

waniskā



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The inspiration for this book originated when the authors attended the late Emily Hunter's nîhiyawîwin (Cree language) class in 1989. Traditionally, reading and writing Cree was uncommon, as the language was primarily transmitted orally. Over time, however, the use of nîhiyawîwin has decreased significantly. Given the fundamental connection between language and identity, the decline of nîhiyawîwin is a matter of serious concern. Incorporating nîhiyawasinahikîwin (written Cree) provides an additional way to engage with the language and ensure its preservation for future generations. May this book serve as a bridge connecting generations, honoring those who came before us and empowering those yet to come to carry nîhiyawîwin proudly into the future.

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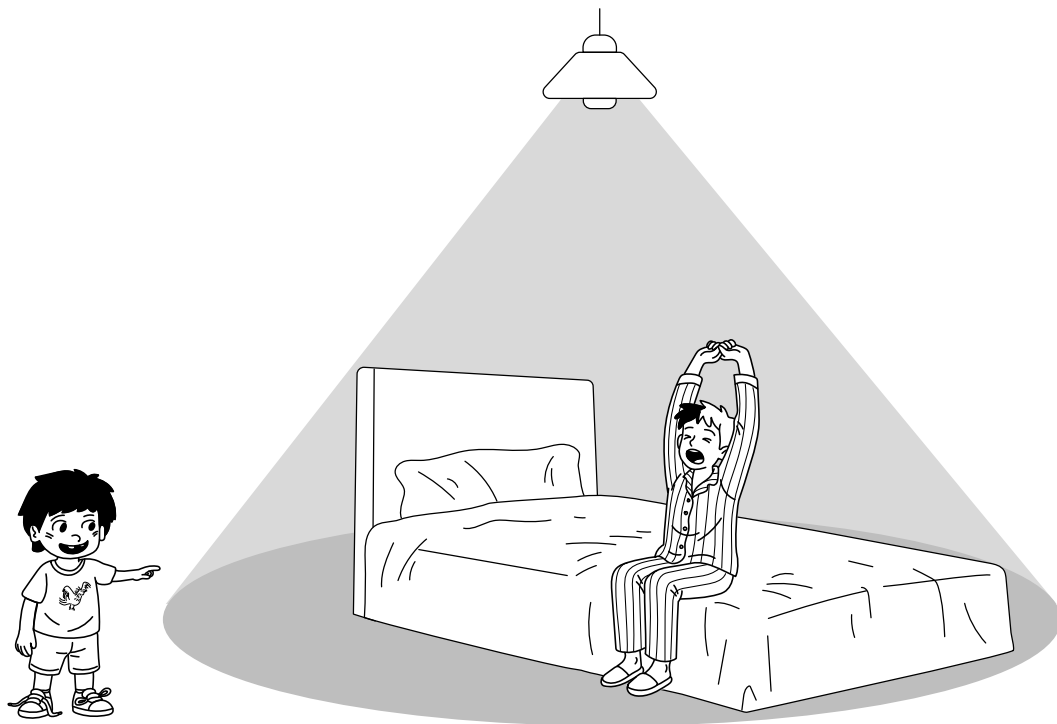
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niwaniskân.





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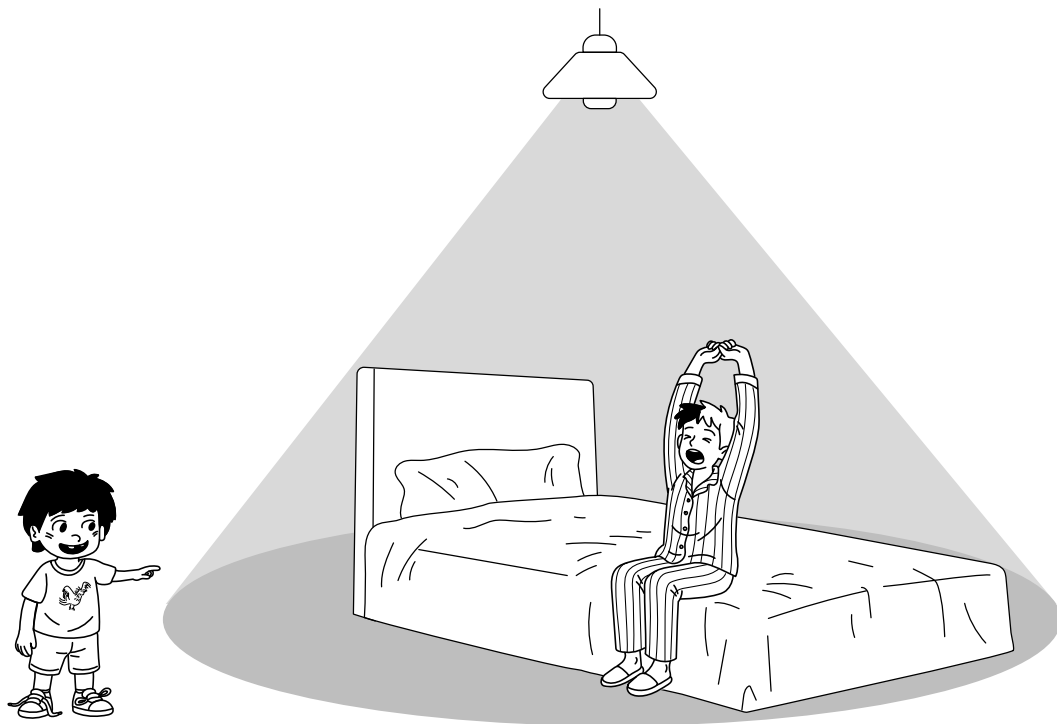
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i-waniskâyan.





