

Gaa-nanepaadizii

Animate Book of Opposites

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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:

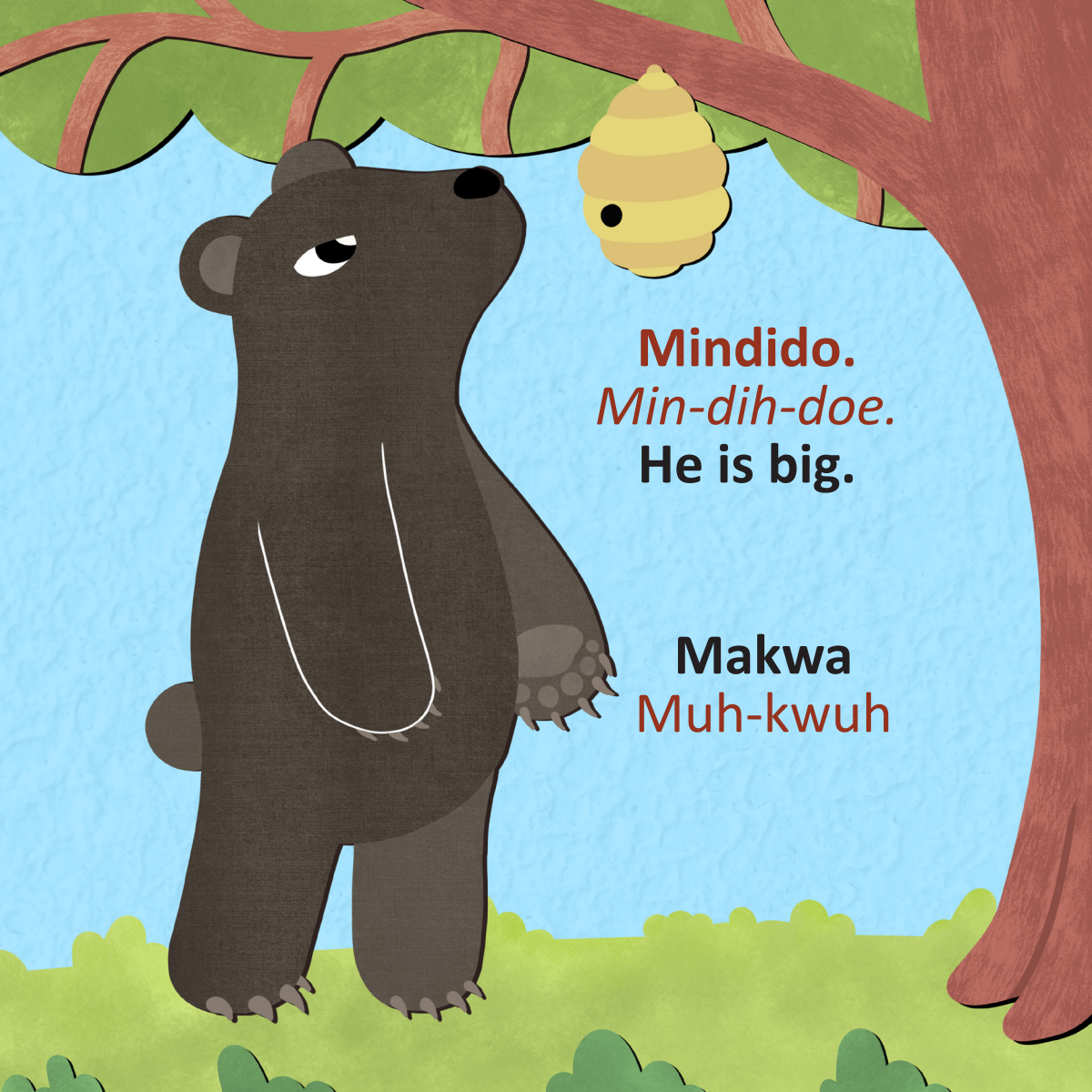
1. English translation

2. Ojibwe translation

3. Simplified phonetic pronunciation of Ojibwe translation

