwe(g)	She/he is lazy	gitimi	Let's try ____.	Gagwe-____-daa	Take a break.	Anweshinon.	• Ask questions. Say something back. Repeat.			
I am fine.	Ni-mino-ayaa	a boy (boys)	gwiiwizens(ag)	She/he is excited/hopeful	baapinakamigizi	Correct / right	gwayak	Locating Things		• Have fun, relax and don't be shy. You got this!			
And you?	Minawa giin? or, Giin dash?	leader/boss/chief/king	ogimaa	She/he is confident	miikwenimo	just for fun; just for nothing; not really; without purpose	anishaa	here	omaa	Pronunciation tips: short vowels: a "uh" bus - i "ih" sit - o "oh" book; long vowels: aa "ah" father - ii "ee" ski - oo "ooh" zoo - e "ay" day; Zh = like j in "je" in French. Other letters is self explanatory and easier than English!			
I am fine too.	Izhi ni-mino-ayaa	person	anishinaabe	She/he is kind/generous	gizhewaadizi	You learn fast (by observation)	gi-gizhii gikinawaabam	there	iwedi	place where ____ happens			
What is your name?	Aaniin ezhinikaazoyin?	lots of people	anishinaabekaa	she/he nervous	Ojaanimizi	that one in the distance	awaedi	this	owe	-wagamig			
My name is ____.	____ ndizihnikaaz.	white person(people)	moonyaa(g)	she/he is proud	Gitendam	Let's (all together) not worry.	Gego babaamendansiidaa.	that	iwe	in the same place	bezhigwanong		
Who (is the) clan you-belong-to?	Awenen doodem dibendaagoziyan?	everyone (all of a set of animate beings)	gakina awiya	she/he is silly	Moochowi	Don't (you) worry.	Gego babaamendanken.	that one here	wa'a	inside	biindig		
My clan is ____.	____ indoodem.	nobody / no one	gaawiin awiya	s/he is friendly, outgoing	jiiisinaawizi	a computer	mazinaabikiwebinigan	that one there	awe	inside of	biinjiya'ii		
I don't know my clan.	Gaawiin ningikenimaasiit nindoodeem.	sombody / anybody	awiya	he/she is shy/bashful	Agaji	a pencil	ozhibii'iganaak	from (she/he/they come from)	onjibaa	nearby	gwegwega'ii		
Where are you from?	Aandi wenjiyyan?	Personal Questions		What?	Wegonen?	a phone	Giigidowin	from (a certain place)	onji	on the floor	jiigya'ii		
I am from ____	____ nindoonejji.	Where did you grow up?	Aandi doodan nitaawigi	When?	Aanapii?	a dictionary	gichi-mazina'igan	from (trail or road comes from a certain place)	ondamon	can/should/must happen in the future	michisag		
Good afternoon	mino-ishkwa-	Where are you from?	Aandi wenjiyyin?	Where?	Aandi?	Welcome to Ojibwe immersion	Bindiigen izhi-anishinaabemo	from (he/she/they drives from a certain place)	onjibizo	middle of the room	naawisag		
Good evening	mino-onaagoshin	Where do you live?	Aandi ezhidaayin?	Why?	Aaniish wiin?	There is one rule:	Iwedi bezhig odaminon	from (wind from or get from a certain place)	ondin	downwards/below	niisiya'ii		
Good night	mino-dibikag	I live here.	Omaa nindayaa.	How?	Aaniin-izhi?	We do not speak English	Gaawiin giinawind zhaaganashimosi	from (smoke-like from a certain place)	ondaabate	at the front	niigaan		
It is a nice day	mino-giizhigad	Where do you work?	Aandi anokiin?	Who?	Awenen?	We begin.	Giinawind maajii.	from (string like from a certain place)	onjibizo	anywhere	bigo-imaa		
People		I work at ____.	Ni-anokiin imaa ____.	Who is that?	Awenen awe?	Who is starting?	Awenen wi-maagitood?	from (he/she/they drives from a certain place)	ondin	in between	ningoji		
I/me	niin	How old are you?	Annin endaso-biboongiziyan?	What is ____?	Wegonen-ayaa ____ ?	He/she speaks English.	Zhaaganashimoi.	from (wind from or get from a certain place)	ondin	at the back	nisawiya'ii		
Only/just me.	niineta	How many brothers do you have?	Gidayaawa ena osayenyan?	What is this?	Wegonen ayaa-owe	He/she speaks Ojibwe	Anishinaabemo.	from (a certain place)	onji	on top	odaanaang		
You	giin	How many sisters do you have?	Gidayaawa ena omisenyan?	What is that?	Wegonen ayaa-iwe	Don't [you all] speak english.	Gego Zhaaganashimosiidaa.	from (a certain place)	onji	on one side	ogijiya'ii		
