

Ziigwan

Spring



ANISHINABEK
EDUCATION SYSTEM

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

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Aaniin! Hè! Hello!

In preparation of the upcoming spring season, the Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB) is pleased to share this Anishinaabemowin 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 activity pages and word lists that may be used to support students in creating messages related to the spring season through cards, word challenges, and artwork, etc.

Teachers are welcome to use the resources 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 or Lunaapeew.

Students may then move into working with the words to create their own personal arts and crafts related to the spring season. 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 the spring season. The resources include:

- 1 list of common spring words in Anishinaabemowin (Nbisiing and Manitoulin dialect)
- 1 list of common spring words in Lunaapeew
- 1 spring themed colouring page
- 1 list of common spring sayings in Anishinaabemowin (Nbisiing dialect)
- 1 I spy page
- 1 colour by numbers page
- 1 set of 6 spring themed memory flash cards in Anishinaabemowin

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 Nbisiing 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 Lunaapeew, please connect with Zachary Beaudette at the contact information below.

Miigwech! Anushiik! Thank you!

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Spring Words

Ziisbaakto Giizis	Maple Sugar Moon (March)
Nmebin Giizis	Sucker Moon (April)
Ziigwan	Spring
Shki-maajtaa	New Beginnings
Waawaasgone	Flower/Bloom
Gmewan	Rain
Gmewan-biiskwaagan	Rain Coat
Gmewan-mkiznan	Rain Boots
Gawaatewin	Umbrella
Nbiikaa	Puddles
Noodin	Windy
Ngwaagan	Rainbow
Memingwaanhs	Butterfly
Bineshiinhak	Birds
Gtgaan	Garden
Miinkaanan	Seeds
Miishgoonhs	Grass
Mnwaasge	Sunshine
Aamoo	Bee
Shkigin	Growth
Ziisbaakto'aaboo	Maple Syrup
Giigoonhke	Fishing



Listen to spring
Words here!



Spring Words

Manitoulin
Dialect

Ziisbaakto Giizis	Maple Sugar Moon (March)
Nmebin Giizis	Sucker Moon (April)
Mnookmi	Spring
Shki-maahtaayin	New Beginnings
Gmiwan	Rain
Gmiwanbiiskawaagan	Rain Coat
Gmiwanmkizanan / Gmiwanbootsanan	Rain Boots
Katdagaachiwin	Umbrella
Nimkiinaabkawaagan	Rainbow
Memegwaanh	Butterfly
Bineshiinsak	Birds
Miishkoonhs	Grass
Gojiing	Outside
Ziisbaato'aaboo	Maple Syrup



Spring Words

Aahaasuwi niipaahum	Crown Moon (March)
Wuskiixaskwal waak waapsuwihleewi niipaahum	Grass and Geese Moon (April)
Siikwan	Spring
Asiiskuw	Mud
Peepaxkwuleesh	Flower/Bloom
Sookulaan	Rain
Sookulaan-koot	Rain Coat
Sookulaan-mbootsal	Rain Boots
Ahkchiikuloos	Umbrella
Amangpeekiixunal	Puddles
Kshaxun	Windy
Manukwaan	Rainbow
Kaakaapush	Butterfly
Awehleeshooshak	Birds
Wchupahkiihaakan	Garden
Waxkaniimal	Seeds
Wuskiixaskwal	Grass
Eelaaandek	Sunshine
Aamweew	Bee
Eelumikung	Growth
Muleeshiish	Maple Syrup
Namees'heew	Fishing

