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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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“Animosh”  
(Dog)



“Poozhens”  
(Cat)

“Gookooko’oo”  
(Owl)



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“Miskoningwii”  
(Red wing black bird)



“Opichi”  
(Robin)



“Nenookaasi”  
(Hummingbird)

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“Migizi”  
(Bald Eagle)



“Zhiishiib”  
(Duck)

“Memaangishens”  
(Mule)

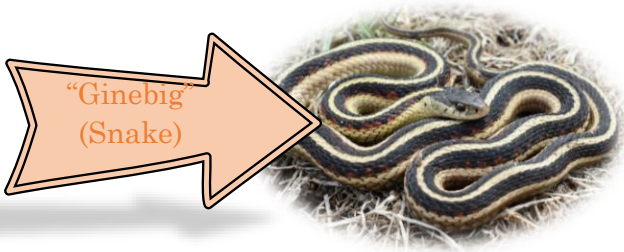


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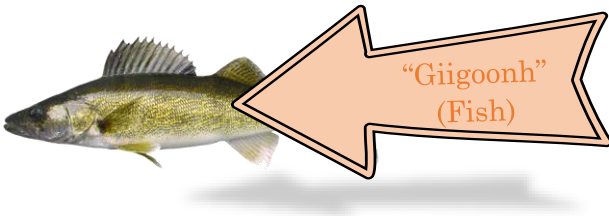




“Omagakii”  
(Frog)



“Ginebig”  
(Snake)



“Giigoonh”  
(Fish)

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"Mijimikanjigan"  
(Bait)



"Mikinaak"  
(Snapping Turtle)



"Miskwaadesi"  
(Painted Turtle)

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"Mashkode-bizhiki"  
(Buffalo)



"Waashkeshii"  
(Deer)

"Mooz"  
(Moose)



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“Adik”  
(Caribou)



“Omashkooz”  
(Elk)



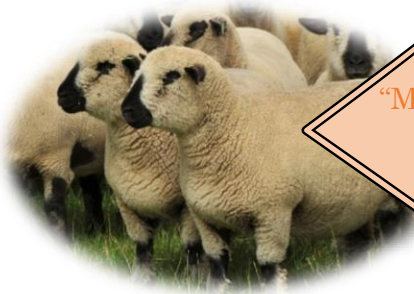
“Mishtadim”  
(Horse)

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“Bizhiki”  
(Cow)



“Maanataanish”  
(Sheep)



“Maanadik”  
(Goat)



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“Gookoosh”  
(Pig)



“Zhigaag”  
(Skunk)

“Waabooz”  
(Rabbit)



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“Makwa”  
(Bear)



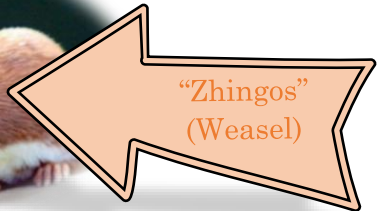
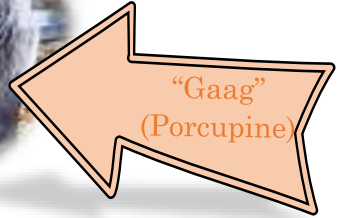
“Waabi-makwa”  
(White Bear)



“Makoons”  
(Bear Cub)



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“Mishibizhiw”  
(Mountain Lion)



“Bizhiw”  
(Lynx)



“Gichi-boozh”  
(Big Cat)

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“Amik”  
(Beaver)



“Ma’ingan”  
(Wolf)



“Waagosh”  
(Fox)

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“Esiban”  
(Raccoon)



“Ajidamoo”  
(Squirrel)

“Waawaabiganoojiinh”  
(Mouse)



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“Memengwaa”  
(Butterfly)

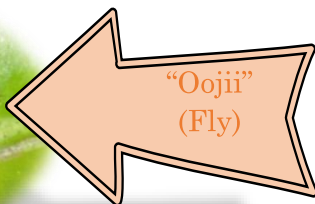
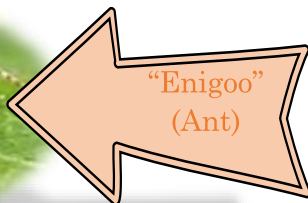


“Jiweganaabizhiish”  
(Dragonfly)



“Binesi-odikom”  
(Moth)

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“Asabikeshiinh”  
(Spider)



“Zagime”  
(Mosquito)

“Ezigaa”  
(Woodtick)



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“Bakonige”  
(Take off the hide)

“Jiibaakwa”  
(Stretching Hide)



