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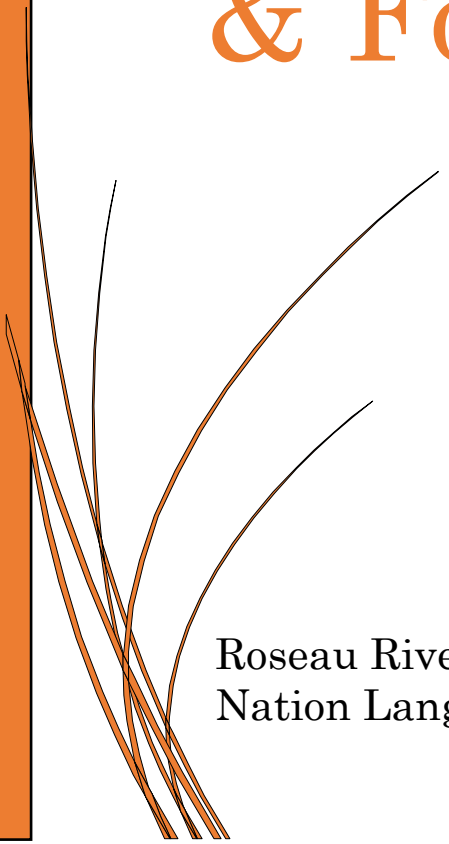

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The following is a reference booklet on learning the language of Ojibwe that was composed during the Ojibwe Language Camp in Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation.

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*Note – Not all words are the same across Anishinaabe country. There are variations of words that are specific to that community or region. They are not wrong… it is a variation. We need to be proud of our language on how vast and comprehensive it is. Do not limit yourself to only knowing one way to saying something.

Keep on learning.

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Miigwech!

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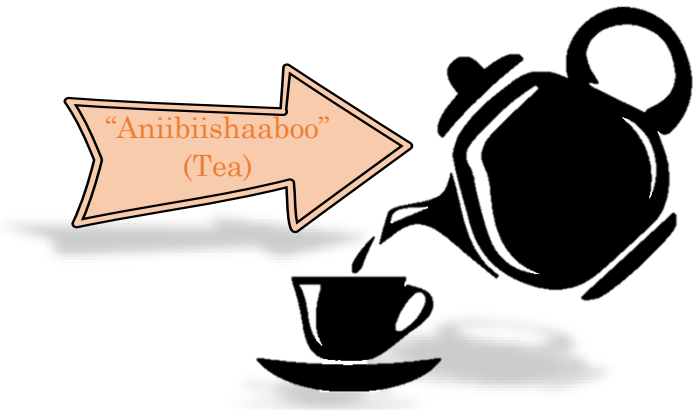
“Gidaayan na aniibiishaabo?” (Do you have tea?)

“Ozhitamoyishin aniibiishaabo” (Make some tea)



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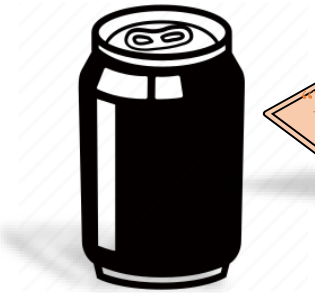

"Menwaagamig"
(Pop)

"Nigiishkabaagwe"
(I am thirsty)

"Ni-noonde minikwe iwe"
(I want to drink that)

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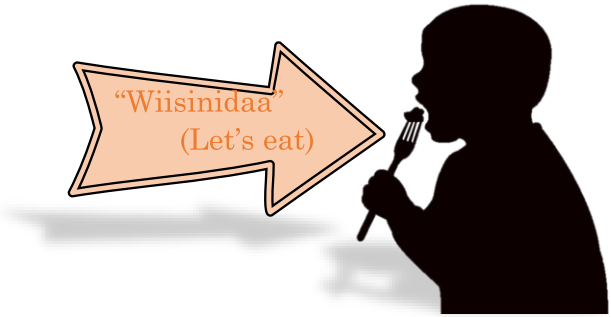

“Giwiisinimin”
(We are eating)

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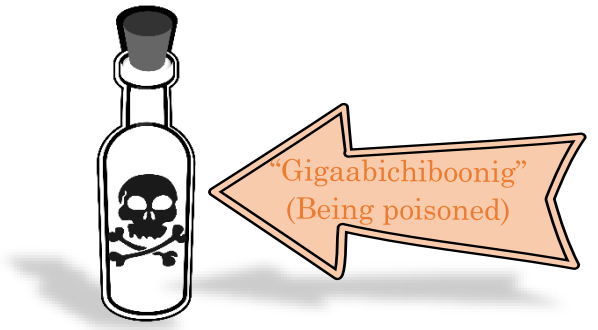

