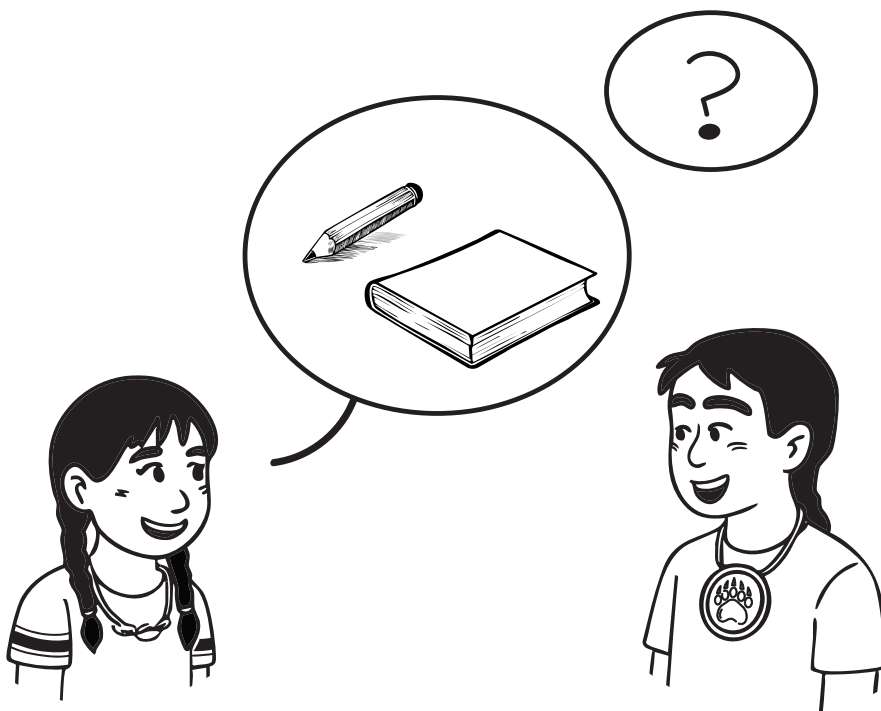


# tāniwī...?



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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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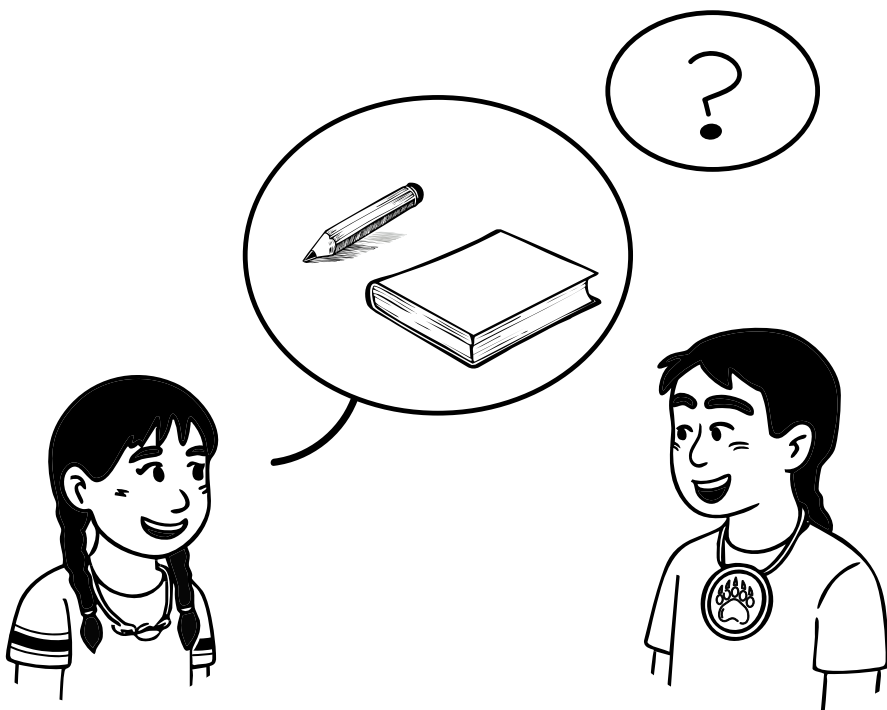
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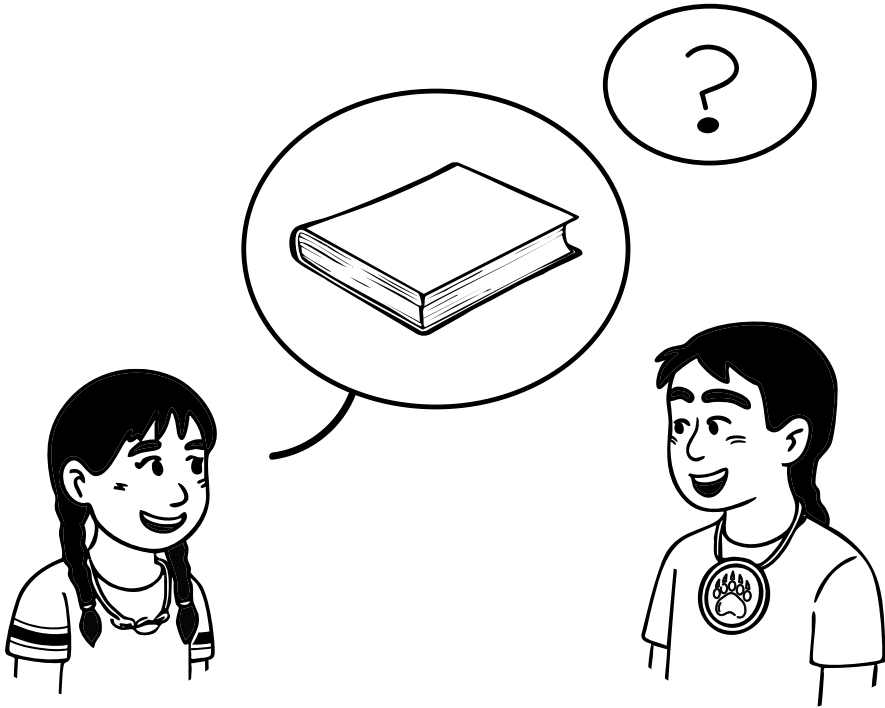