“Jiibaakwatig”  
(Hide Stretcher)

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“Daabaazowan”  
(Going with a team of  
horses/ wagon)



“Miinokwebiiyag”  
(Guiding horses with  
reins)



“Bashzhizhayige”  
(Getting Whipped)

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“Nabwajige”  
(Snaring animals)

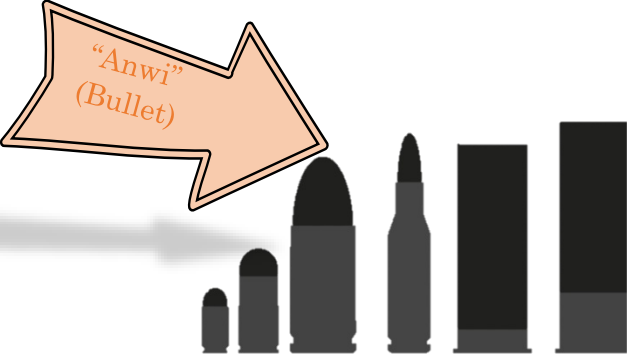
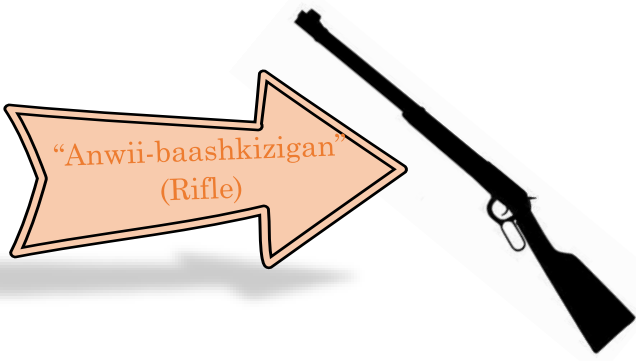


“Gwashkwebijigan”  
(Fishing Rod)

“Gwaaba’waagan”  
(Scoop Net)



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“Akiwenzii”  
(Old man)



“Zhiigaag”  
(Widower)

“Gakina awiyya”  
(Everyone)



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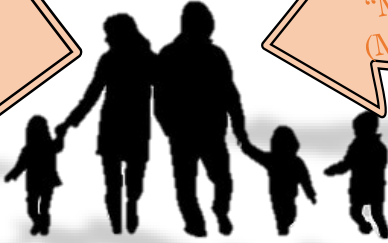
**“Niikaanis”  
(My Relative)**

“Nokomis”  
(Grandmother)



“Nooshens”  
(Grandchild)

“Ninga”  
(My Mother)



“Mbaabaa”  
(My Father)

“Ningwan”  
(Nephew)

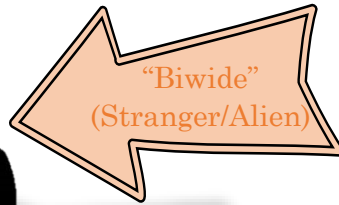


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**“Webinigaazo”**

(to be “thrown away” figuratively such as parting in marriage)



	LOON	DUCKS, GEESE AND OTHER BIRDS THAT SWIM.	GRAY WHITE	LEADER
	CRANE	SEAGULLS, PELICANS AND OTHER SHOREBIRDS.	BLUE WHITE	LEADER
	BIRD BALD EAGLE (CHIEF)	EAGLES, HAWKS, OWLS FALCONS AND OTHER BIRDS THAT FLY.	ORANGE YELLOW	SPIRITUALISTS AGRICULTURISTS LEARNERS
	MARTEN	MINK, WEASEL, OTTER, LYNX, BOBCAT, WOLF FOX, ETC.	YELLOW	WARRIORS HUNTERS PROVIDERS
	HOOF OR DEER	MOOSE, ELK, CARIBOU ANTELOPE, BUFFALO, BIGHORN SHEEP, GOATS, ETC.	BROWN BLACK	LISTENERS PROBLEM-SOLVERS
	BEAR	BROWN, BLACK, GRIZZLY AND POLAR BEARS.	MAROON BLACK	MEDICINE PEOPLE PEACE OFFICERS
	TURTLE (CHIEF)	FISH, REPTILES.	BLUE GREEN	INTELLECTUALS PHILOSOPHERS MEDIATORS

**“Ndoodem”  
(My Clan)**

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**“Aaniin  
ezhinikaazod  
gimaamaa?”  
(What is your  
mom’s name?)**



**“Aaniin  
ezhinikaazod  
gibaabaa?”  
(What is your  
dad’s name?)**



**“Gi-zhawenimin”  
(I love you)**

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