



Nanepaaji'iwina

Inanimate 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

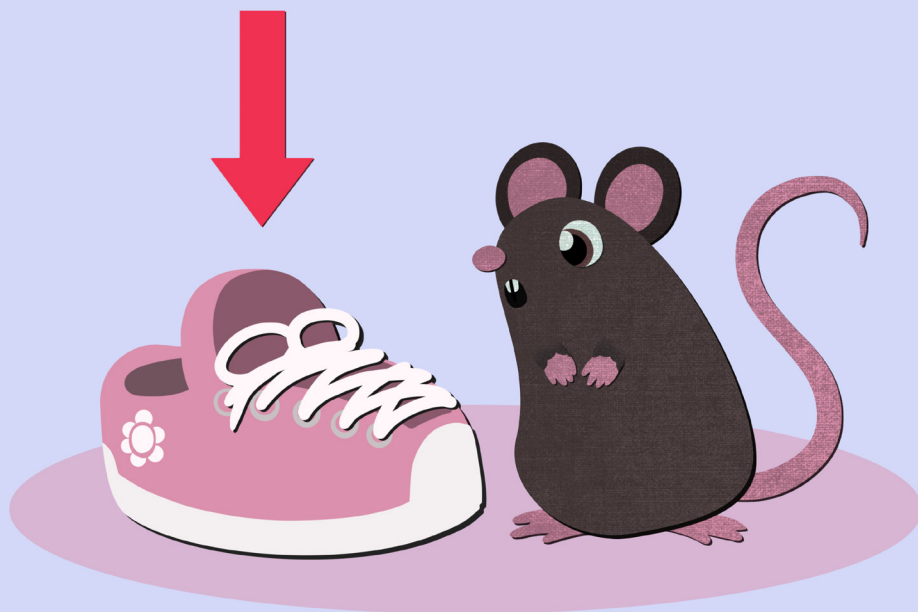
3. Simplified phonetic pronunciation of Ojibwe translation

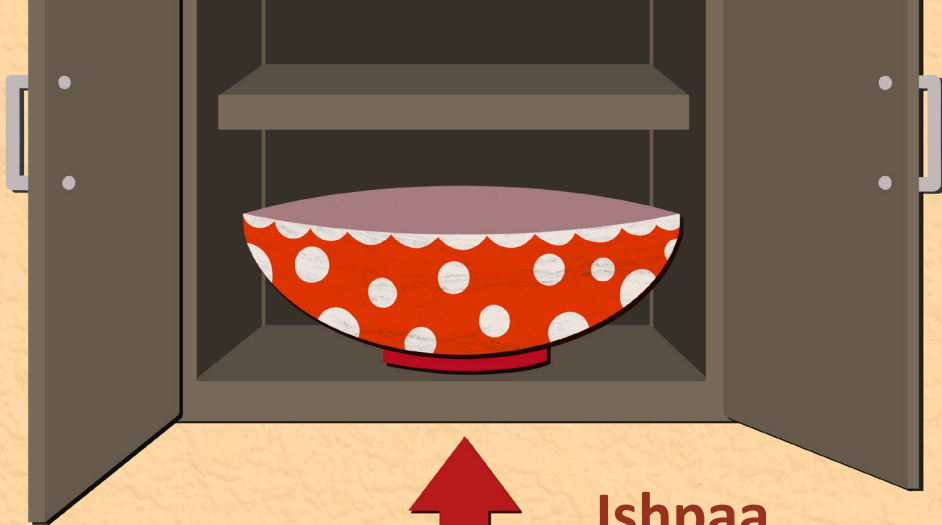
The **bold** letters in ***italics*** need to be spoken just slightly longer than the other syllables.

Michaa.
Mih-chaw.
It is big.

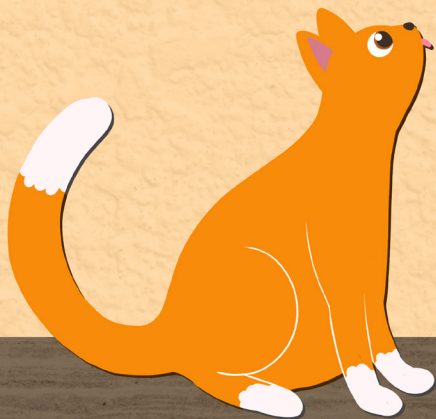


It is small.
Agaasin.
Uh-gaw-sin.