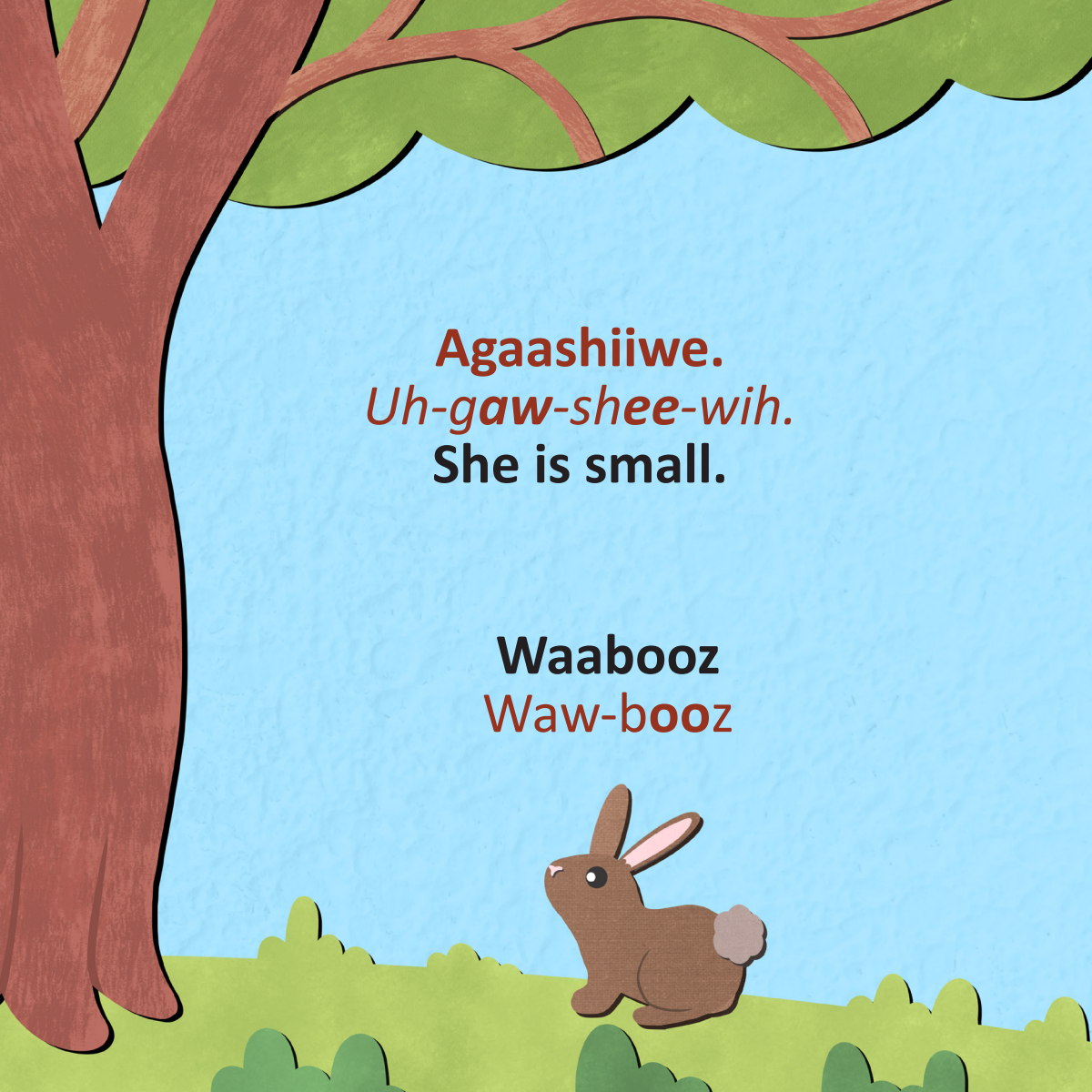
The **bold** letters in **italics** need to be spoken just slightly longer than the other syllables.

With Anishinaabemowin verbs used in this book, he and she can be changed depending on the gender.



Mindido.
Min-dih-doe.
He is big.

