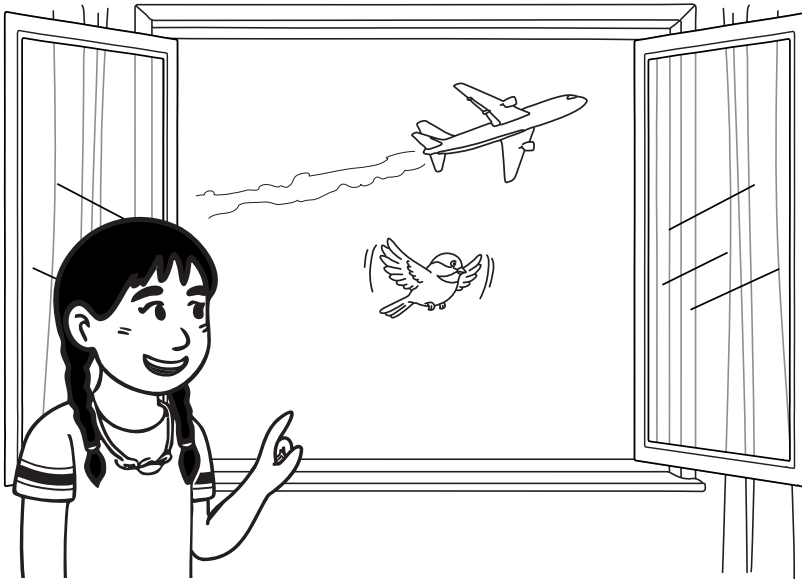


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The inspiration for this book originated when the authors attended the late Emily Hunter's nîhiyawîwin (Cree language) class in 1989. Traditionally, reading and writing Cree was uncommon, as the