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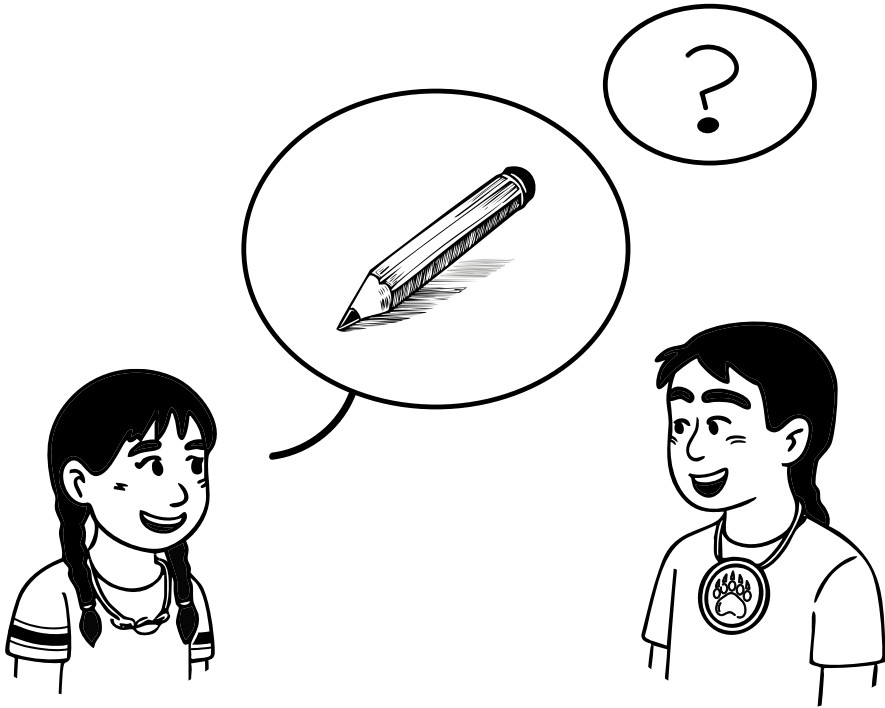
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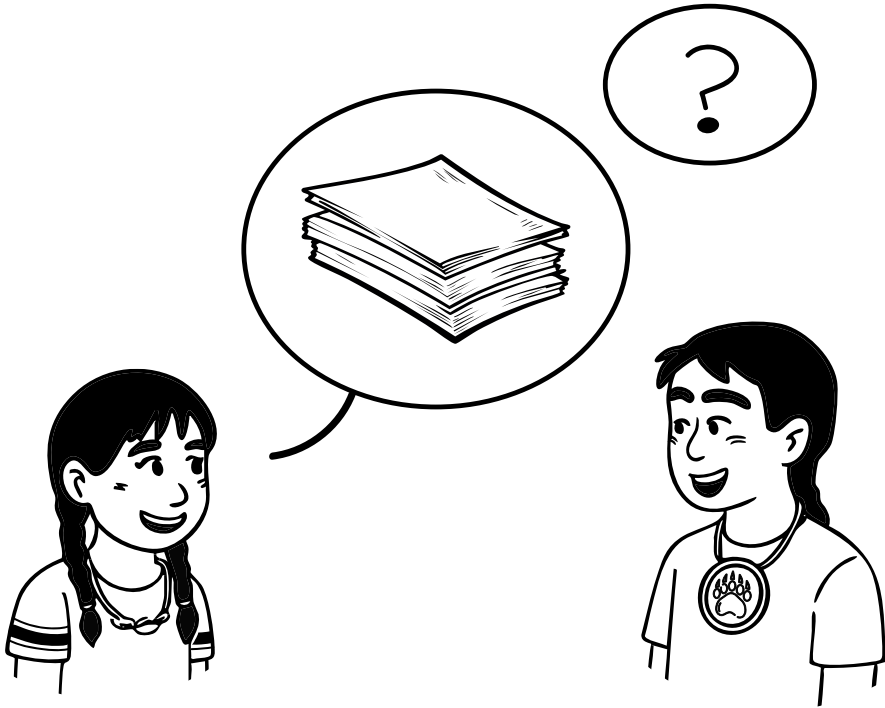
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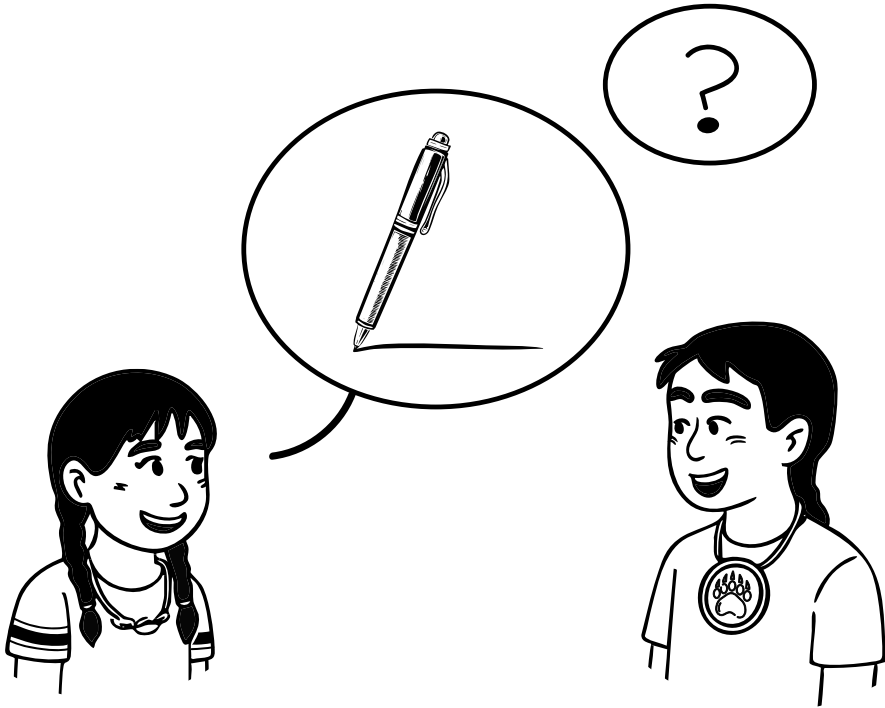


