

wâpahki



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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.

mistahi ninanâskomonân

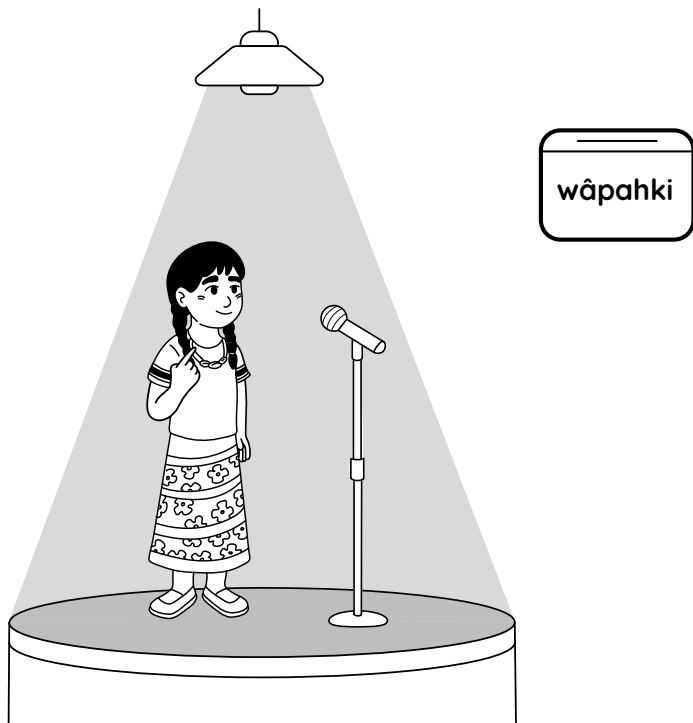
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niwînikamon wâpahki.





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kiwînikamon wâpahki.



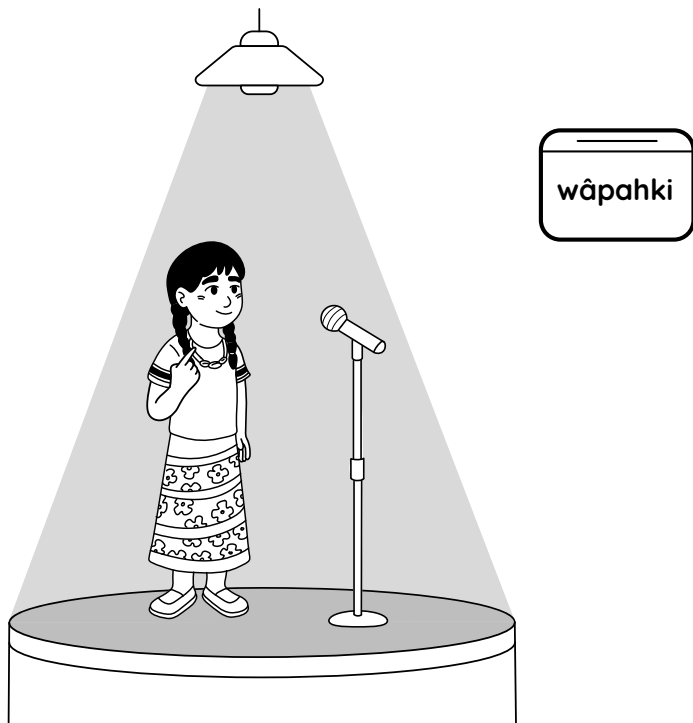


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wînikamow wâpahki.





i-wî-nikamoyân wâpahki.





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i-wî-nikamoyan wâpahki.