language was primarily transmitted orally. Over time, 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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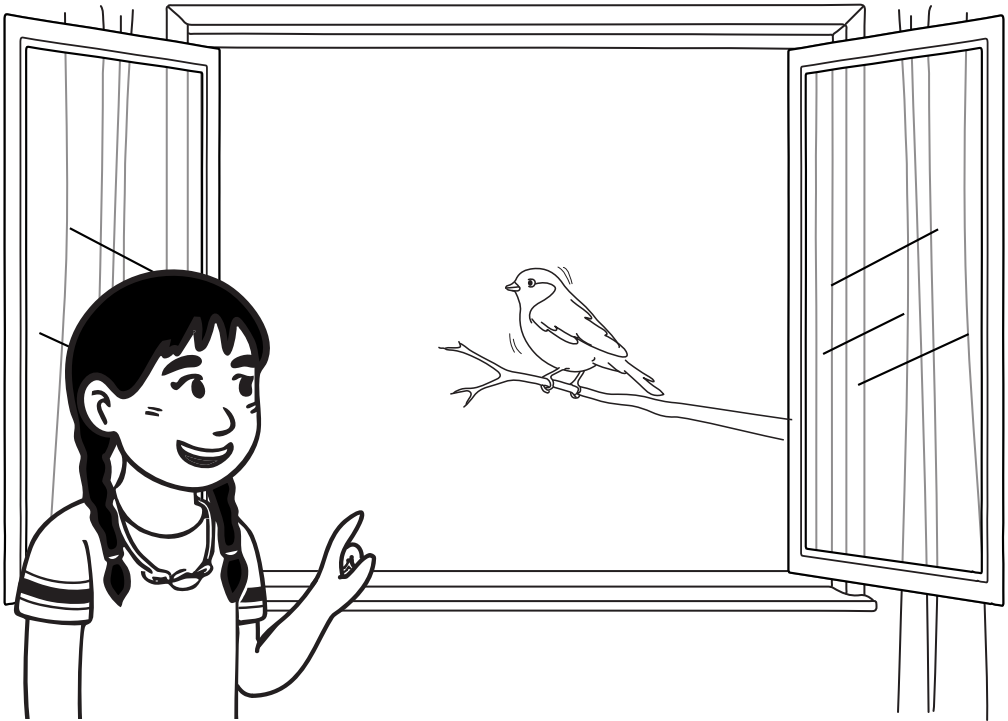
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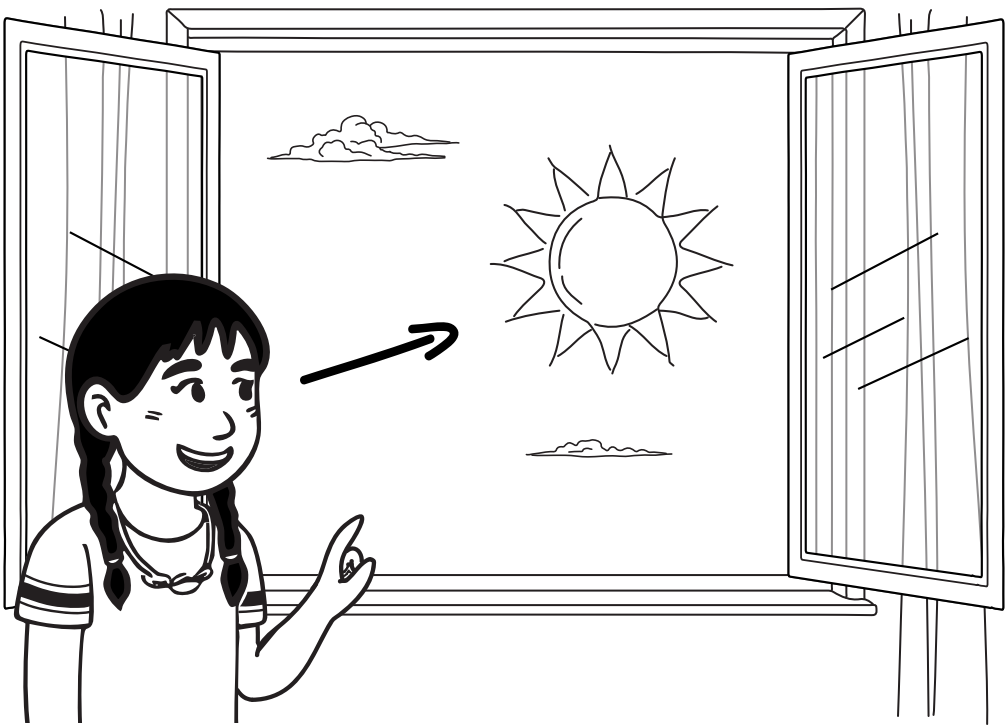