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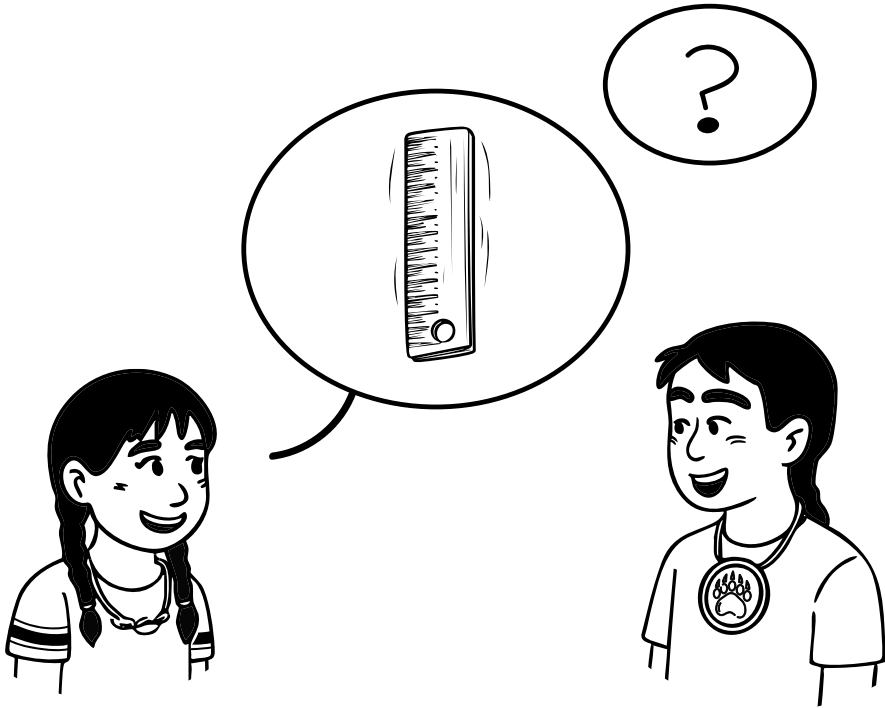


