

# Zaagidwi Giizhgak

*Valentine's Day*



**ANISHINABEK**  
EDUCATION SYSTEM

A language resource  
booklet developed by the  
Kinooaadziwin Education  
Body for Participating First  
Nations

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# Aaniin! Hè! Hello!

In preparation of the upcoming Valentine's Day celebration, the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body (KEB) is pleased to share this Anishinaabe language resource with all Participating First Nations of the Anishinabek Education System.

As part of our ongoing efforts to support communities in language revitalization, the KEB will continue to develop resources and tools that may be used by the Participating First Nations at your convenience.

In the following pages, you will find several activities and word lists that may be used to support students in creating messages related to Valentine's Day through games, candy grams, and artwork, etc.

Teachers are welcome to use the resource for in-class lessons or extra-curricular activities. For in-class lessons, we recommend beginning by working through the words as a group and sounding them out together to practice speaking Anishinaabemowin.

Students may then move into working with the words to create their own personal arts and crafts related to Valentine's Day. These can be for themselves, or they can create something for their classmates, friends, and family.

Included in this resource package you will find several activities that may be used at your convenience in the days leading up to Valentine's Day. The resources include:

- 1 list of common Valentine's Day sayings
- 1 set of 12 pre-made Valentine candy grams with words and pictures related to love, friendship, and togetherness
- 1 Colouring Page
- 1 Maze Challenge
- 1 Valentine I Spy
- 1 Valentine word search accompanied with an answer key

To encourage the use of oral language, students can say the words they find in the pages out loud, while doing the activities. This may help them to practice speaking Anishinaabemowin.

The activities enclosed in the following pages were developed using the Nbsiing dialect of Anishinaabemowin. They are geared to support students in grades JK to 6, but they can be used and enjoyed by language learners of all ages!

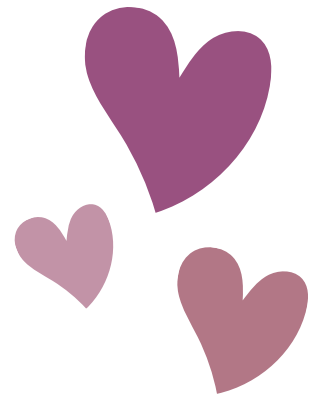
As the KEB continues to develop language resources for Participating First Nations, we welcome your feedback on ways to enhance products to meet your needs. If you are interested in translating the following resources to another dialect of Anishinaabemowin, or to Lenape, please connect with Zachary Beaudette at the contact information below.

**Miigwech! Anushiik! Thank you!**

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# Valentine Sayings

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Gdoo-mesin	I miss you
Gdoo-minwenmin	I like you
Gdoo-dbenmi	I'm yours
Gdoo-zaagin	I love you
Giin eta gbezhik	you are one of a kind
Gdoo-mkawenmin	I remember you
Nwiichkiwenh	my friend
Nde gdayaan	you have my heart
Gwiishnaagoz	you look cute
Gdoo-pkinaage	you are a winner
Nbazgim	my sweetheart
Skigwenshin	hug me
Niishdaa	let's stick together
Zaagidwin	Love
Jiimshin	Kiss me
Aazheniinhs	little angel (used as cupid)
Mno-zaagidwi giizhgak	happy valentine's day
Pane ka-wiinmaadmin	always being together
Gdoo-maamiikwenmin	I admire you
Nzaatoon nwiichkiwenhdiyng	I love our friendship (I love that we're friends)



# Candy Grams


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Cut along the dotted lines to make your own mini greetings to share with family and friends.




	<p><i>Happy Valentine</i></p>  <p><b>Mno-zaagidwi giizhgak</b></p>
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	<p>I love you</p>  <p><b>Gdoo-zaagin</b></p>
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	<p>My friend</p>  <p><b>Nwiichkiwenh</b></p>
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	<p>I like you</p>  <p><b>Gdoo-minwenmin</b></p>
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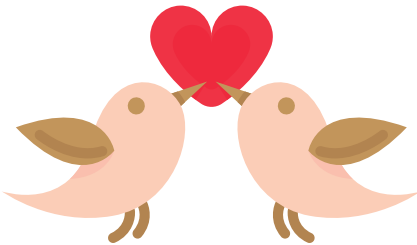
	<p>You have my heart</p>  <p><b>Nde gdayaan</b></p>
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	<p>Love</p>  <p><b>Zaagidwin</b></p>
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	<p>Little Angel</p>  <p><b>Aazheniinhs</b></p>
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	<p>My sweetheart</p>  <p><b>Nbazgim</b></p>
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	<p>You are one of a kind</p>  <p><b>Giin eta gbezhiik</b></p>
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	<p>I admire you</p>  <p><b>Gdoo-maamiikwenmin</b></p>
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	<p>I love our friendship</p>  <p><b>Nzaaton nwiichkiwenhdiyang</b></p>
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	<p>You are sweet</p>  <p><b>Gwiishgibis</b></p>
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# Colouring Page

