

pîwâyisisak



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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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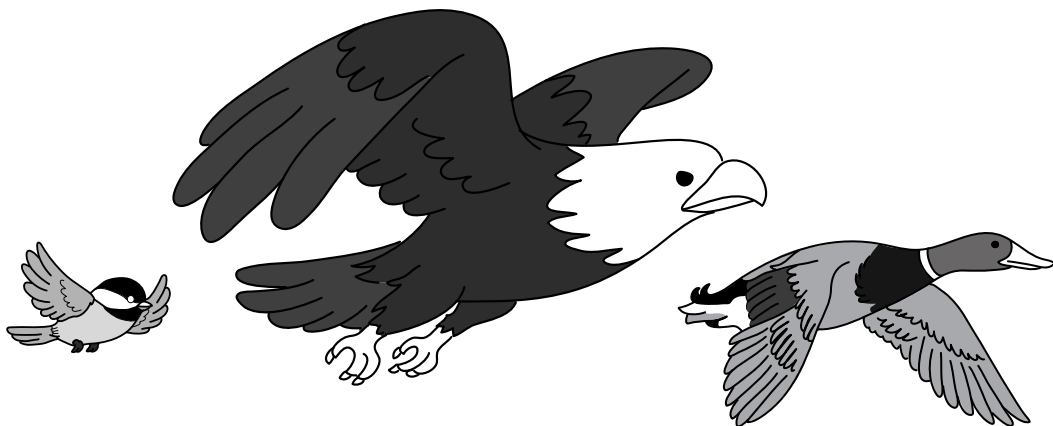
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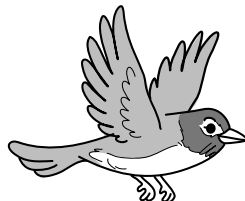
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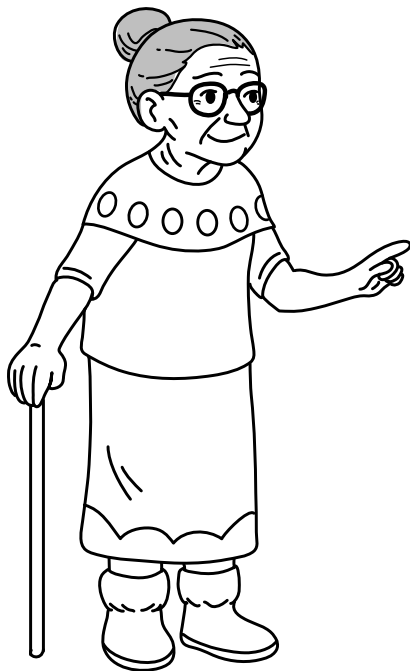
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pihpiciw awa.





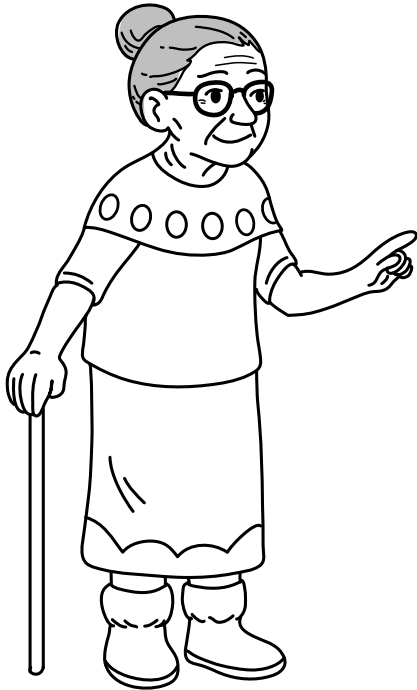
apiscikâhkâkîs awa.





kâhkâkiw awa.





kiyâsk awa.





