



Anishinaabemowin Conversations

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Anishinaabemowin Conversations	
Questions	
Aanish ezhnikaazyin?	What is your name?
Aabiish enjibaayin?	Where are you from?
Aanish ezhayaayin?	How are you?
Aabish ezhaayin?	Where are you going?
Kii-mno-nbaa na?	Did you sleep well?
G-giikiimgish na?	Are you sleepy?
Kii-wiisin na?	Did you eat?
G-debsinii na?	Are you full?
Responses	
_____ ndi-zhnikaaz.	My name is _____.
_____ ndoo-njbaa.	I am from _____.
N-minozhayaa.	I am well.
Nishin.	Good.
_____ Ndi-zhaa.	I am going to _____.
Enh, ngii-mno-nbaa.	Yes, I slept well.
Kaa, ngii ze-gaam-dam.	No, I had a nightmare.
Enh, n-giikiimgosh.	Yes, I am sleepy.
Enh, ngii wiisin.	Yes, I ate.
Enh, n-debsinii.	Yes, I am full.
Enh.	Yes.
Kaa.	No.
Nahaaw.	Okay.
Gaawiin!	No!
Aanii	Hello
Baamaa pii.	See you again.
Mna-gii-zhi-gad-ken.	Have a nice day.
Mino kizhep.	Good morning.

The Medicine Wheel	
Life Stages	
Gchi-anishinaabe	Elder
Binojinhik	Children
Eshkiniigijik	Teenagers
Naawgi	Adult
4 Seasons	
Biboon	Winter
Mnookmi	Spring
Niibin	Summer
Dwaagi	Fall
4 Directions	
Giiwednong	North
Waabnong	East
Zhaawnong	South
Epngishmok	West
Sacred Medicines	
Wiingaashik	Sweetgrass
Semaa	Tobacco
Giishkaandak	Cedar
Mshkode-washk	Sage
Medicine Wheel Colours	
Waabshkaa	White
Zaawaa	Yellow
Mskwaa	Red
Mkadewaa	Black
Elements	
Noodin	Air
Shkode	Fire
Aki	Earth

Nibi	Water
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Wellness & Giving Thanks	
Gzhe-mnidoo	Great Spirit/Creator
Eshkaakimig-kwe	Mother Earth
Miigwech	Thank you
Miigwech wendam.	I am grateful.
Gchi miigwech Gzhe-mnidoo gii miishiiyan miijim miinwaa bimaadiziwin.	Thank you very much Creator for giving us food and life.
Debwe-taad-san wii shki-too-yin!	Believe in yourself, you can do it!
Biin-jina naa-bin, kam-kaan dash.	Look within yourself and you will find.
Mshko-zi-win miin-waa be-gish owi waa-zha-we-bak waa-baang.	You will find strength and hope for tomorrow.
Mno yah.	In good spirits.
Mino bmaadiz.	Live well.
G'zaagin, mampii miskozi!	I love you, stay strong!
Wii mino giizhgad.	It is going to be a good day.