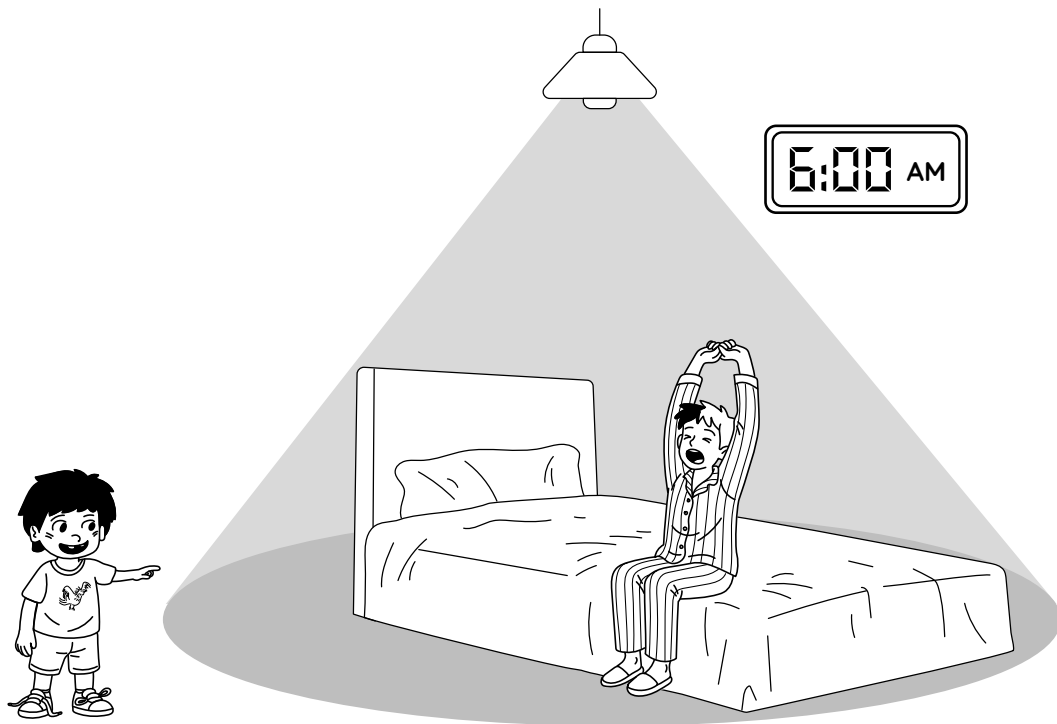
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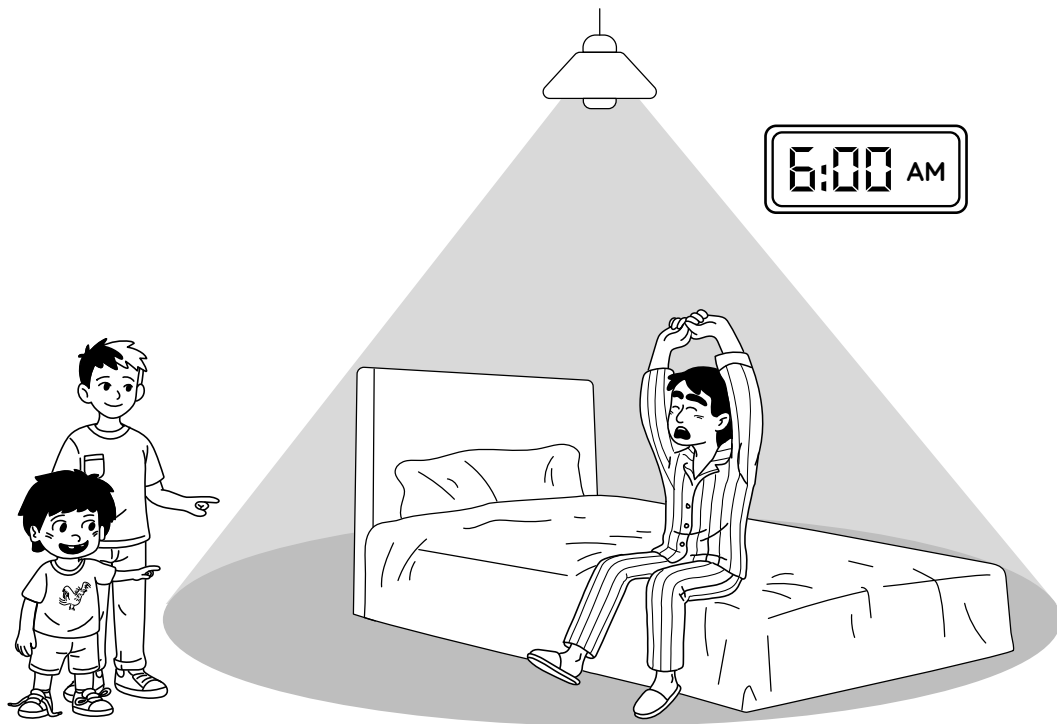
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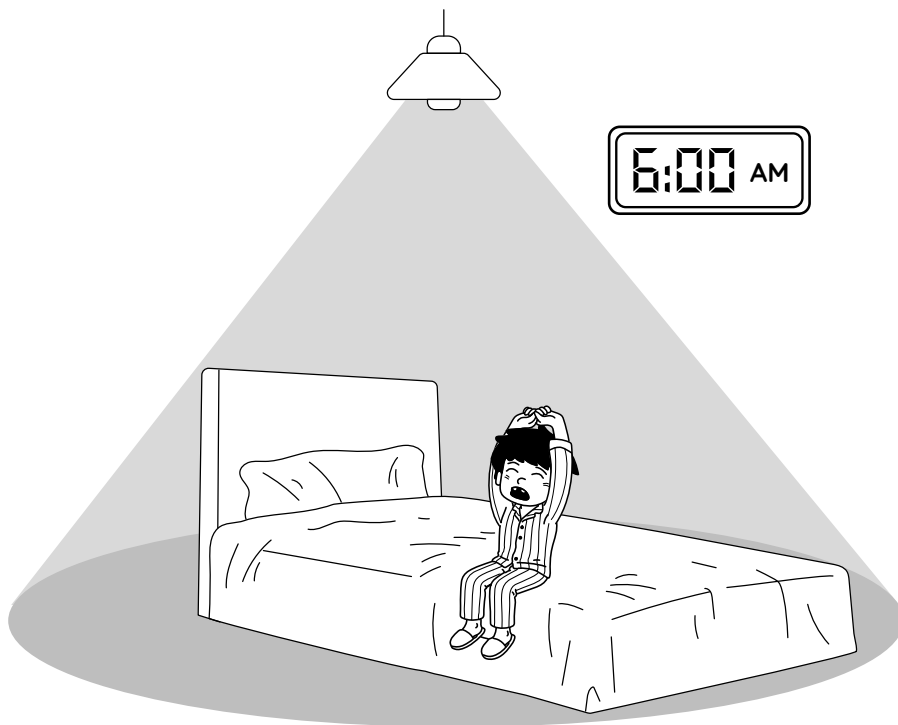
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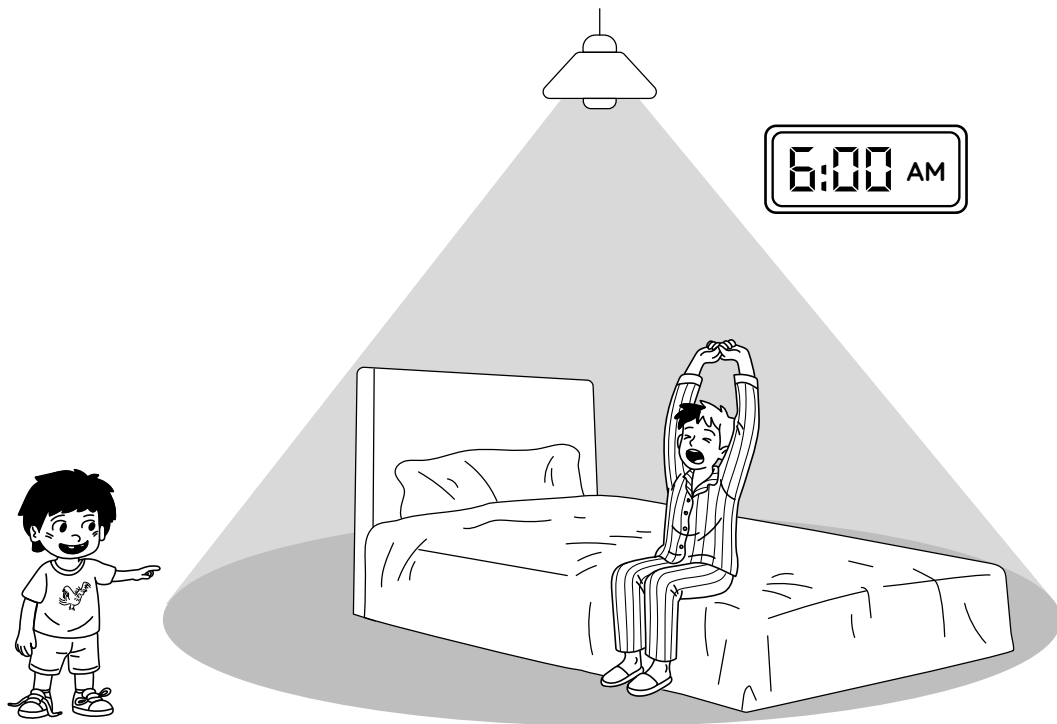