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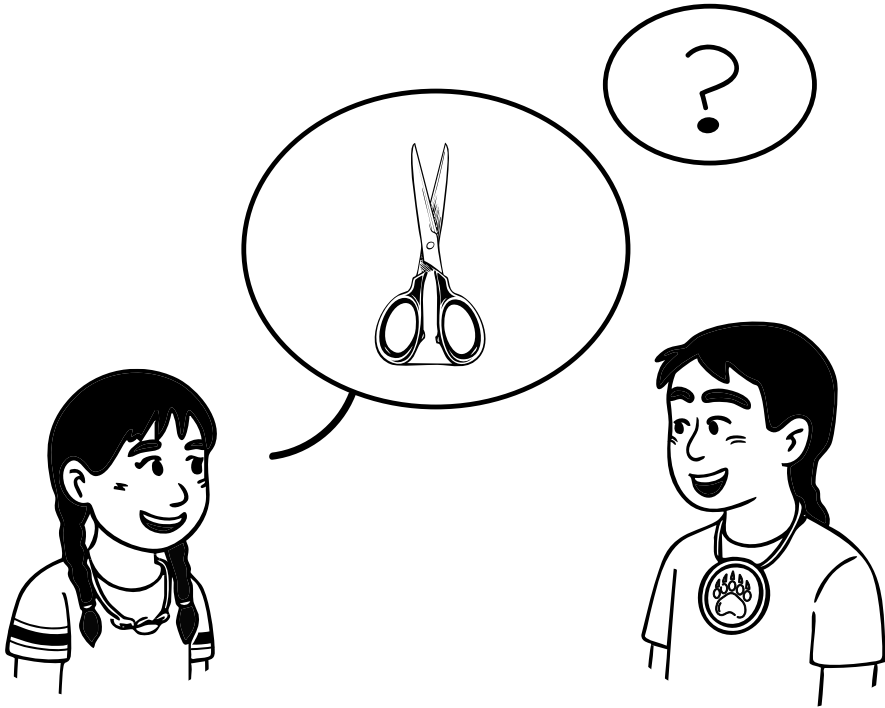
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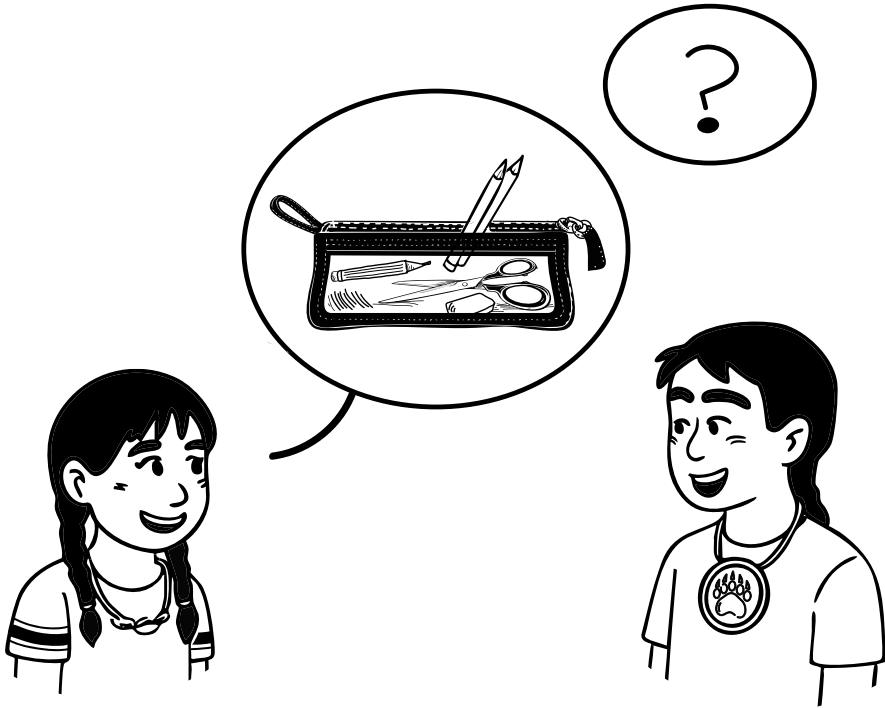
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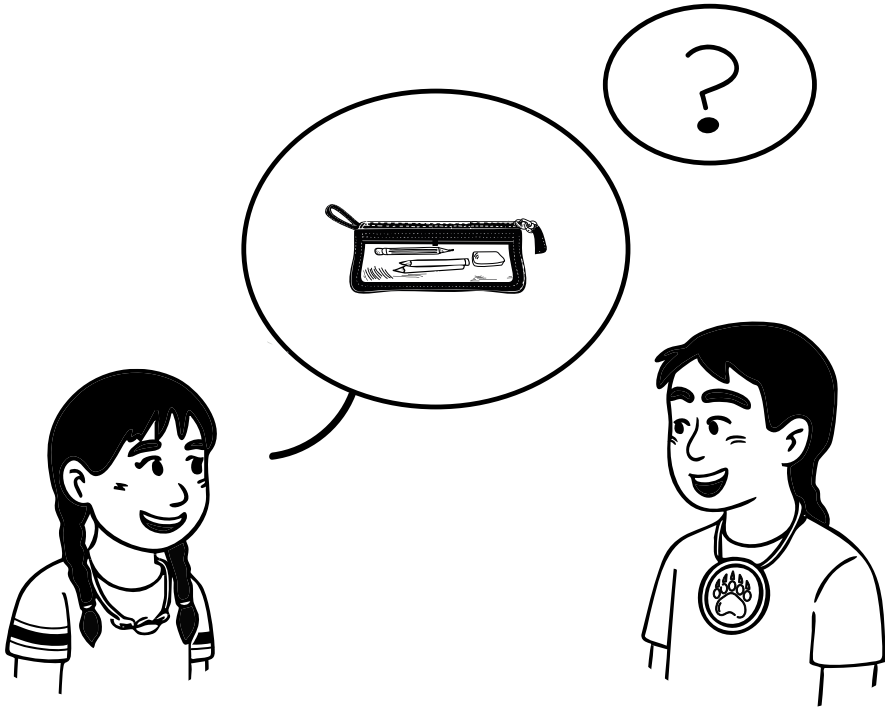