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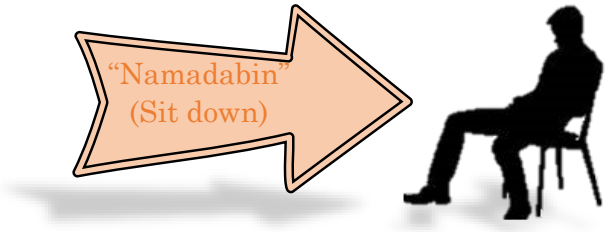
"Aaniin endaso diba'iganiseg?"
(What time is it specifically?)

"Namadamidaa"
(Let's all sit down)



"Namadabi"
(He/She is sitting)

"Namadamiwag"
(They are sitting)

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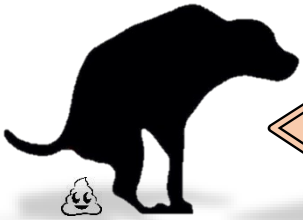
“Niibawin”
(Stand up)

“Niibawig”
(Everyone stand up)

“Niibawidaa”
(Let’s all stand up)

“Miinzii’gamig”
(Outhouse)



“Ninoondemiinzii”
(I want to poop)

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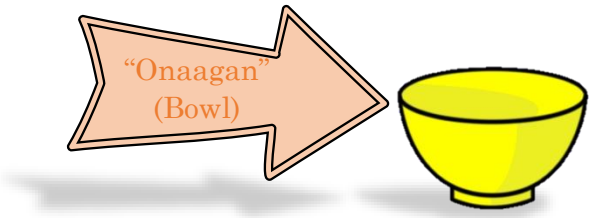

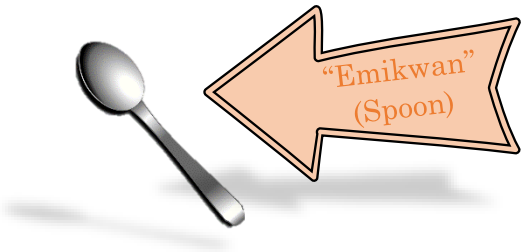

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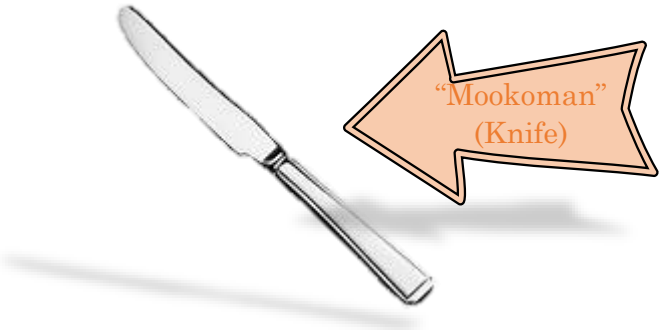

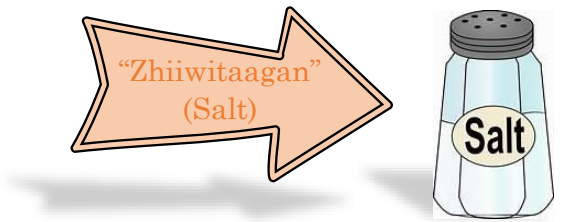

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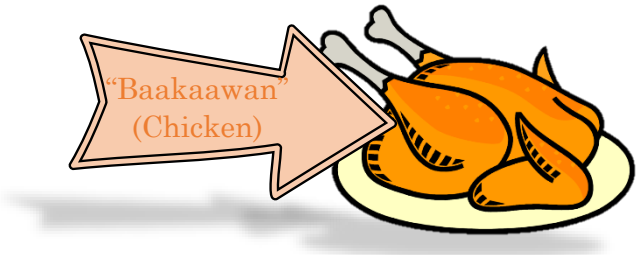

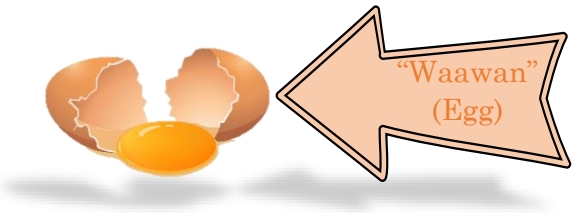

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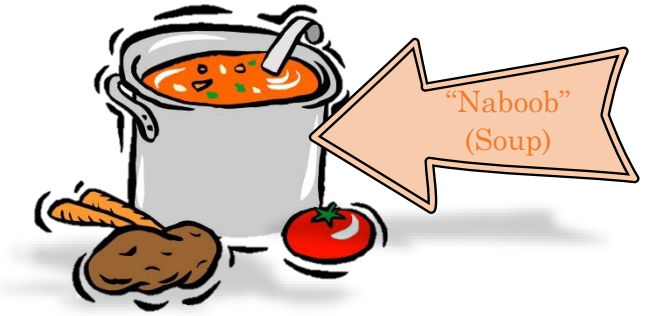

