



# Waakaabidaa!

## Objectives

Learners will be able to:

- identify the current season, month, day of the week and numbered day in Anishinaabemowin
- describe weather & temperature in Anishinaabemowin
- understand and chart the cycle of the moon throughout the year

## Outline

Have your **calendar, weather spinner, thermometer, weather printouts,** and **Dress-up Character** resources ready. The following is a full circle time guide that can be changed and adapted to fit any age, language level, time of day, etc.

1. Sing **Waakaabidaa Abinoojiinhyag** to bring learners together.
2. Ask questions in the chart below. Have learners answer in Anishinaabemowin and update the calendar as you go.
3. Sing **Zoom Zoom Zoom Nagamon**.
4. Bring attention to **Mikinaak Giizisoo-mazina'igan** and **Dibiki-giizis** resources. Ask learners "What does the moon look like?" Point out moon phases on the back of Mikinaak.
  - Look at the charts on the next pages to determine what Anishinaabe Moon terms to use.
  - Find an app or website that shows you the current phase of the moon or start on a Full Moon and continue tracking daily.
  - Keep track of the moon by marking with a dry-erase marker. Learners can help!
  - Print off pictures to stick onto the Dibiki-giizis resource. For example, if it was currently Namebini-Giizis, print a picture of sturgeon eggs for learners to tape to the moon.
  - Learners can draw or write their ideas of what happens during this month. Think about weather changes, animals, birthdays, holidays, etc.
  - Use sticky tack or tape to place physical objects on the moon such as leaves, grass or flowers to bring nature indoors. Tape smaller toys to Dibiki-giizis that represents current moon such as a toy strawberry for Ode'iminike-giizis.

We encourage instructors to use this as a continual learning opportunity. Have learners ask family what they know about the current moon or what traditions they have around this time of year. You can also ask a local elder or knowledge keeper what they know about the 13 Moon Cycle or the current moon.



## Resources & Phrases

Resources	Phrases	Anishinaabemowin
Season Spinner	“What season is it?”	“Wegonen apaaboweyaag?”
Calendar	“What month is it?”	“Aaniin noongom ezhi-giizisoginzod?”
	“What day is it today?”	“Aaniin noongom ezhi-giizhigak?”
	“What number is it today?”	“Aaniin noongom enaginzod?”
Thermometer	“How warm is it?”	“Aaniin apichii-abawaag?”
	“How cold is it?”	“Aaniin apichii-gisinaag?”
Weather Resources	“What is the weather outside today?”	“Aaniin ezhiwebak agwajjiing noongom?”
Anishinaabe DressUp Character & Clothing	“What should we wear today?”	“Wegonen dino-biisikang noongom?”
	“Put it on him/her.”	“Biizikamoozh.”
	“Take it off him/her.”	“Giizikamoozh.”
	“Change his/her clothing.”	“Anjikwanaye’.”
Turtle Calendar & Moon	“What does the moon look like?”	“Aaniin ezhinaagozid a’ dibiki-giizis?”
	“It is a new moon.”	“Oshkagoojin.”
	“The moon is getting full.”	“Ani-mooshkinewaasige.”
	“The moon is full.”	“Mooshkinewaasige.”
	“The moon is waning.”	“Ani-ashiganewaasige.”

Other Useful Phrases:

Giinitam - Your turn

Put it here - Atoon omaa (when placing items on the board)

Let’s count! - Agindaasodaa!

Say it again - Ikidon miinawaa

Try it again - Gojitoon miinawaa

A Resource from the Anishinaabemodaa Initiative



## Resources & Phrases

Anishinaabe Moons	Translations & Understandings	Gregorian Months
11. Makoonsi Giizis	Little Bear Moon - February	2. Makoonsi Giizis
12. Aandego Giizis	Crow Moon - March	3. Aandego Giizis
13. Migizi Giizis	Eagle Moon - April	4. Migizi Giizis
1. Waabigwani Giizis	Flower Moon - May	5. Waabigwani Giizis
2. Ode'iminike Giizis	Strawberry Picking Moon - June	6. Ode'iminike Giizis
3. Minike Giizis	Blueberry Picking Moon - July	7. Minike Giizis
4. Manoominike Giizis	Wild Ricing Moon - August	8. Manoominike Giizis
5. Waatebagaa Giizis	Leaves Change Moon - September	9. Waatebagaa Giizis
6. Binaakwii Giizis	Leaves Fall Moon - October	10. Binaakwii Giizis
7. Gashkadino Giizis	Ice Freeze Up Moon - November	11. Gashkadino Giizis
8. Biboone Giizis	Winter Moon - December	12. Biboone Giizis
9. Aabitaa-bibooni Giizis	Half Winter Moon - January	1. Aabitaa-bibooni Giizis
10. Maji-bibooni Giizis	Bad Winter Moon	

Please approach your local knowledge keepers and language speakers to verify the names of the moons and months in your community. Each community holds different teachings and used the moon cycles to describe important times.



## Font Downloads

In order to have all fonts in this kit show up properly in editable formats, you will need to download and install all of the following fonts:

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