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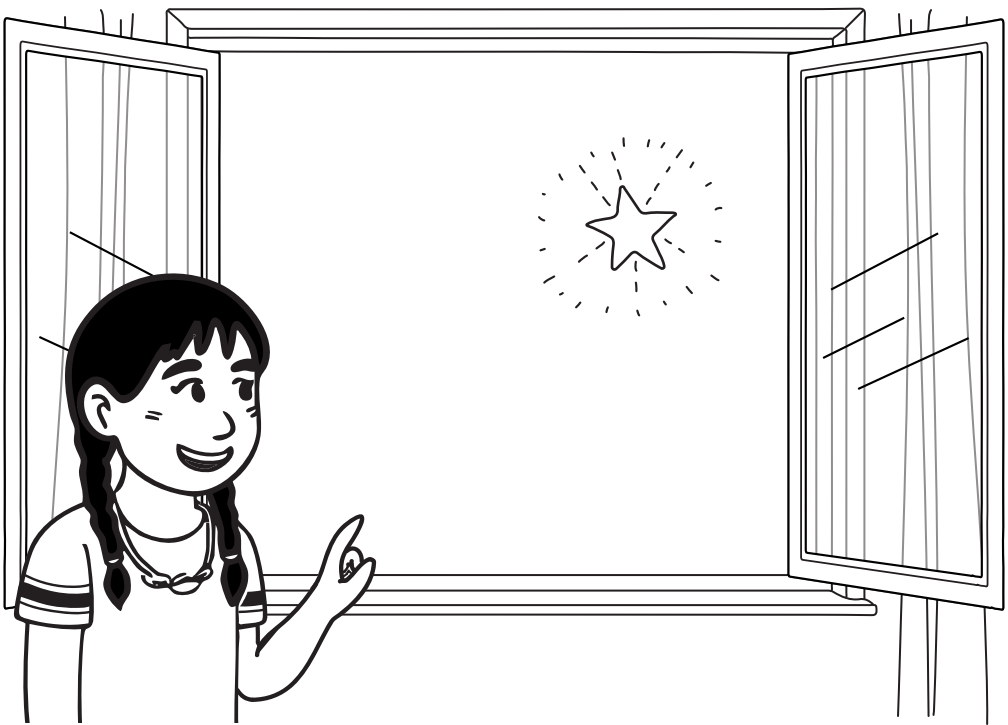
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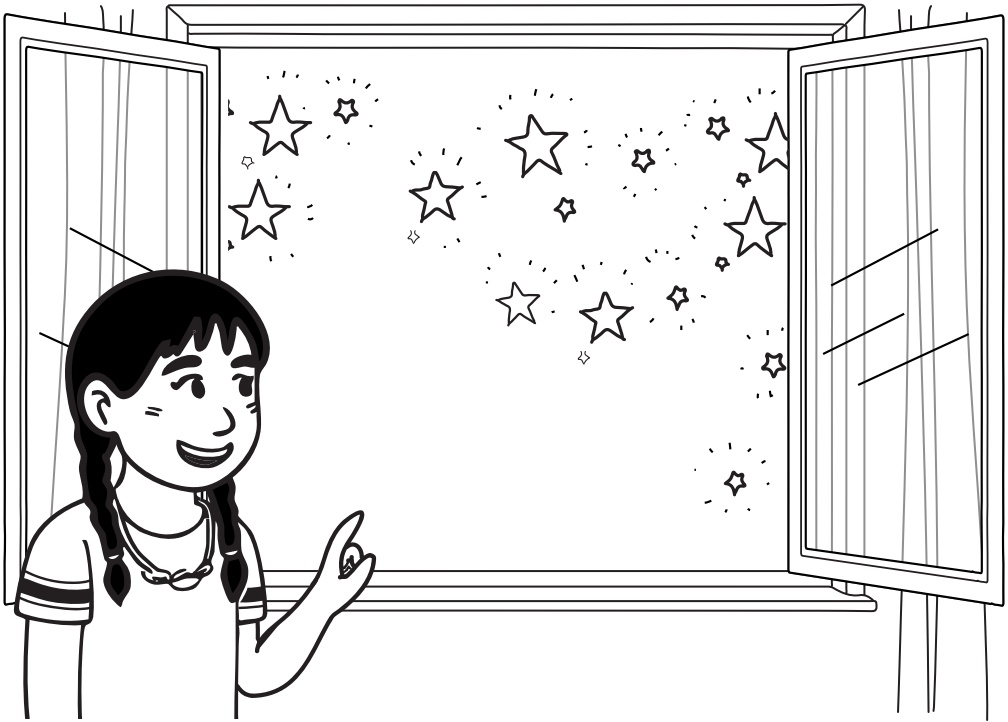
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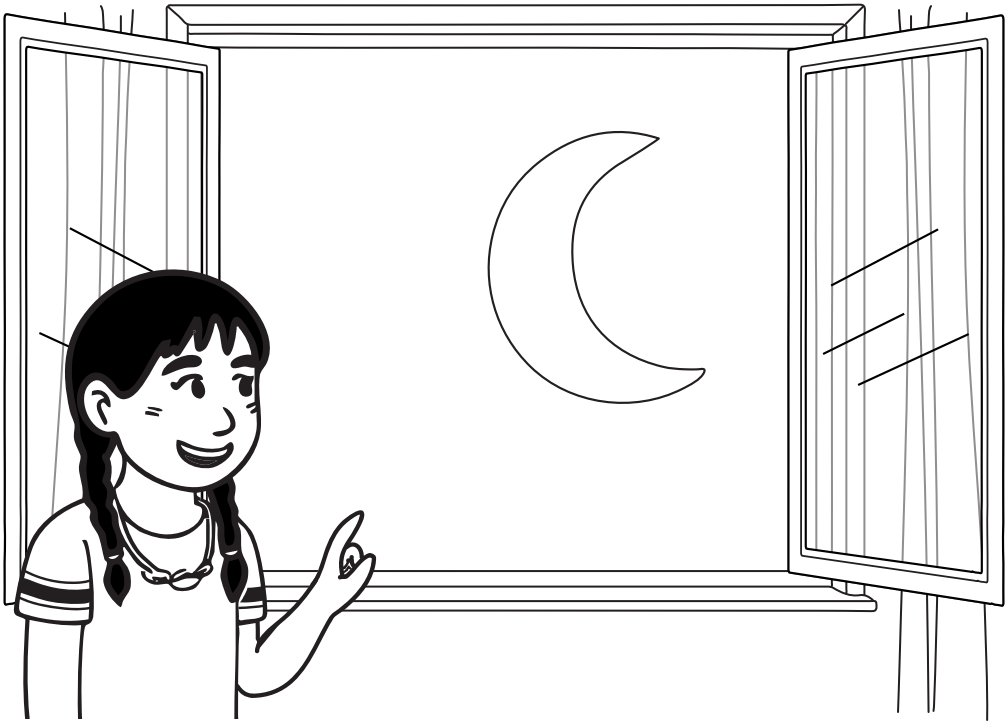


