Anishinaabemowin Gaagidoo-Biiwaabikoons

How to Play:

-Start with a phrase in Anishinaabemowin.
-Whisper it to the next person in the circle.
-Each person whispers what they heard to the next.
-The last person says it aloud.
-Compare it to the original – and see how it changed!

Example Phrases to Use: (You can tailor these based on language level!)

Easy:
"Aaniin enimanji'oyin?" – How are you feeling?
"Nimino-ayaa." – I am well.
"Miskwaadesi nibaa." – The turtle is sleeping.
"Niwaabamaa waabooz." – I see a rabbit.

Intermediate:
"Nimino-ayaa noongom, miigwech." – I'm doing well today, thank you.
"Gaawiin nindoozosodanziimin." – We (ex) are not coughing.
"Nimiigwechiwendaan owe bimaadiziwin." I am thankful for this life.

Why It's Awesome in Anishinaabemowin:

-Encourages active listening.
-Reinforces pronunciation and comprehension.
-Helps learners notice how morphology and intonation affect meaning.
-Sparks laughter and makes learning memorable!

Tips for Language Learners:

-Have an elder or fluent speaker start the phrase if possible.
-Use recordings to compare the first and final phrases.
-Practice breaking down the words afterward to learn new grammar or vocab.