Colouring Page

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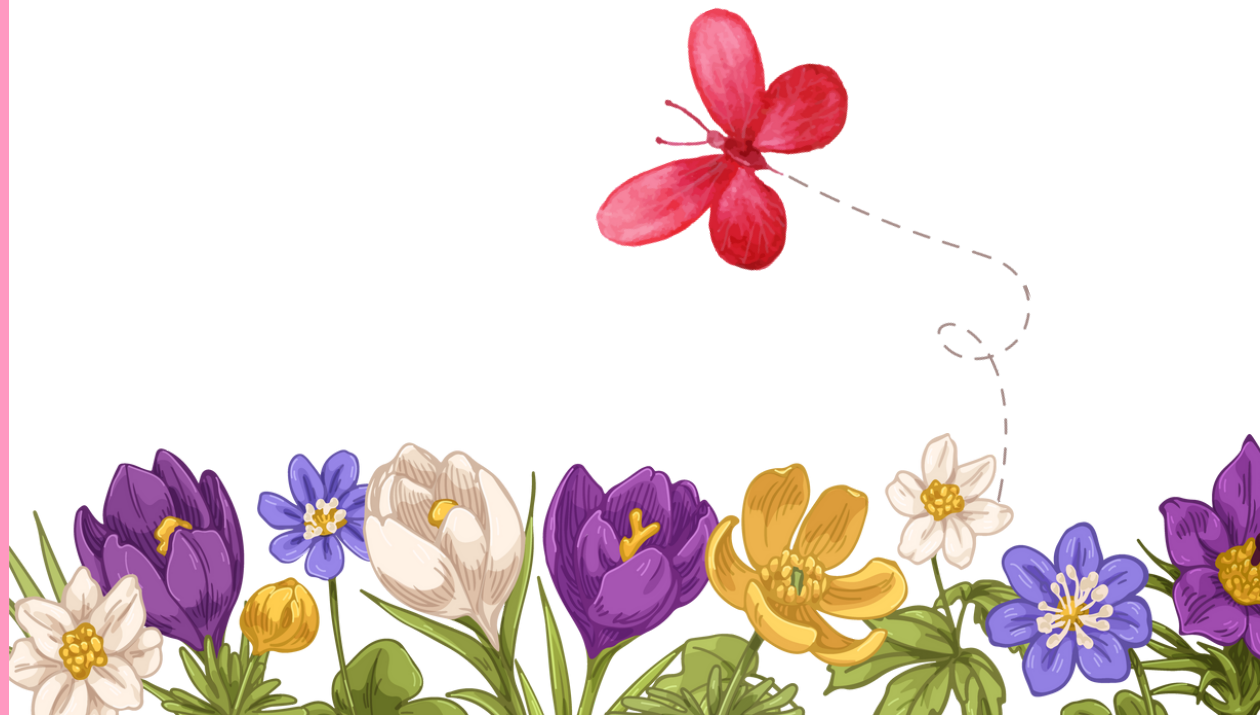
Practice Speaking

Practicing speaking Anishinaabemowin with the following sentences! (Scan the QR code below or visit our YouTube channel to watch the “Ziigwan (Spring) Sentences” video to help you practice).

ENGLISH	ANISHINAABEMOWIN
Spring is here!	Ziigwan aazha!
April Showers bring May Flowers	Nmebin gmewan biidoon waabgowani-giizis waabgowaniin
It smells fresh	Minomaagot
Weather warms up	Aabwaate
Do you want to go play outside?	Kwii-ndamno na gwajiing?
It is raining outside	Gmewan gwajiing
The sun is shining	Gzhaasige



[Listen to spring sentences here!](#)



I Spy

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



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

























Colour by Numbers

Colour each section by the colour that matches the number. Then practice reading colours in Anishinaabemowin! (Numbers are listed in English on pg. 9)

Bezhig = Zhaawshkwaande (Green)

Niizh = Kiinaande (Brown)

Nswi = Mskwaande (Red)

Newin = Zaawaaminaande (Orange)

Naanan = Kakanzhewaande (Grey)

Ngodwaaswi = Miinaande (Blue)

Niizhwaaswi = Waabshkaande (White)

Nshwaaswi = Giniwaande (Pink)

Zhaangswi = Zhoomnaande (Purple)



Memory Cards

Cut along the dotted lines and match the image and word to the matching card while practicing speaking Anishinaabemowin!



Bineshiinhak



Bineshiinhak



Gawaatewin



Gawaatewin



Ngwaagan



Ngwaagan



Ziisbaakto'aaboo



Ziisbaakto'aaboo



**Gmewan-
biiskwaagan**



**Gmewan-
biiskwaagan**



Giigoonhke



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