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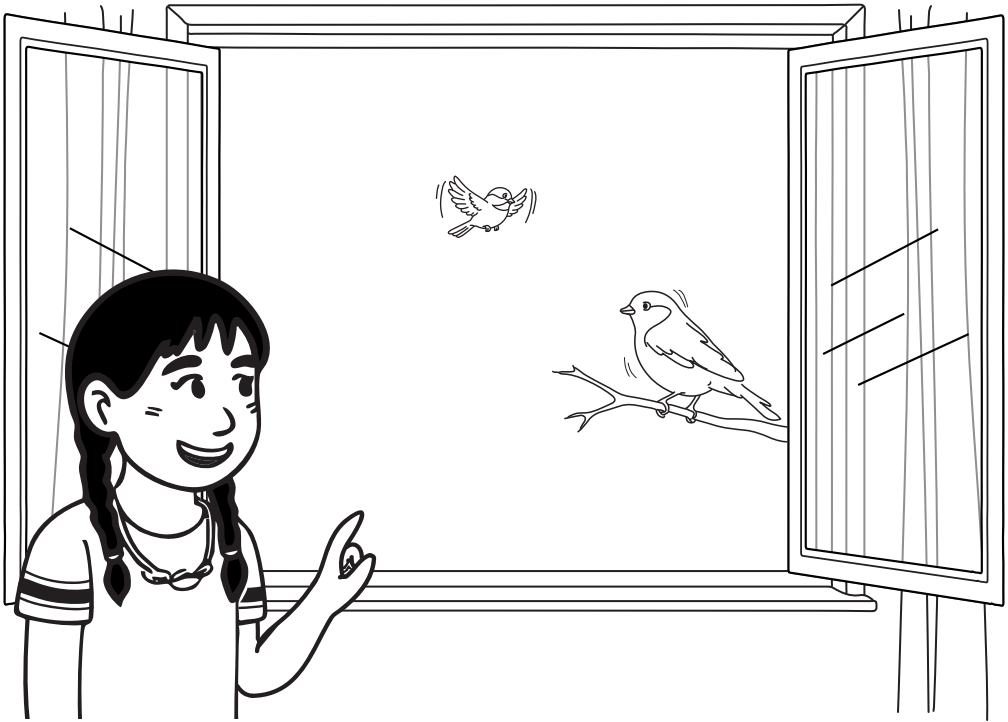


