Niiyaw Owe!
This is My Body!

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These resources will help to wake up Ojibwe within ourselves.

How to use this book

There are three different versions of each sentence as described below:

1. English translation
2. Ojibwe translation
3. Simplified phonetic pronunciation of Ojibwe translation

The **bold** letters in *italics* need to be spoken just slightly longer than the other syllables.
Niiyaw owe. Nee-yow oe-weh.

This is my body.
This is my head.
These are my eyes.

Nishkiinzhiigoon onowe.
*Nish-keen-zhi-goon oe-noe-weh.*
Nitawagan onowe.
Nih-tow-wuh-gun oe-noe-weh.

These are my ears.
Injaan owe. *In-jawn oe-weh.*
This is my nose.
Indoon owe.
*Indoon oe-weh.*

This is my mouth.
These are my arms.
Ninikan onowe.
Nih-nih-kun oe-noe-weh.
Nininjiin onowe.
*Nih-nin-jeen oe-noe-weh.*

These are my hands.
Nininjiinsan onowe.
Nih-nin-jeen-sun oe-noe-weh.

These are my fingers.
Nimisat owe.
*Nih-mih-sut oe-weh.*

This is my stomach.
Nipikwan owe.
*Nih-pih-kwun oe-weh.*
This is my back.
Nikaadan onowe.
*Nih-kaw-dun oe-noe-weh.*

These are my legs.
Nizidan onowe. 
*Nih-zih-dun oe-noe-weh.*

These are my feet.
These are my toes.

Nizidensan onowe.
Nih-zih-den-sun oe-noe-weh.
These are my toes.
Niiyaw owe. Nee-yow oe-weh!

This is my body!
This book shows the various parts of the human body.

A critical step to improving the vitality of Anishinaabemowin is to increase the sounds transferring from the parent to the child at an early age. This book is designed to allow both speakers and non-speakers the ability to pass the Ojibwe language onto their youth. The translations and simplified phonetic pronunciations in the book give parents the ability to practice and to read this book to their children in Anishinaabemowin.

The Rainy River District area is undergoing an effort to put Anishinaabemowin back into the homes of the Anishinaabeg. Anishinaabemodaa – Let’s speak Ojibwe, is the Ontario Ministry of Education sponsored partnership between the Rainy River District School Board, SayITFirst and 7 Generations Education Institute with support of the ten area Anishinaabe Nations to help Wake Up Ojibwe within individuals in our community.

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