# ANISHINAABEMOWIN GENAWENDANGIG 



The Caretakers of the Anishinaabe Language


## ENITAAGWAK ANISHINAABEMOWIN (THE WAY ANISHINAABEMOWIN SOUNDS)




## NA'ISIJIGEWIN (SORTING)

- Based on the "Words Their Way" method
- Sorting helps students develop their own theories of how the language works.
- This method is being used in teaching Ojibwe because it helps students identify where meaning in the word lies on their own.
- Each of you should have your own word sort sets at your tables.
- Working together (group activity) will make the word sort more successful.
- Before we begin make sure you have blank paper. Or something to write on. It is also recommended that the blank cards be laminated for use with dry erase markers. This makes the sort more versatile.


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1. Take out the fully colored headers. We will discuss these later.
2. Also, take out the blank cards.

3. Now shuffle the cards until they are mostly out of order.
4. Flip the cards upside down and take two cards out of the deck. Don't look at them. We will guess what they are later on.


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5. Now flip your cards right side up and take out 7 cards.

6. Examine your cards and try to organize them into 2-3 patterns.


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7. Take out two cards at a time and discuss where you think they may go. Discuss the patterns that you see and decide as a group what columns and rows to place the cards in. Keep in mind when we are done there will be 3 columns and 7 rows and will end with a rectangular shape.

8. Continue this keeping in mind that there will be two empty spaces in your chart when you are done. When your table is finished with the sort have one person raise their hand.

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9. Now that you are finished put two of the blank cards in the empty spaces.

10. Discuss as a group what you think the words might be that you removed earlier. Write them on another paper. (For your own sets you may laminate the blank ones and use a dry erase marker). Were you right about the words? Close? Discuss the patterns you see.

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11. In the end you should have 3 columns that ends in -aabi, -aabandan, and aabam. You should also have rows that begin with minw-, bagak-, boon-, deb-, giimooz-, ganaw-, and gikinaw-.
12. All of these words describe the way you see. Let's look a little closer at how they are slightly different.
13. Remember the solid colored headers? Let's take those back out and place ESHCHIGED AWIIYA on top of the words that end in -aabi. These words all describe what someone does but do not say where the action is going to. These words are in the third person and are a general statement. Place ENDOODANG GEGOO over the top of the words that end in -aabandan. All these words are commands and describe action on it (action transiting to an inanimate object).


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14. Place the header card ENDOODAWAAD AWIIYAN at the top of the cards that end in -aabam. These cards are also commands but they command action on another person or an animate object.
15. Now let's explore the words a bit further. Everyone pick a card that interests them from the set.
16. We will need your phones/tablets/laptops for this next exercise. Go to your web browser and type in http://www. ojibwemowin.com. This should bring you to the Ojibwe People's Dictionary. If not let us know and we can assist you in finding the correct page.

- Disclaimer: "GIKINAWAABANDAN" is not in the Ojibwe People's Dictionary but does mean "Learn by watching it!", and you can see that after exploring the roots more.


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17. Now that you are in the Ojibwe People's Dictionary, take a word from the sort that interests you and type it into the search box.
18. Click on the link to the word when it comes up.
19. Explore the word a little and click on any sound clips that are available.
20. Now scroll to the section that says word parts.
21. Click on the word part that you want to know more about.
22. Remember those blank cards we had you laminate? Take those out and see how many new words you can add to your sort. If the word part was originally in the beginning of the word, the new words will go to the right of the row the original card was in. If it was originally at the end of the word you will at the words to the bottom of the column.

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