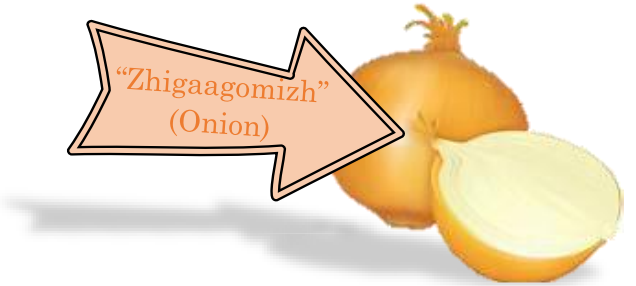

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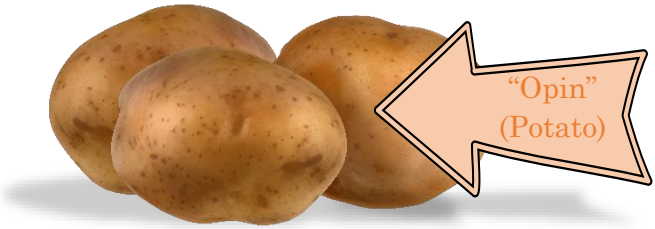

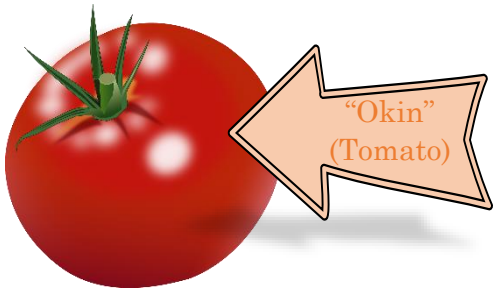

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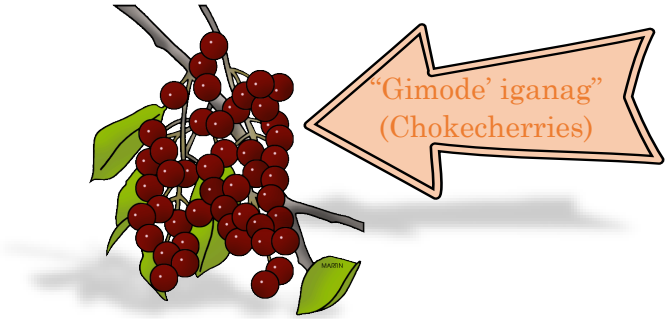

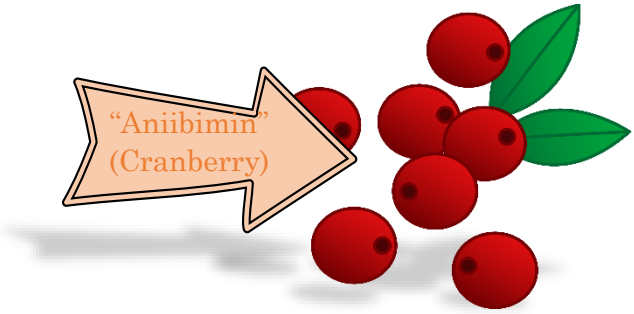

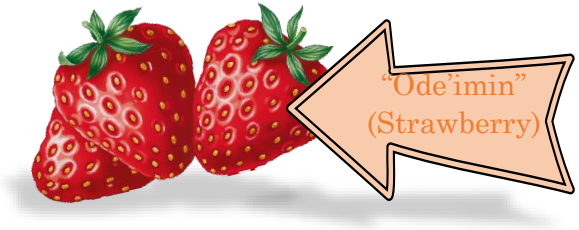

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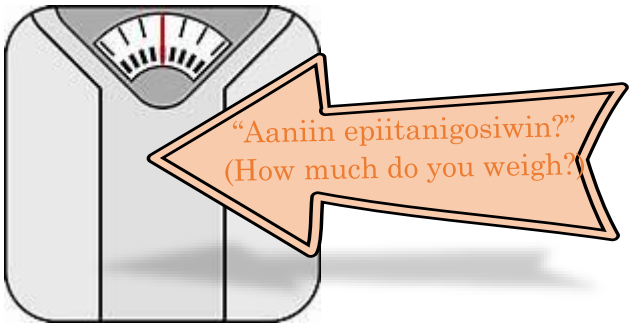