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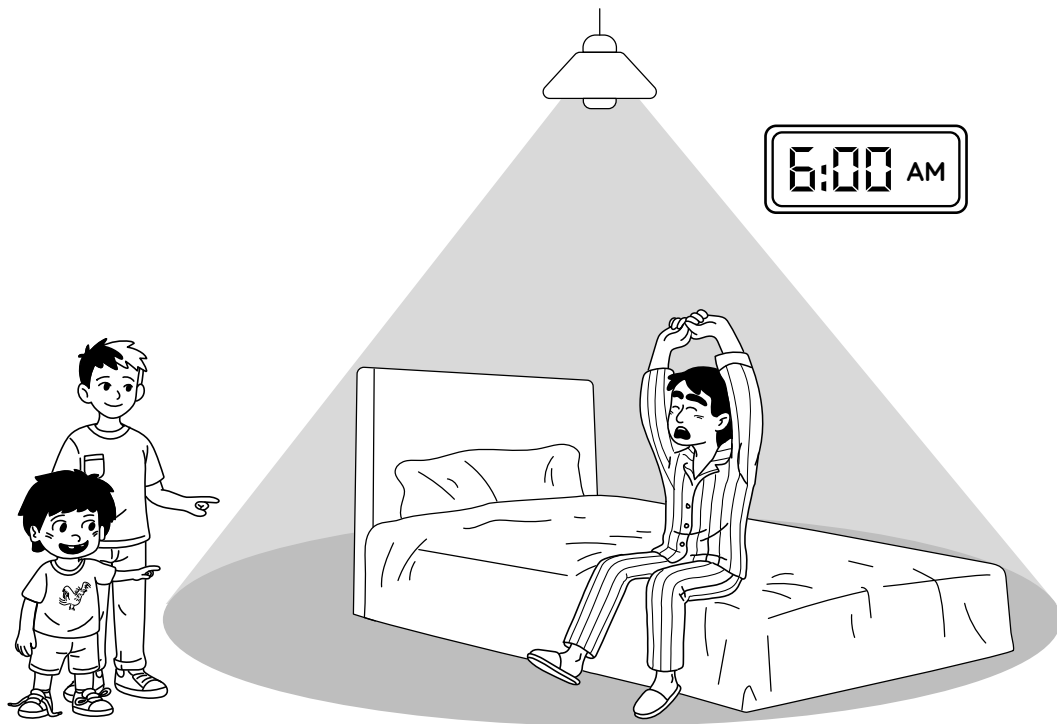
i-waniskâyân kîpa.





i-waniskāyan kîpa.





i-waniskât kîpa.





Glossary



waniskā

get up

niwaniskān.

I get out of bed.

kiwaniskān.

You get out of bed.

waniskāw.

S/he gets out of bed.

i-waniskāyān.

I am getting out of bed.

i-waniskāyan.

You are getting out of bed.

i-waniskāt.

S/he is getting out of bed.

niwaniskān kīpa.

I get out of bed early.

kiwaniskān kīpa.

You get out of bed early.

waniskāw kīpa.

S/he gets out of bed early.

i-waniskāyān kīpa.

I am getting out of bed early.

i-waniskāyan kīpa.

You get out of bed early.

i-waniskāt kīpa.

S/he is getting out of bed early.



nîhiyawî