They (singular he/she non-gender specific)	wiin	How many sisters do you have?	Gidayaawa ena omisenyan?	How much?	Aaniin minik?	Speak english.	Zhaaganashimoi.	from (smoke-like from a certain place)	onjibizo	under	opimeya'ii		
We (including you)	giinawind	How far away do you live?	Aniin gii-waasa-doodan babaamaadizi?	[statement] ?	____ na / ena?	Don't speak English.	Zhaaganashimoi.	from (string like from a certain place)	ondin	everwhere	zhiibaaya'ii		
We (excluding you)	niinawind	Who is your clan?	Awenen gi-doodem?	How do you say ____?	Aaniin izhi ikidon iwe (iyeh?)	He/she speaks Ojibwe	Anishinaabemo.	from (he/she/they drives from a certain place)	ondin	left	miziwe		
You (plural)	giinawaa	What is their(his/her) name?	Aniin ezhinkaazd?	Do you understand?	Ginisidotaan na?	Don't [you all] speak english.	Gego Zhaaganashimosiidaa.	from (thing comes from a certain place)	ondaadad	right	Namanjininj		
They (plural)	wiinawaa	What is your pets name?	Wegonen-aawi giin bami'aagaans wiinz?	Say it	Giigidon	Speak english.	Zhaaganashimoi.	to	Izhi	North	Gichininj		
my mom	nimaamama (ninge)	Do you like ____?	Giin ina minwenim ?	That's wrong.	Iwe-maaZHICHIGE	Don't speak English.	Zhaaganashimoi.	in (it is in)	biinde	East	Giiwedining		
my dad	nimbaabaa (noos)	What is your phone number?	Wegonen gigiigidowin?	That's right.	Iwe-gwayak	He/she speaks English.	Zhaaganashimoi.	out (it grows out)	zaagigin	South	Waabanong		
my grandfather	nimishoomis	_____ is my phone number.	Ningiigidowin owe ____.	Mistake.	Wani	Check your phone	Dibaabandan giigidowin	out (she/he/they takes out)	zaagizichige	West	Zhaawanong		
my grandmother	ningookom, nookomis	Feelings		I know.	ni-gikendan	I think/I believe ____	Ganabach ____	out (she/he/they carries things out)	zaagijiwijige	North-east	Ningaabiiwanong		
my older brother	nisaye			I don't know.	Aaniish-wiin	word / speaking	ikidowin	on (to get on a boat/vehicle)	boozi	South-west	Giiwedino-zhaawanong		
my older sister	nimise			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	Be quiet.	Bizaan.	on (to have on a body / wear)	gigishkan	north-west	Zhaawano-waabonang		
my younger sibling	nishiime			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	Basic statements	Gego giigidoken.	on (to have on a body / wear)	gigishkan	Time			
my relative	nindinawemaagan			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	I like ____.(it)	Niminwendaan	under (it)	anaamayi'ii	What time is it?	Aaniin endaso-o'clock		
my son	ningozis			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	I don't like ____ . (it)	Gaawiin niminwendasiin	far	waasa	What is one o'clock	Bezhigo-diba-iganeeyaa		
my daughter	nindaanis			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	She/he wants	andawendam	high (advanced into a time / high)	ishpi-	It is one o'clock			
my grandchild	noozhis			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	I am not [action]	Ni-____-sii.	high (it is high up)	ishpaa	It is ____ o'clock	insert: (niizhoo, niso, niiyo, naano, ningodwaaso, niizhwaso, nishwaaso, zhaanwaaso, zhaangaso, midaaso, ashi-bezhigo, ashi-niizhoo)-diba-iganeeyaa		
my great-grandchild	nindaanikoobijigan			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	You/you are	Giin.	high (make it high)	ishpaatoon	high (make it high)	gaawiin ____ -sii		
my great-grandparent	nindaanikoobijigan			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	You are not [action]	Gi-____-sii.	high (in the sky)	ishpagoojin	high (in the sky)	gaawiin ____ -sii		
my aunt (mother's sister)	nimaamaayens			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	She/he / She/He is.	Wiin.	high (status/office)	ishpaginzo	again	miinawaa	When does it start?	Aaniin apii maajiseg?