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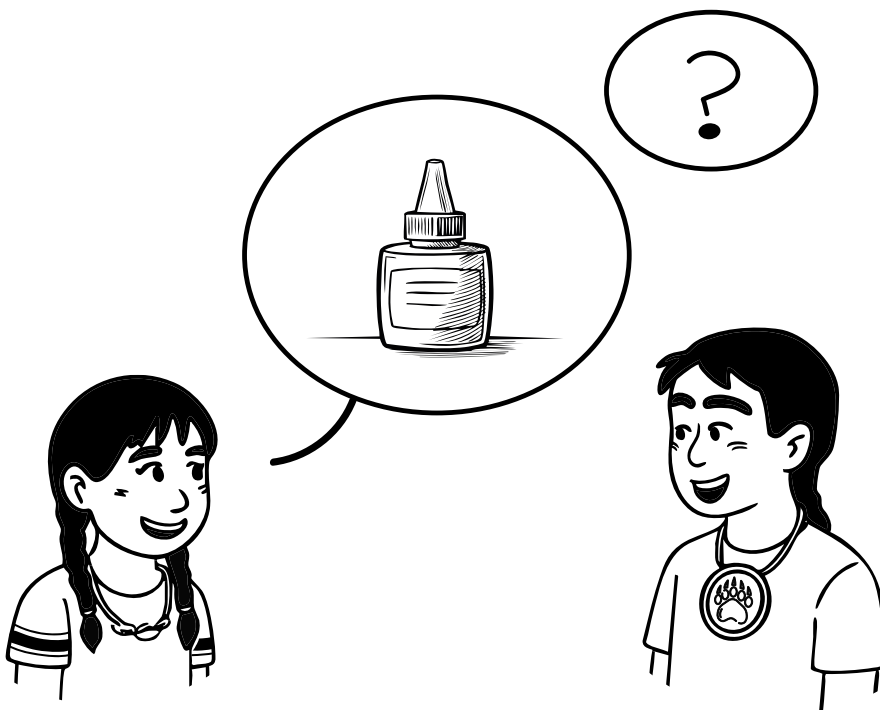