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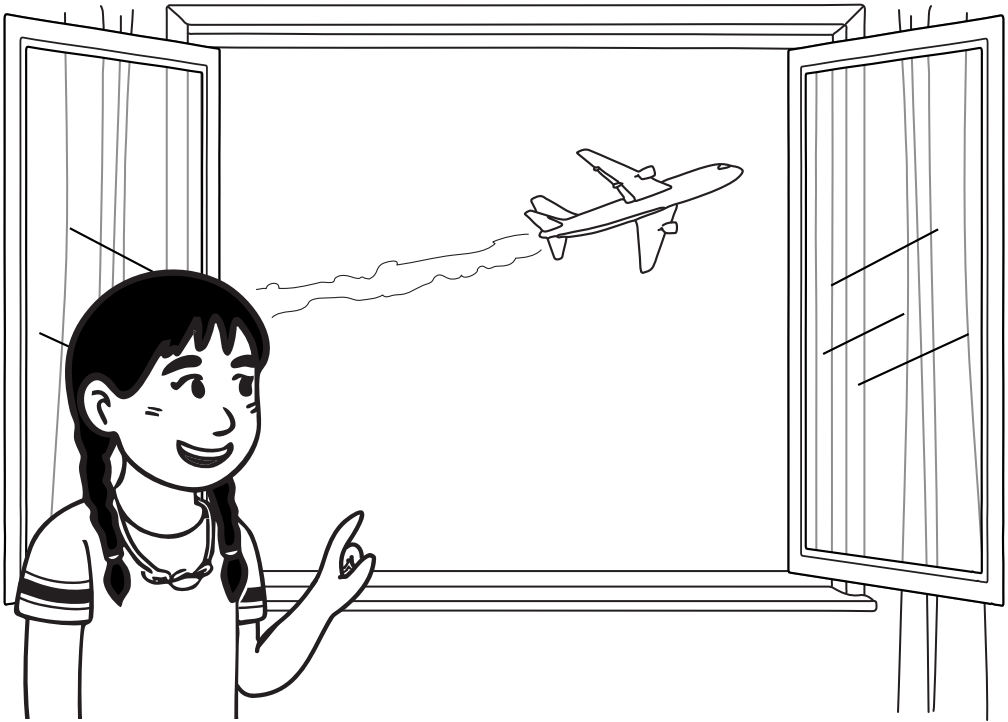
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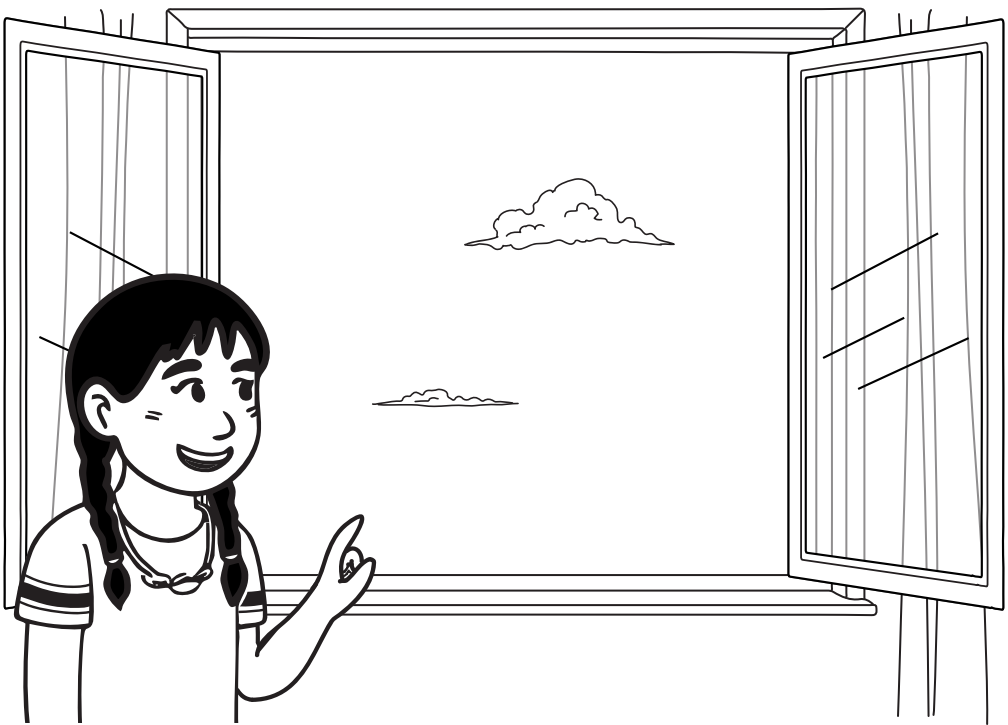
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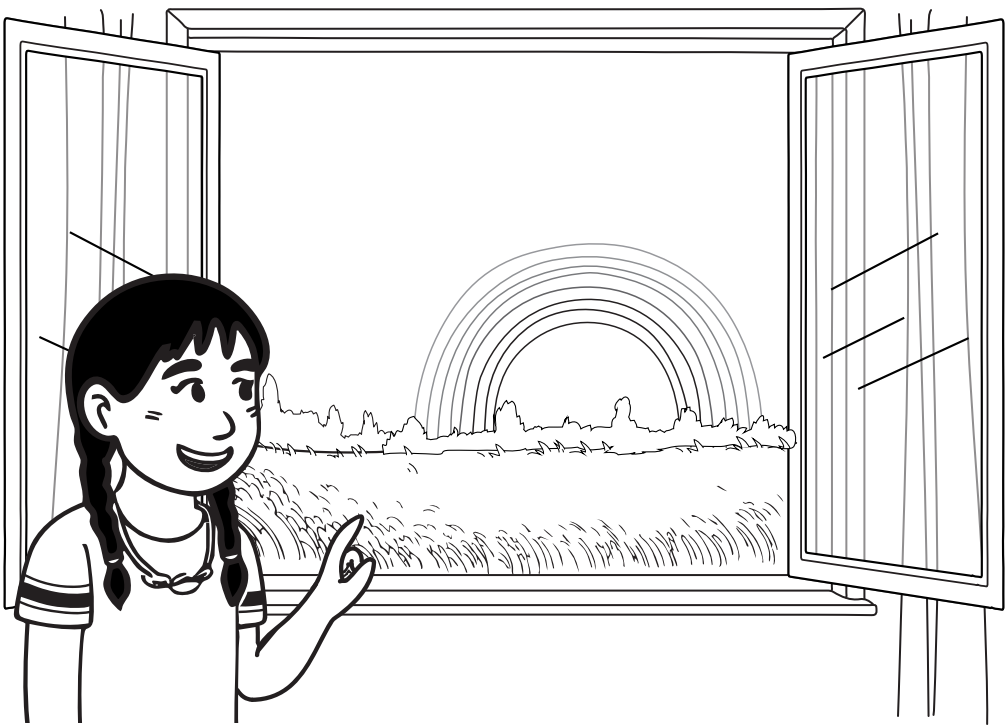