Ishpaa.
Ish-paw.
It is high.





Dabasaa.
Duh-buh-saw.
It is low.



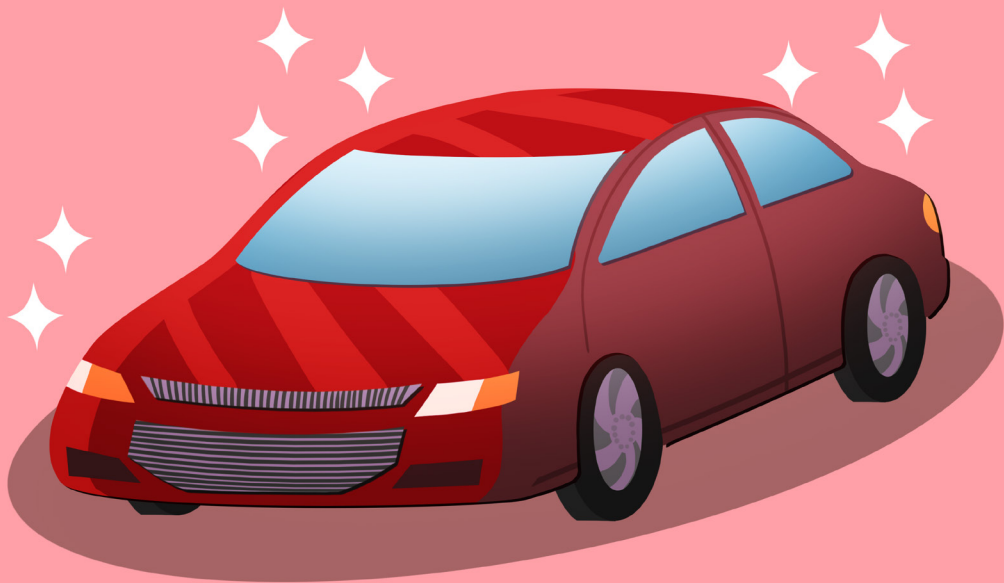
Gizhaagamide.
Gih-zhaw-guh-mih-deh.
It is hot.



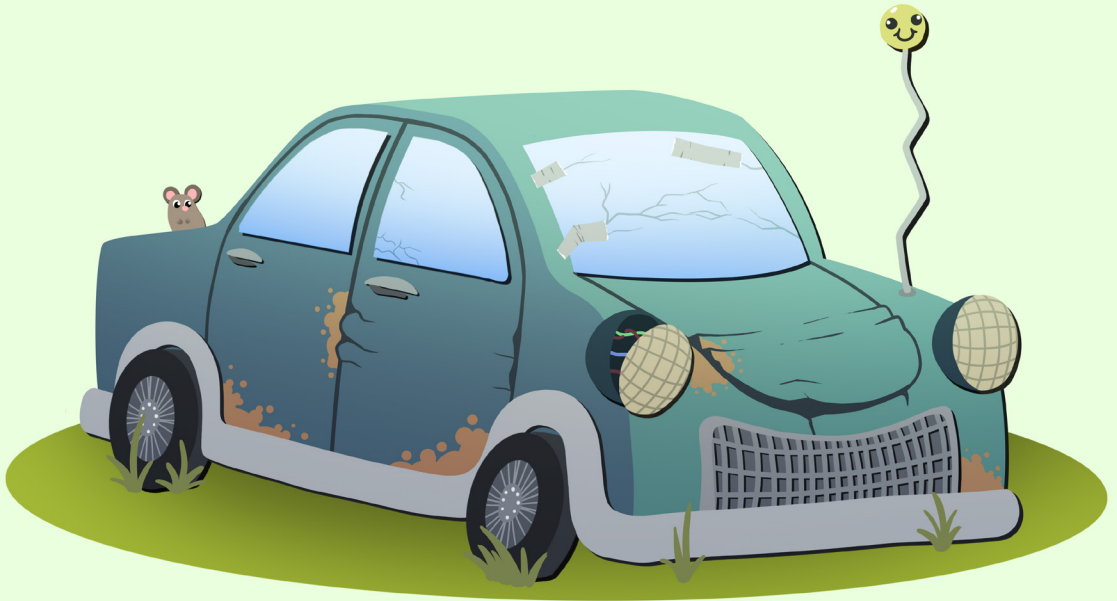
Dakiigamin.
Duh-kee-guh-min.
It is cold.



