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.
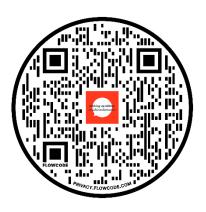Come on everyone let's go in a circle, go in a circle today.

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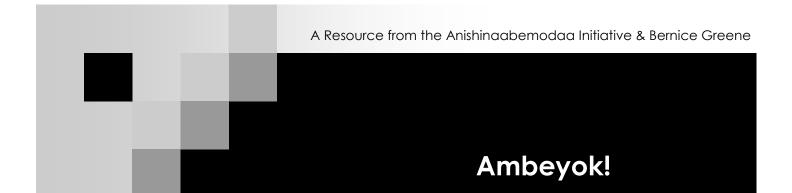**Ambeyok gakina biibaagig, biibaagig noongom.**
Come on everyone you all yell, yell.
Come on everyone you all yell, yell today.

Mazinaakizan!

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Materials:

- Lyrics for Ambeyok!

Lesson Ideas

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:

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/

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