my aunt (father's sister)	ninzigos			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	He/she is (a certain thing or being)	Aawi.	high (intoxicated)	jiikaakizige	because	onji-____	When is it over?	Aaniin apii ishkwaaseg?
my uncle (mother's brother)	nizhishenzh			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	It is (in something)	Biinde.	low (it is low)	dabasaa	but (making an excuse)	betoo	immediately / right away	zhemaag
my uncle (father's brother)	nimishoomie			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	She/he is (in something).	Biinzo.	low (it is held in low esteem)	dabasendaagozi	but	aanawi	now	aazha
What is your father's name?	Aaniin ezhinkaazd gibaaabaa?			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	low (it hangs low)	dabasagoode	then (and then)	mii dash	then (thus)	miish	later	baamaa
Where is your grandfather from?	Aandi wenjiid gimishoomis?			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	high grass	apiitashkad	then (thus)	miish	before	jibwaa		
Where does your mother work?	Aandi enokiid gimaamaa?			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	low grass	dabasashkad	also	dago	almost	gegaa		
How many younger siblings do you have?	Aaniin minik gishiiameyag eyaawadwaa?			Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	on the wall	aasamisag	just/only	eta	after	bijinag		
my friend/companion	niijiwaagan	They love each other	zaagi'idiwig	Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	Me too.	geniin	going to	ando-	past	gabikoose / gibikoose		
my wife	niwiw	unconditional love	zhawenim	Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	See you next time	Giga-wabaamin api	starting to/ already/ now	aazha	after a while	baanima		
				Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	I'll be right back.	ni-omaai ishkweyaang bijiinag	underwater	anaamibiig	sometimes	ngoding		
				Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	I am going to the bathroom	Ninaazikan zaaga' amoowigamigong.	underneath	anaaming	always	bizhishig		
				Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	off to the side	bakeya'ii	off to the side	bakeya'ii	rarely	waawiikaa		
				Say that again?(not as polite)	Amanjisa, namanjisa	Don't [you] ____.	Gego ____-ken.	Don't [you] ____.	Gego ____-ken.	never	gaawiin wiika		



not yet	gaawiin mashi	Fall	Daagwaagin	store (hardare)	biijaabiko-adaawewigamig	she/he ate	gii-wiisini	Oh goodness.	Gesa.	giraffe	genwaabiigigwed	Let's slide.	Zhooshkwajiwedaa.	
soon	wiiba	Winter	Biboon	Places	stream / creek	ziibiins	she/he will eat	wii-wiisini	Oh really?	Geget ina?	goat	maanadikoshens	Let's visit.	Mawadishiwedaa.
each time	dasing	bar	minikwewigamig	town	oodena	they eat	wiisiniwig	Oh. Come on.	Dagasanaa.	golden eagle	giniw	Let's shop.	Ma'ishkamodaa.	
for a long time	ginwenzh	bathroom	zaaga'amoowigamig	Winnipeg	Winibiig	Eat. (you)	Wiisinin.	Unbelievable.	Onzaamakamig.	gopher(s)	memeookiwidoo(g)	Let's run.	Bimibatoodaa.	
long ago	mewinzh	bedroom/hotel	nibewigamig	workshop / Factory	anokiiwigamig	Eat. (you all)	Wiisinig.	So they say	Ikido'og	grasshopper	bapakine	Let's play.	Odaminodaa.	
again	miinawaa	Canada	zhaaganashiiwaki	Basic Descriptions	Wiihinidaa.	Let's eat (together).		Physical Characteristics		groundhog	gakakojiish	Let's swim.	Bagizodaa.	