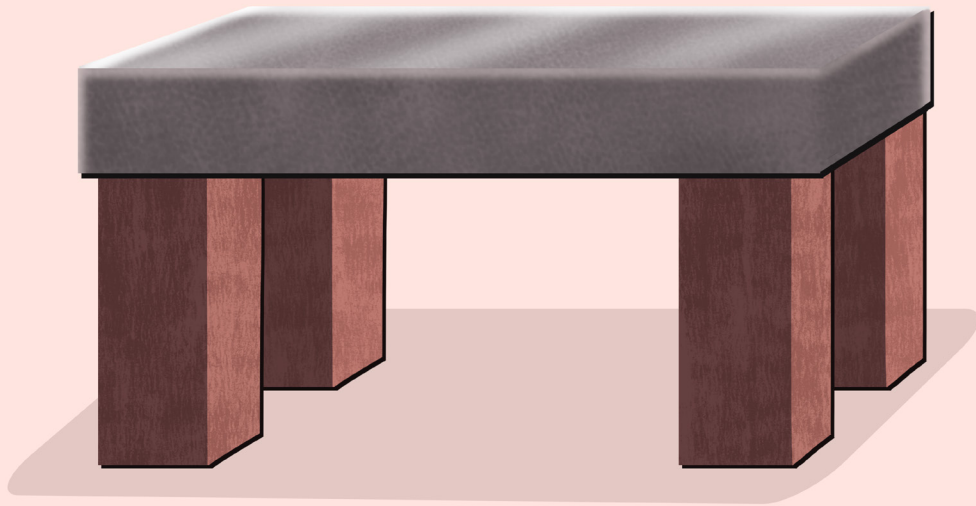
Onishishin.
Oe-nih-shih-shin.
It is beautiful.



Maanaadad.
Maw-naw-dud.
It is ugly.



Mashkawaa.
Mush-kuh-waw.
It is strong.



Wakewan.
Wuh-keh-wun.
It is weak.



A large, white, crescent-shaped moon with several grey spots is the central focus. A small, brown mouse with a pink nose and a long, pink tail is curled up and sleeping on the rightmost tip of the moon. The background is a dark navy blue, filled with numerous white, four-pointed stars of varying sizes. The text is positioned in the center-right area, within the dark space between the moon and the stars.

Dibikad.
Dih-bih-kud.
It is night.

