

# Techniques in teaching and learning ways to sustain ininīmowin

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# Brief overview of teaching and learning language

- “Language is the main form of interaction with our environment... indigenous languages represent the legacy of our grandparents – grandmothers and grandfathers. Our obligation is to take care of them because when an indigenous language disappears, the indigenous traditional knowledge (stories, legends, songs, values, myth, prayers) also disappear” [- http://...voicesofyouth.org](http://...voicesofyouth.org)
- Oral tradition is important as they portray teachings in life – obedience, respecting all living things, etc.
- Benefits & rewards of teaching indigenous language – increase of English academics, especially in reading

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## Cree Syllabics with Standard Roman Orthography

ē ▽	i Δ	ī Δ̇	o ▷	ō ▷̇	a ◁	ā ◁̇	h °	
cé ᓇ	ci ᓇ	cī ᓇ̇	co ᓇ	cō ᓇ̇	ca ᓇ	cā ᓇ̇	c -	
kē ᓇ	ki ᓇ	kī ᓇ̇	ko ᓇ	kō ᓇ̇	ka ᓇ	kā ᓇ̇	k `	
mē ᓇ	mi ᓇ	mī ᓇ̇	mo ᓇ	mō ᓇ̇	ma ᓇ	mā ᓇ̇	m °	
nē ᓇ	ni ᓇ	nī ᓇ̇	no ᓇ	nō ᓇ̇	na ᓇ	nā ᓇ̇	n °	l ᓇ
pē ᓇ	pi ᓇ	pī ᓇ̇	po ᓇ	pō ᓇ̇	pa ᓇ	pā ᓇ̇	p °	r ᓇ
sē ᓇ	si ᓇ	sī ᓇ̇	so ᓇ	sō ᓇ̇	sa ᓇ	sā ᓇ̇	s °	
tē ᓇ	ti ᓇ	tī ᓇ̇	to ᓇ	tō ᓇ̇	ta ᓇ	tā ᓇ̇	t °	
wē ᓇ	wi ᓇ	wī ᓇ̇	wo ᓇ	wō ᓇ̇	wa ᓇ	wā ᓇ̇	w °	
yē ᓇ	yi ᓇ	yī ᓇ̇	yo ᓇ	yō ᓇ̇	ya ᓇ	yā ᓇ̇	y °	

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Vowel	English Word	Cree Word
ē	get	mētawē
ī	machine	wīkēs
ō	food	nōtin
ā	apple	āstam
Consonants: k p c t		
k (g)	gum	kīyām
p (b)	bin	pētōtē
c (ts)	cheese	anōc
t (d)	dine	tānsi

# Practice Words/Pop Quiz!

- otehimina
- cistemaw
- mocikenitam
- otēhīmina (strawberries)
- cistēmāw (tobacco)
- mōcikēnītām (excited)

# Classroom Activity Ideas

- Matching – Verbs/Commands, animals



- (Continued Matching): insects, animals, objects, colors (animate and inanimate)

ēnik  
 kapāpak  
 kinosēw  
 wipiskōw  
 mikisiw  
 wāzōw  
 cipefakōw  
 kōkominakēsīs  
 mahikan  
 piyak āriyā  
 run pūpūā  
 cipefakōw  
 sīkāk  
 sī kō c  
 āmo  
 ōcēw  
 pūhūhū  
 black  
 kakitēwāw

ayamīta  
 osīta  
 masinā

white  
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blue  
 cipefakōw

ayamitā (Read it), ositā (Build it), masinā (Write it)

Vocabulary - Positions (Gr. 2 Science)