at the time	apii	city	gichi-oodenaa	I drink	Niminikwe	I have black hair.	Niwiinizisan makadewaaawan.	grub/worm	moose	Let's walk.	Let's walk.	Let's dance.	Nimiidaa	
at that time(past)	ako	city centre	naawoodena	You drink	giminikwe	I have brown/blonde hair.	Niwiinizisan ozaawaawan.	horse fly	mizizaak	Canoeing	Bimishkaawin	A boat / canoe	jiimaan	
during	bekish	country / earth / moss	aki	She/he drinks	Minikwe.	I have white hair.	Niwiinizisan waabishkaawan.	housefly	oojii	Let's paddle or go around in a boat (nowhere specific)	babaamishkaadaa	Let's paddle or go around in a boat (to a certain place)	inakwazhiwedaa	
Until	biinish	crosswalk	aazhogekanaang	They drink.	Minikwewag.	I have red hair.	Niwiinizisan miskwaawan.	hummingbird	nenookaasi					
Today	noongom	farm / field / garden	gitigaan	She/he drank	Gii-minikwe.	I have short hair.	Nindakwaanikwe.	leech	zagaskwajime					
Tomorrow	waaban	forest (in the bush/woods)	noopiming	She/he will drink	Wii-minikwe.	I have long hair.	Ningenwaanikwe.	leopard frog	gidagimakakii					
Yesterday	bijinaago	forks (it (a river) forks)	niingidawitigweyaa	Drink. (you)	Minikwen.	I have brown eyes.	Ninshkiinzhigoon ozaawaawan.	lion/panther	mishibizhii					
Day before yesterday	awasinaago	highway	gichi-miikana	Drink. (you all)	Minikweg.	I have blue/green eyes.	Ninshkiinzhigoon ozhaawashkwaawan.	lizard	okaadiginebig(oog)	Counting		Count.	Agindaason. (s) Agindaasog. (p)	
a certain number of minutes	daso-diba'igaans	hill - big hill - it is a high hill)	ishpadinaa	Let's drink together.	Minikwe-daa.	I am tall.	Ninginooz.	loon	maang	1	bezhig			
one minute	bezhigo-diba'igaans	hill (it is a hill)	bikwadinaa	Can I have.	Daayan ena?	I am short.	Nindakooz.	martens	waabizhesi	2	niizh			
a certain number of hours	daso-diba'igan	hill (small hill - it is a small hill)	mangadinaa	restaurant	wiisiniwigamig	mosquito	monkey	nandookomeshiinh	3	niswi				
one hour	bezhigo-diba'igan	house	waakaa'igan, wiigwaam	more	nawaj	ant	monkey	nandookomeshiinh	4	niwin				
two hours	niizho-diba'igan	house (of brick or stone)	asinii-waakaal'igan	too / too much	onzaam	bat	mosquito	zagime	5	naanan				
one week	ningo-dwaate	island	minis	as much as	apiichi-	bee	enigoons	mouse	waabiganojii	6	ningodwaaswi			
Month (or Moon or Sun)	giizis	kitchen	jiibaakwewigamig	enough	de-	bison	apakaanaajii	muskrat(s)	wazhashk(wag)	7	niizhwaaswi			
a certain amoount of months	daso-giizis	lake	zaaga'igan	just a bit / it is small	agaasaa bakwem	food	mashkode-bizhiki / bizhiki	owl	gookooko'o	8	nishwaaswi			
one month	bezhigo-giizis	liquor store	ishkodewaab-adaawewigamig	gradually (more and more/ less and less)	eshkam	water	miijim	paintet turtle	waabigo gookooko'o	9	zhaangaswi			
year	gikinoonowin	map	akii-mazina'igan	Eating and Drinking	Pass me _____	a beer	blue Jay	partridge	miskwaadesi	10	midaaswi			
right now, at the moment	megwaa	market	adaawewigamig	a cup	Biidoon _____	tea (also leaves)	diindisi	buck deer	azhede	11-19	midaaswi shi _____ (ie. bezhig)			
every day	endaso giizhig	mountain	wajiw	a fork	desabiwin	bananas	bobcat	ayaabe	ogaans	20	niishtana			
I usually	Nitaan-	ocean / Lake Superior	gichigami	a spoon	adoopowinaak	cereal	biitewaaboo	butterfly	memengwaa	30	nisimidana			
How many times?	Aaniin dasing?	office	ozhibii'igewigamig	a knife	boozikinaagan	meat	biitewaaboo	canada Jay	gwiingwiishi	40	niimidana			
once	aabiding	park	akiikaan	How does it taste?	onaagan	bread / bannock / flour	blue Jay	caribou(s)	porcupine(s)	50	naanimidana			
twice	niizhing	pathway/road/way	Miikana	Aaniin epogwak?	minikwaai'gan	coffee	boozikinaagan	adik(wag)	gaag(ag)	60	ningodwaasomidana			
three times	nising	road - highway	gichi-miikana	It tastes good	Mino-pogwad.	eggs	makade-mashkikiwaabo	meat	puppy(ies)	70	niizhwaasomidana			
first	akawe	pharmacy	mashkiki-adaawewigamig	It tastes bad.	Maazhipogwad.	tomato	makade	cat	animoons(ag)	80	nishwaasomidana			
the second	eko-niizhing	prairie / clearing / plain	mashkode	It tastes burned	Jaagidewipogwad	-min	mashkode	boozheng	rabbit	90	zhaangasomidana			
the third	eko-nising	Reserve	ishkonigan	It tastes delicious	Wiingipogwad	blueberries	globular, berry-like	bison	raccoon(s)	100	ngodwaak			
January (elder moon)	Gichi giizis	restaurant	wiisiniwigamigong	It tastes salty	Zhiiwitaaganipogwad	strawberries	miinan	bizhiki	esiban(ag)	1000	ningodosagoons			
February (eagle moon)	Migizi giizis	river	ziibi	It tastes strange/unfamiliar	Mayagipogwad	apples	ode'iminan	chipmunk	gaakaabishiih	2000	niizhosagoons, nisosagoons, etc..			