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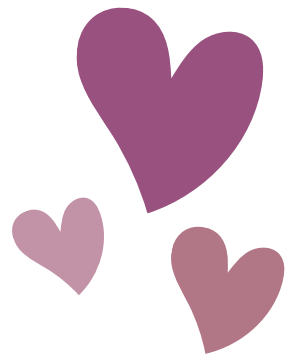


GDOO-ZAAGIN

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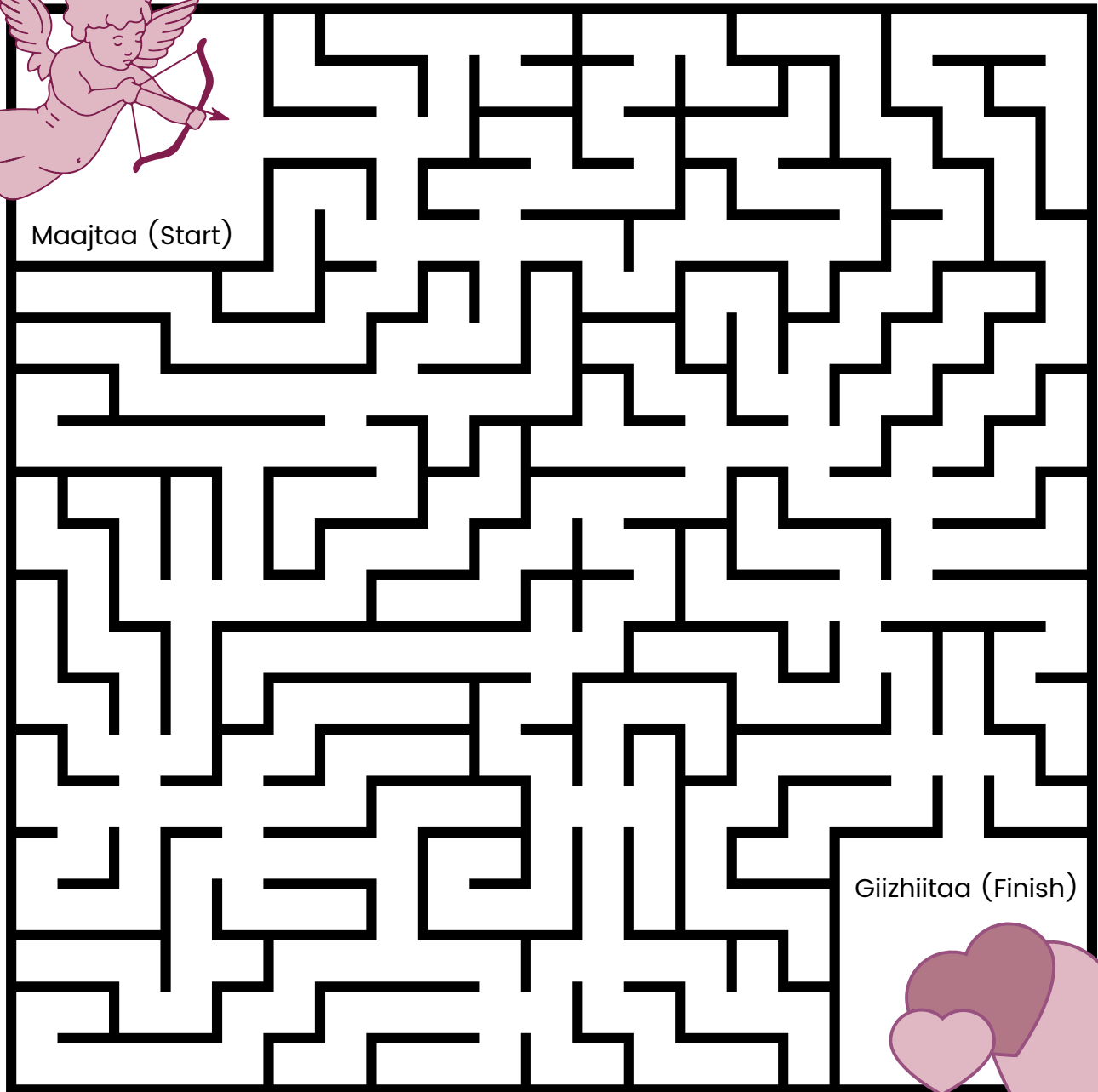
# Maze Challenge



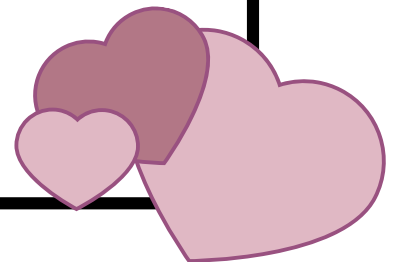
Help Cupid find their way through the maze to the hearts (odeg)!