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Math

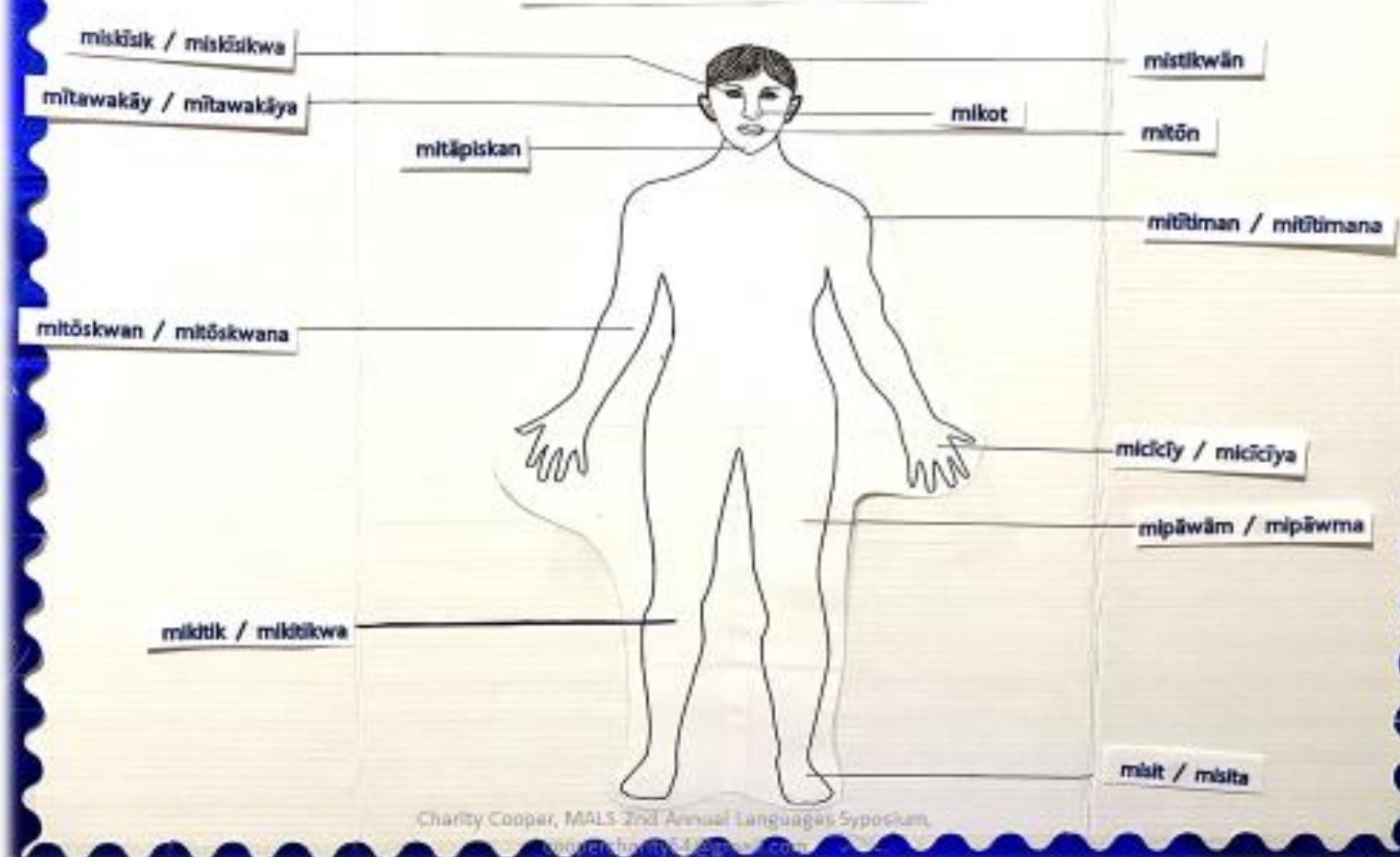
Fractions & Finding Pairs with Numbers 1-20 using Ten Frames

A grid of 15 pink ten-frame cards arranged in three rows and five columns. The top-left and middle-right cards are labeled 'niyanon' and have five small squares filled in.

niyanon XXXXX				
		niyanon XXXXX		



# mīyaw





Muffin Tin Cree Math and Literacy

Learning Numbers 1-10

# Cree Aerobics – sēsāwīwin

- tākina = touch \_\_\_\_\_
- sinikona = rub \_\_\_\_\_
- opina = raise \_\_\_\_\_
- Kispitona = your arms
- Kicīciya = your hands
- kiskāta = your legs
- Kipwāma = your thighs
- Kisita = your feet
- Kītawākaya = your ears
- Kiskīsikwa = your eyes

# Cree Posters used as Daily Routine

**Pīsimwak** Months (Moons)

January <b>Kisē Pīsim</b> Great Moon	February <b>Mikisiwi Pīsim</b> Eagle Moon	March <b>Niski Pīsim</b> Goose Moon	April <b>Aḷki Pīsim</b> Frog Moon
May <b>Pinawāwi Pīsim</b> Egg-Laying Moon	June <b>Pāskawāwi Pīsim</b> Egg Hatching Moon	July <b>Paskowi Pīsim</b> Molting Moon	August <b>Opahōwi Pīsim</b> Flying Moon
September <b>Nōcitowi Pīsim</b> Mating Moon	October <b>Kaskatinowi Pīsim</b> Freeze-up Moon	November <b>Ninikipowi Pīsim</b> Frost Moon	December <b>Pāwacikanāsīs Pīsim</b> Wind Clearing Moon

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# Kīsikāwa Days of the Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>Ayēmē kīsikāw</b>	<b>Pōnēmē kīsikāw</b>	<b>Nīso kīsikāw</b>	<b>Apītawan</b>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Nēwo kīsikāw</b>	<b>Nīyāno kīsikāw</b>	<b>Mātinēwi kīsikāw</b>

**Otākosīk**  
yesterday was...

**Anōc**  
today is...

**Wāpāki**  
tomorrow will be...

# Kā isi kīsikāk akwa Kā yisinowēk

Weather & Temperature



**Nōtin**  
windy



**Anwāstin**  
calm



**Wāsēskwan**  
clear sky



**Kimowan**  
raining



**Mispon**  
snowing



**Nikwaskwan**  
cloudy



**Pinēsīwan**  
thundering



**Wāstēpaniw**  
lightning



**Pīkisēyāw**  
foggy



**Pīwan**  
blizzard



**Tākayāw**  
cold day



**Kisināw**  
bitterly cold day



**Kīrowāw**  
warm day



**Kisāstēw**  
hot and sunny day

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