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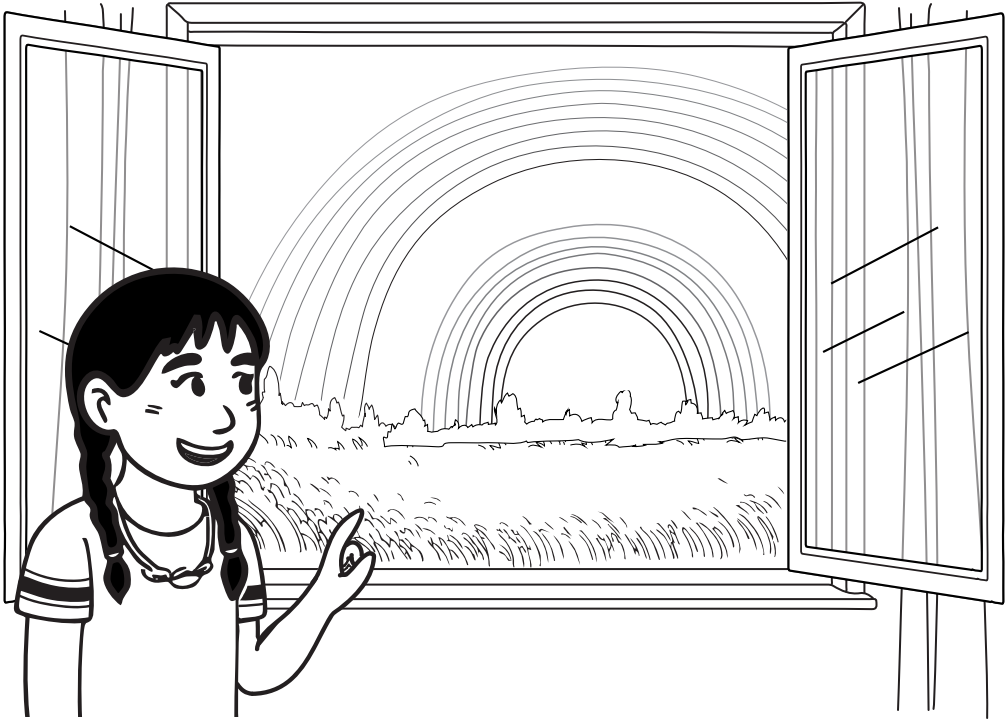
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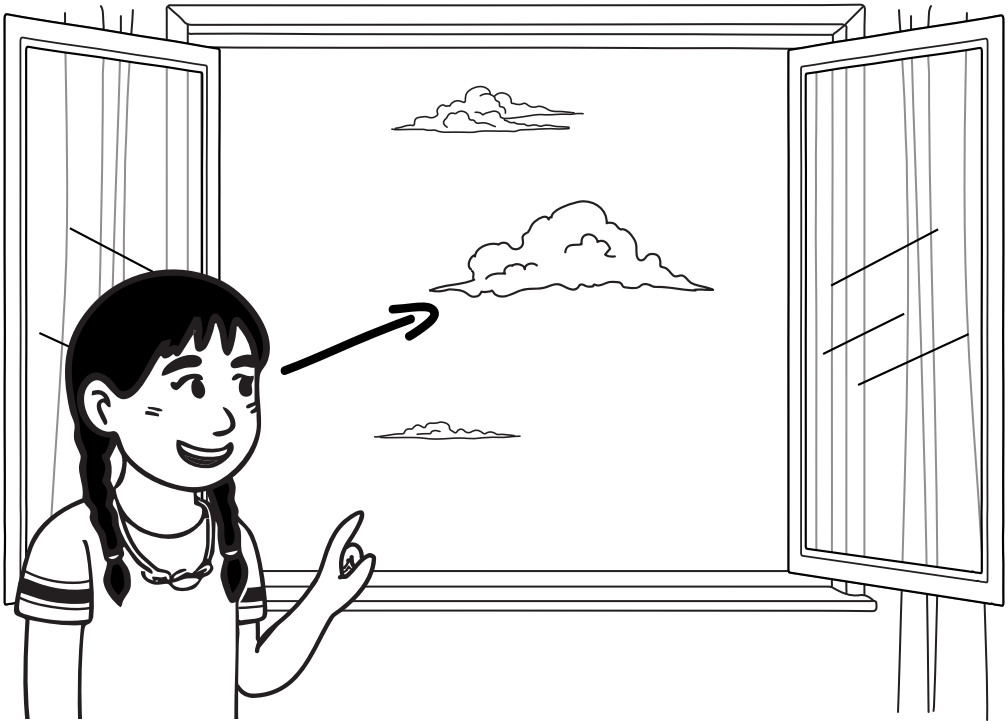
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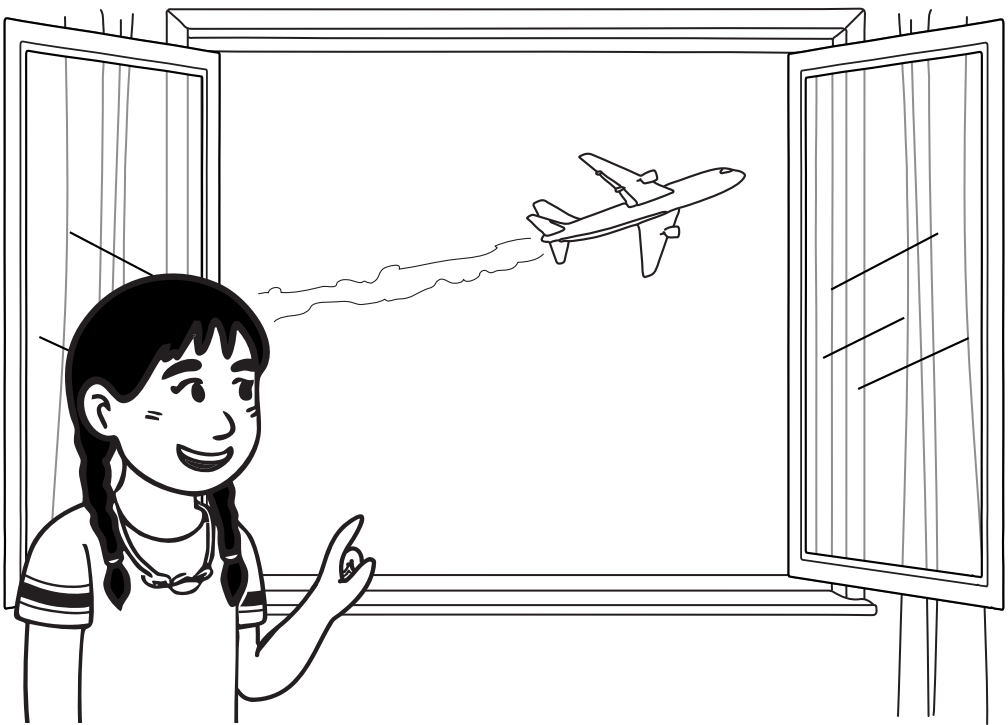
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niwāpahtîn waskow.





niwāpahtîn **pimihâkan.**



Glossary



wāpam

see him/her
(animate object)

niwāpamāw pīsim.

I see the sun.

niwāpamāw acāhkos.

I see a star.

niwāpamāwak acāhkosak.

I see the stars.

niwāpamāw tipiskāw pīsim.

I see the moon.

niwāpamāwak pīwayisisak.

I see birds.

wāpahta

see it
(inanimate object)

niwāpahtīn kīsik.

I see the sky.

niwāpahtīn pīsimoyāpiy.

I see a rainbow.

niwāpahtīn pīsimoyāpiya.

I see rainbows.

niwāpahtīn waskow.

I see a cloud.

niwāpahtīn pimihiākan.

I see a plane.



nîhiyawî