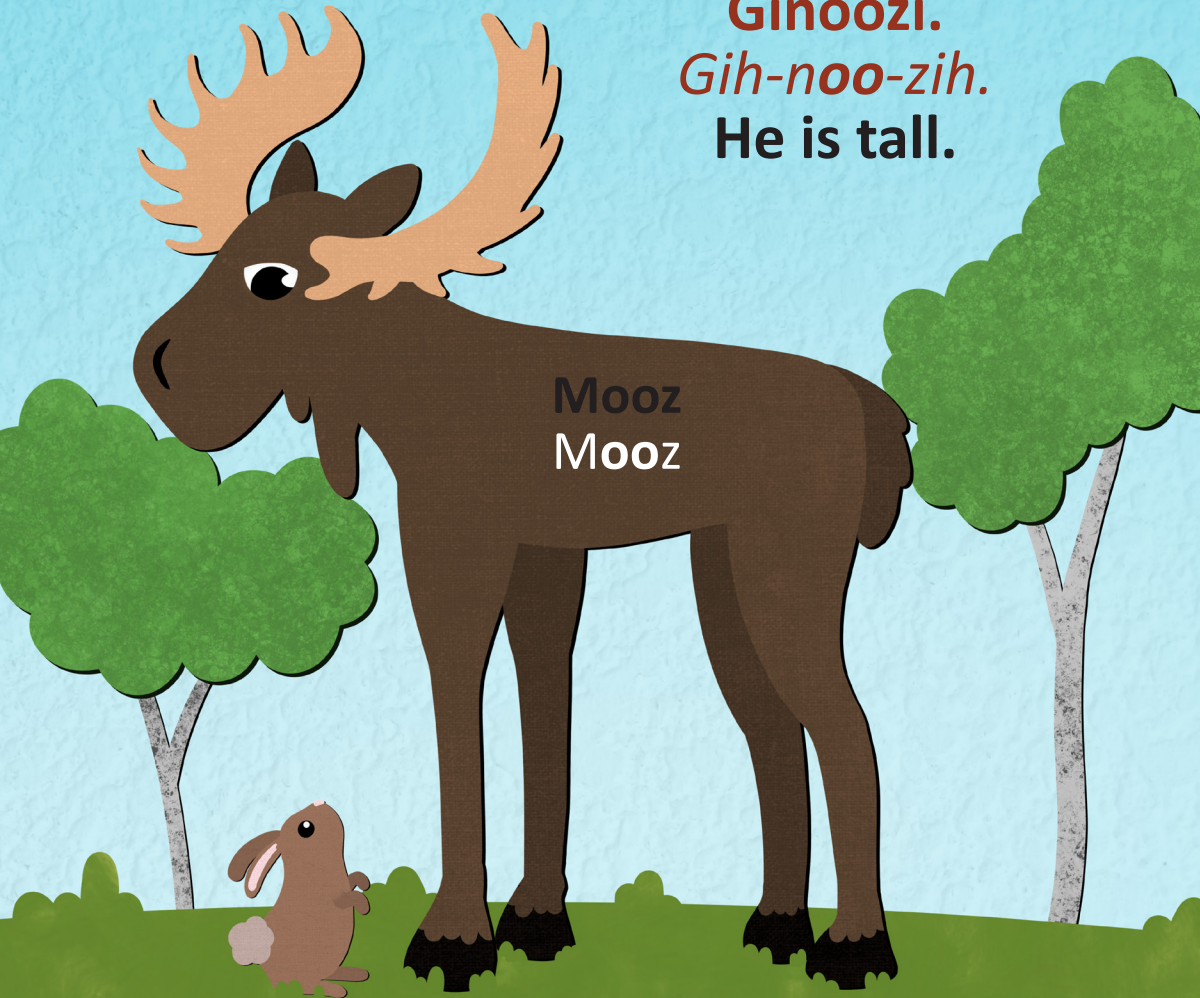
Makwa
Muh-kwuh




Agaashiiwe.
Uh-gaw-shee-wih.
She is small.

Waabooz
Waw-booz


Ginoozi.
Gih-noo-zih.
He is tall.





Dakoozi.
Duh-koo-zih.
She is short.

Moozoons
Moo-zoons

A black dog with a blue collar and a brown leash is shown in profile, barking with its mouth wide open. Red lines radiate from its mouth, indicating the sound of its bark. The dog is standing on a green grassy field. In the background, there is a large brown tree with green foliage. An owl is perched on a branch of the tree, looking towards the dog. The sky is a light tan color with a few white clouds.

Ombiigizi.
Ohm-bee-gih-zih.
He is loud.

Animosh
Uh-nih-moshe

Bizaanizi.
Bih-zaw-nih-zih.
She is quiet.