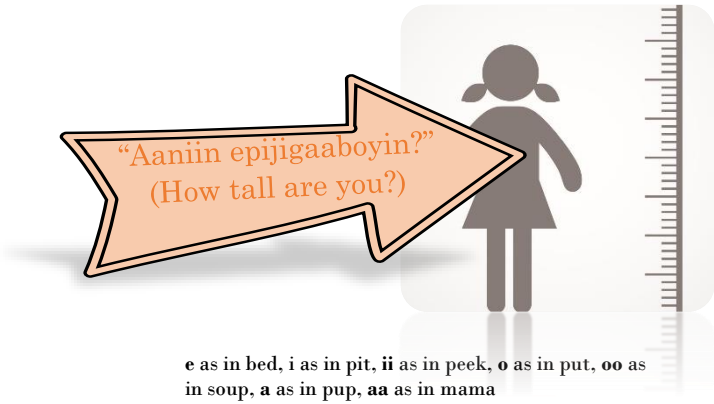

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"Biimegan"
(Pemmican)

"Daga doodooshaabo"
(Milk Please)

"Gidaanawen"
(Eat all your food)

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"Giziininjiin"
(Wash your hands)

"Giziinaaganen"
(Wash the dishes)

"Bengwaabika'igen"
(Dry the dishes)

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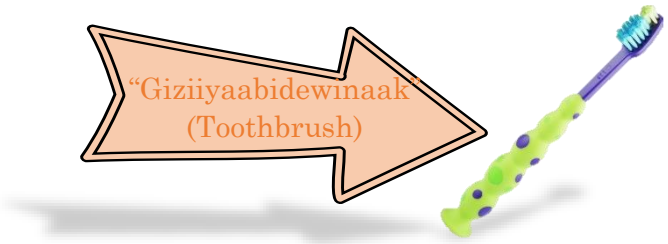

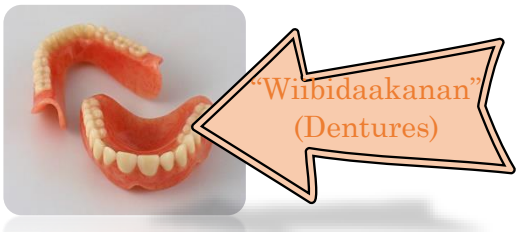

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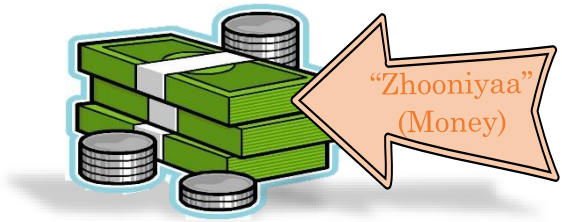

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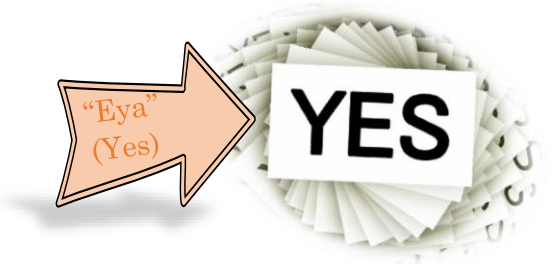

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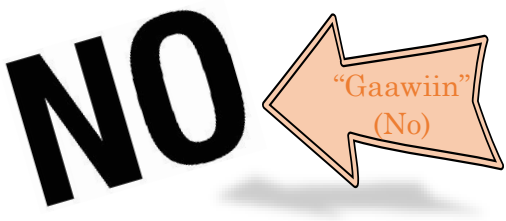

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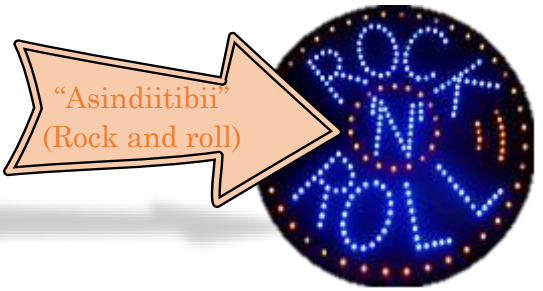

"Asindiitibii"
(Rock and roll)

"Andotan"
(Listen for it)

"Bizaanabin"
(Be quiet)

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