**Ambeyok!**  
Come on!

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**Ambeyok gakina gizhibaabidaa, gizhibaabidaa.   
Ambeyok gakina gizhibaabidaa, gizhibaabidaa noongom.**Come on everyone let’s go in a circle, go in a circle.   
Come on everyone let’s go in a circle, go in a circle today.

*\*switch directions\**

**Ambeyok gakina gizhibaabidaa, gizhibaabidaa.   
Ambeyok gakina gizhibaabidaa, gizhibaabidaa noongom.**Come on everyone let’s go in a circle, go in a circle.   
Come on everyone let’s go in a circle, go in a circle today.

**Ambeyok gakina pasininjii’odizog, pasininjii’odizog.   
Ambeyok gakina pasininjii’odizog, pasininjii’odizog noongom.**Come on everyone you all clap your hands, clap your hands.  
Come on everyone you all clap your hands, clap your hands today.

**Ambeyok gakina biibaagig, biibaagig.   
Ambeyok gakina biibaagig, biibaagig noongom.**Come on everyone you all yell, yell.   
Come on everyone you all yell, yell today.

**Ambeyok!**

Use the Ambeyok song to gather your students in a circle and follow the directions in the song. You can add your own commands to the song by following these rules:

It must be a vai type verb i.e. namadabi, zhingishin

In order to turn these type of verbs into collective commands there are grammar rules to follow:

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| **verb ends in a vowel** | |
| You all | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_g/yok |
| **verb ends in a ‘n’** | |
| You all | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ig |
| **verb ends in a ‘m’** | |
| You all | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ok |

If the vai ends in a vowel like **gwaashkwani** – s/he jumps, to make it mean you all jump, as a command, you would say **gwaashkwanig!**

Sometimes, we use the suffix **yok** instead of the suffix **g** on a vai that ends in a vowel i.e. **ambeyok**. If you’re not sure which one to use, ask a language speaker in your community which one they would use.

If the vai ends in a ‘n’ like **bangishin** – s/he falls, to make it mean you all fall, as a command, you would say **bangishinig!**

If the vai ends in a ‘m’ like **jiikendam** – s/he feels happy, to make it mean you all feel happy, as a command, you would say **jiikendamok!**

For more ideas around using commands check our   
Izhichigen! Language Kit:  
<http://www.wakingupojibwe.ca/pathways/families/izhichigen/>

## **Lesson Ideas**

A Resource from the Anishinaabemodaa Initiative & Bernice Greene

#### **Materials:**

* Lyrics for Ambeyok!