Gaazhagens
Gaw-zhuh-gens

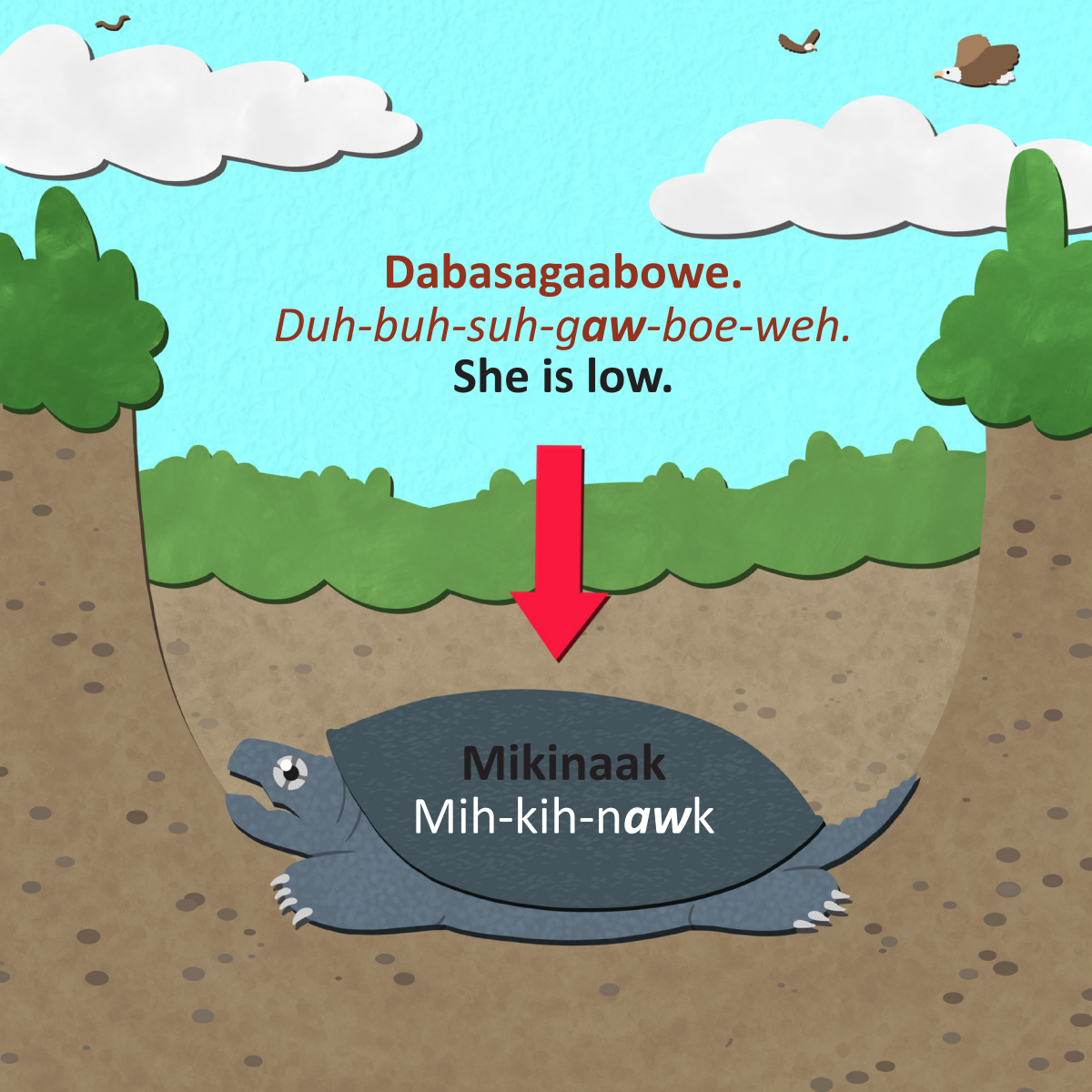
Migizi Mih-gih-zih



Ishpagozi
(perched).
Ish-puh-goe-zih.
He is high.

Ishpawishi
(flying).
Ish-puh-wih-shih.





Dabasagaabowe.
Duh-buh-suh-gaw-boe-weh.
She is low.

Mikinaak
Mih-kih-nawk

Gizhizo.
Gih-zhih-zoe.
She is hot.



Mindimooyenh *Min-dih-moo-ye*


Giikaji.
Gee-kuh-jih.
She is cold.



Niisaaki'e.
Nee-saw-kih-eh.
He is going down a hill.



Ginebig
Gih-neh-big



Ogidaaki'e.
Oe-gih-daw-kih'-eh.
She is going up a hill.

Waagosh
Waw-goshe

Goshkozi.
Goshe-koe-zih.
She is awake.



Ikwe
Ik-weh

Nibaa.
Nih-baw.
She is sleeping.



This book explores opposites in terms of animate intransitive verbs (for example, he or she is big/small).

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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