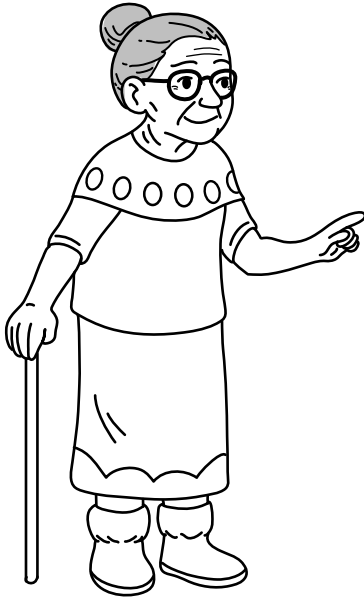
kicikîskosisîs awa.





 nikisiw awa.





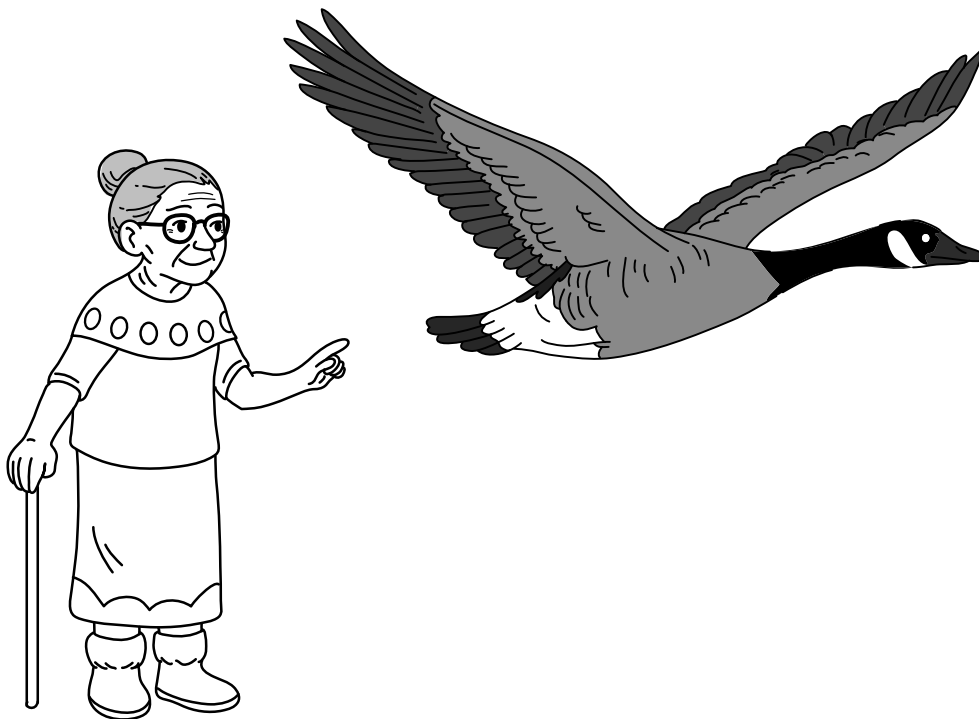
kihîw awa.





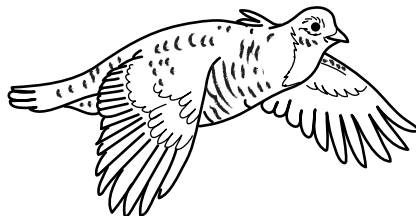
iyinisip awa.





niska awa.





pihîw awa.





mâkwa awa.



Glossary



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birds

pihpiciw awa.

This is a robin.

apiscikâhkâkîs awa.

This is a magpie.

kâhkâkiw awa.

This is a crow.

kiyâsk awa.

This is a seagull.

kicikîskosisîs awa.

This is a chickadee.

mikisiw awa.

This is a bald eagle.

kihîw awa.

This is a golden eagle.

iyinisip awa.

This is a mallard duck.

niska awa.

This is a goose.

pihîw awa.

This is a prairie chicken.

mâkwa awa.

This is a loon.



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