Maajtaa (Start)



Giizhiitaa (Finish)

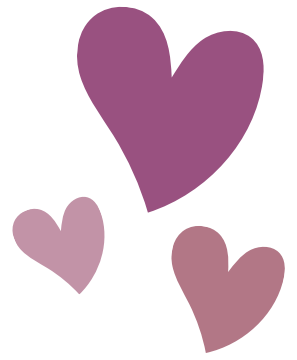


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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# I Spy

Search for each item below and write down the number you find for each item. Then practice counting in Anishinaabemowin!



- 1 Bezhig
- 2 Niizh
- 3 Nswi
- 4 Newin
- 5 Naanan
- 6 Ngodwaaswi
- 7 Niizhwaaswi
- 8 Nshwaaswi
- 9 Zhaangswi
- 10 Mtaaswi



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# Word Search



Gdoo-maamiikwenmin

Gdoo-pkinaage

Gdoo-zaagin

Jiimshin

Gwiishnaagoz

Gdoo-dbenmi

Zaagidwin

Nde gdayaan

Gdoo-minwenmin

Skigwenshin

Nwiichkiwenh

Gdoo-mesin

Nbazgim

Gdoo-mkawenmin

M I B N J J R G A L G R K V B I T S B G H B N B  
 N M I M A O G V L D O H I I Y L H L T N U I M S  
 D I N I G A A Z O O D G D L U C C O E N M M S J  
 K E M G M B T O R I V C L M R A F W Y N H Z N C  
 F G G N Q E D K J L O R Y C C C I L E K Q N S Z  
 G L N C E B U K W J I T G G N K C W K X X M V X  
 M D W X E W P N P Z K K W D H K K N D P L D W D  
 G A J N E A A N V J F I U C D I Y E D V V T Q J  
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 O I P T H T M X M S D I C M Y E K V Z G I O G S  
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 S Z O P S A L N Q N O A O R Z V S L M S F K O X  
 D P Q A H P A P B J M D H P Z F Y S M B I I O U  
 H C G A Q A C Q T O T V G C K M H M W R J G M R  
 A Y D X G N K N O T V N I G Q I D F W R X W I X  
 Q P K O W K J D D D S S I V N X N W W A J E N F  
 P N Z F P D G Y H E U M U W Q E D A A S H N W M  
 I J Z L L A Z C N C G O G L D U I R A E F S E H  
 W I G V T Y B G Z O X D E A Z I Q P M G I H N K  
 G R U G L X Z M X W J M A I H D G F U K E I M B  
 V U M M I G Z A B N A W V Y D L P A Z D A N I J  
 Z M M I K U M W D F F Q W B A Y I A A V W F N R  
 S B N I S E M O O D G Z B Z C A Z C A Z U A A F  
 C C J G Z J M Z U O R S M L X C N M C B C P N W

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Word Search

## Answer Key



Gdoo-maamiikwenmin

Gdoo-pkinaage

Gdoo-zaagin

Jiimshin

Gwiishnaagoz

Gdoo-dbenmi

Zaagidwin

Nde gdayaan

Gdoo-minwenmin

Skigwenshin

Nwiichkiwenh

Gdoo-mesin

Nbazgim

Gdoo-mkawenmin

M I B N J J R G A L G R K V B I T S B G H B N B  
N M I M A O G V L D O H I I Y L H L T N U I M S  
D I N I G A A Z O O D G D L U C C O E N M M S J  
K E M G M B T O R I V C L M R A F W Y N H Z N C  
F G G N Q E D K J L O R Y C C C I L E K Q N S Z  
G L N C E B U K W J I T G G N K C W K X X M V X  
M D W X E W P N P Z K K W D H K K N D P L D W D  
G A J N E A A N V J F I U C D I Y E D V V T Q J  
E T M M N L U K V G I J I T I N R O I X H J G V  
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M P C P U S L Q H O W O A H Z S G P K I X S D J  
S Z O P S A L N Q N O A O R Z V S L M S F K O X  
D P Q A H P A P B J M D H P Z F Y S M B I I O U  
H C G A Q A C Q T O T V G C K M H M W R J G M R  
A Y D X G N K N O T V N I G Q I D F W R X W I X  
Q P K O W K J D D D S S I V N X N W W A J E N F  
P N Z F P D G Y H E U M U W Q E D A A S H N W M  
I J Z L L A Z C N C G O G L D U I R A E F S E H  
W I G V T Y B G Z O X D E A Z I Q P M G I H N K  
G R U G L X Z M X W J M A I H D G F U K E I M B  
V U M M I G Z A B N A W V Y D L P A Z D A N I J  
Z M M I K U M W D F F Q W B A Y I A A V W F N R  
S B N I S E M O O D G Z B Z C A Z C A Z U A A F  
C C J G Z J M Z U O R S M L X C N M C B C P N W