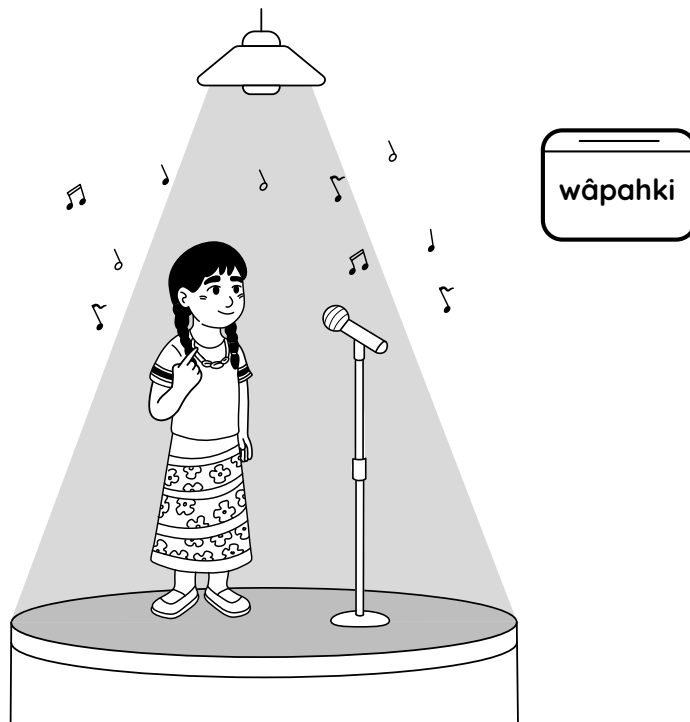


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i-wî-nikamot wâpahki.





mistahi niwînikamon
wâpahki.





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kiwînikamon mistahi
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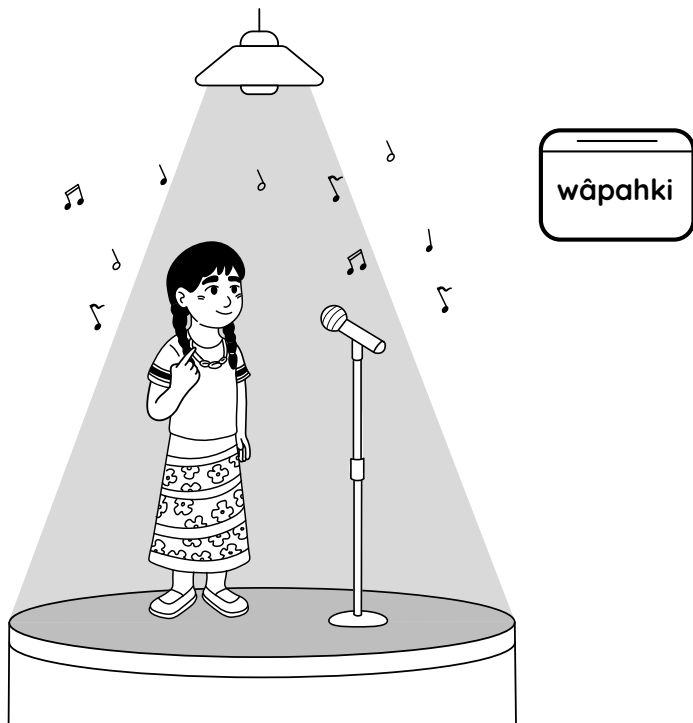


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mistahi wînikamow wâpahki.





wâpahki i-wî-nikamoyân
mistahi.





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mistahi i-wî-nikamoyan
wâpahki.





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mistahi i-wî-nikamot
wâpahki.





Glossary



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tomorrow

niwīnikamon wāpahki.

I will sing tomorrow.

kiwīnikamon wāpahki.

You will sing tomorrow.

wīnikamow wāpahki.

S/he will sing tomorrow.

i-wī-nikamoyān wāpahki.

I will be singing tomorrow.

i-wī-nikamoyan wāpahki.

You will be singing tomorrow.

i-wī-nikamot wāpahki.

S/he will be singing tomorrow.

mistahi niwīnikamon wāpahki.

I will sing a lot tomorrow.

kiwīnikamon mistahi wāpahki.

You will sing a lot tomorrow.

mistahi wīnikamow wāpahki.

S/he will sing a lot tomorrow.

**wāpahki i-wī-nikamoyān
mistahi.**

I will be singing a lot tomorrow.

**mistahi i-wī-nikamoyan
wāpahki.**

You will be singing a lot
tomorrow.

mistahi i-wī-nikamot wāpahki.

S/he will be singing a lot
tomorrow.

nîhiyawî