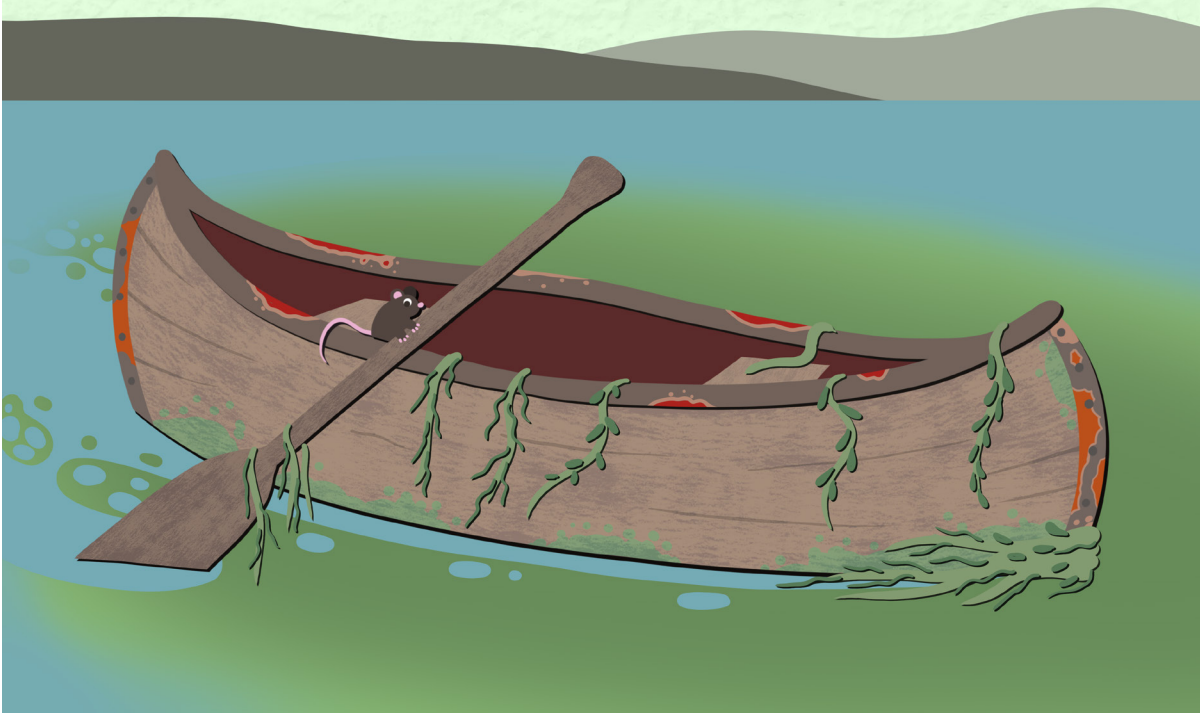
Giizhigad.
Gee-zhih-gud.
It is day.




Biinad.
Bee-nud.
It is clean.



Wiinad.
Wee-nud.
It is dirty.

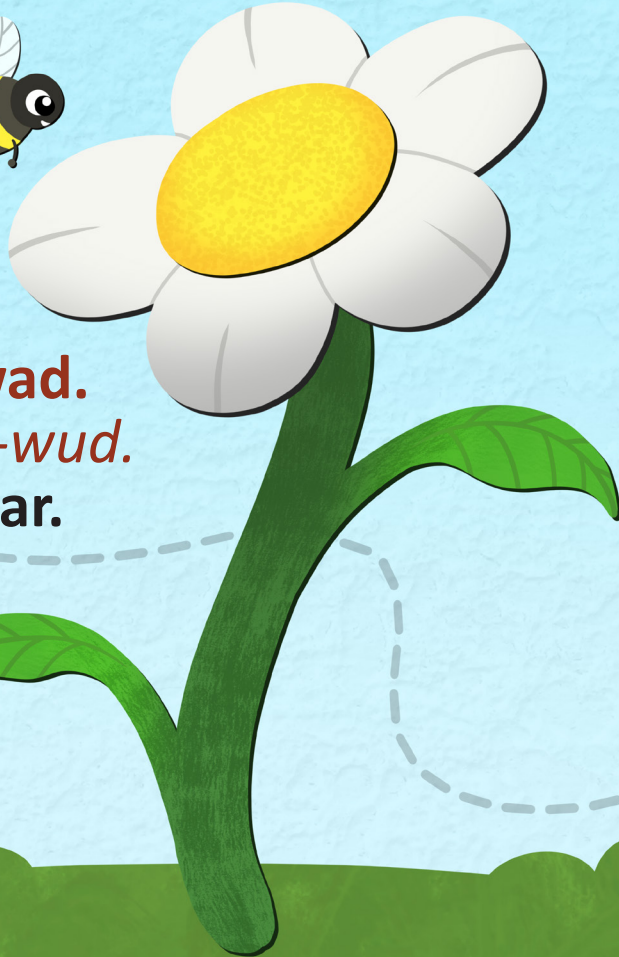




Tipaabawe.
Tih-paw-buh-weh.
It is wet.

Baate.
Baw-te.
It is dry.





Beshowad.
Beh-shoe-wud.
It is near.

Waasawad.
Waw-suh-wud.
It is far.



This book explores opposites in terms of inanimate intransitive verbs (for example, it 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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