March (goose moon)	Nika giizis	river	ziibi	I've already had enough to eat.	Mii aazha in-de-wiisin.	oranges	mishiiminag	chipmunk(s)	seagull	3000				
April (frog moon)	Omagagii giizis	river (across the)	agaami-zzibi	I'm going to fill my water bottle.	Ni wimoozhkinatoon.	wild rice	ozaawijiminaq	crayfish/crab	gayaashk	etc..				
May (egg laying moon)	Wanwano giizis	river (by a river)	jiigi-zzibi	s/he eats it	omijjin	corn	manoomin	crane	maanishtaanh(ag)					
June (egg hatching moon)	Bashkanowi giizis	river (narrow - it (a river) narrows)	agaasadetigweyaa	s/he wants it	onandawendaan	jam	baashkiminiqagan	crayfish/crab	skunk					
July (berry moon)	Minishi giizis	river (on the other side of a body of water)	agaaming	I eat	niwiisins	carrots	okaadaakwag	crow	zhigaag					
August (wild rice moon)	Manoomini giizis	river (wide - it (a river) is wide)	mangitigweyaa	I will eat	niwii-wiisin	potatoes	opiini	deer	zhezhegowaabik					
September (fall moon)	Dagwaagi giizis	road	miikana	I will eat elsewhere	niwii-awi-wiisin	milk	doodooshaabo	deer fly	memengwaa					
October (Migrating moon)	Bimaamowad giizis	road with a bike lane	mino-miikana (lit. a good road)	I am "gonna" eat elsewhere.	niwii-o-wiisin	butter	ozaawo-bimide	dinosaur(s)	owabizii					
It is Monday	Nitam-Anokii-Giizhigan	school	gikinoo'amaadiiwigamig	I will eat at home. (if already elsewhere)	Niwi-wiisin endaayaan	mushrooms	wazhaskwedowag	dog	sunfish					
It is Tuesday	Niielho-Giizhigan	she/he is at home	abi	I am hungry.	nimbakade	salt	zhiiwitaagan	dragonfly(ies)	agwadaashi					
It is Wednesday	Aabitawise	sidewalk	bemoseng	I am very hungry.	ningichi-bakade	sugar	ziiinzaakwad	duck	misajidamoo					
It is Thursday	Niiyo-Giizhigan	sky	giizhig	You eat	giwiisin	pepper	wiisakwad	elephant	gije					
It is Friday	Naano-Giizhigan	store	adaawewigamig	she/he eats	wiisini	juice	zhiwaabo	elk	omashkooz					
It is Saturday	Jibwaa-Anami'e-Giizhigan	store (grocery)	wiisini-adaawewigamig	Give me _____.	_____ miinishin.	soup	naboob	fawn	woodchuck					
It is Sunday	Anami'e-Giizhigan	Zigwan				menu	wiisiniin mazanaa'igan	fish	makokoiji					
Spring						she/he eats	wiisini	fisher	oijiig					
Summer	Niibin					Exclamations.		fly	oojii					
						Come on.	Ambe.	fox	waagosh					
						How amazing.	Maamakaach.	frog	omagakii					

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