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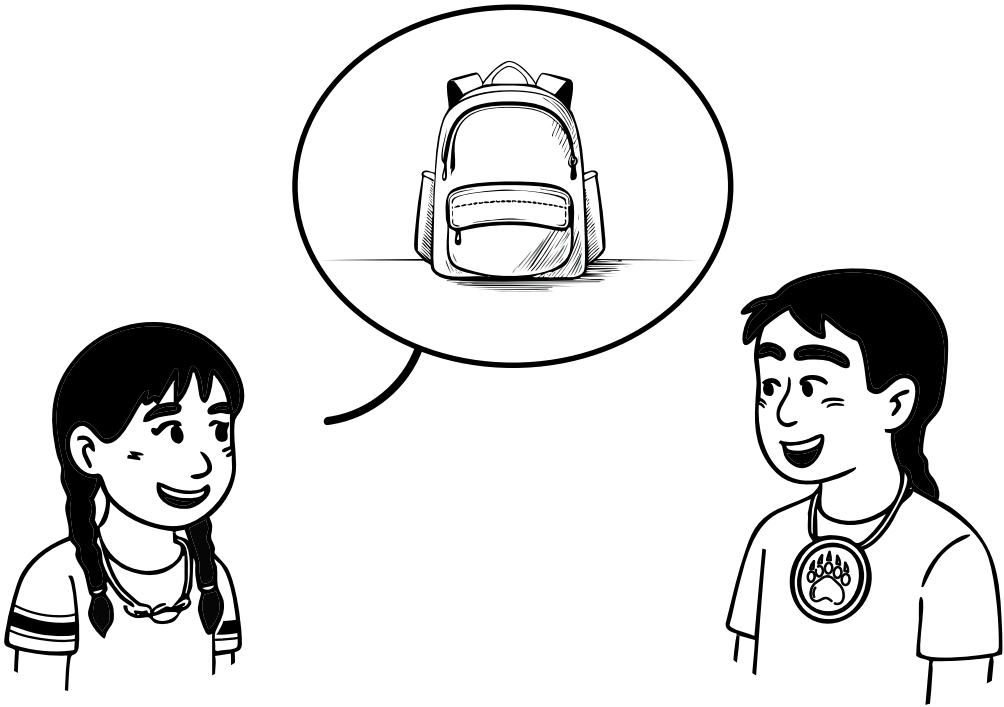


tâniwî maskimocis?





tāniwī akoskowahcikan?



kahkiyaw nimaskimotihk  
nitâpacihcikana.



# Glossary



## tāniwī...?

Where is... (inanimate object)?

**tāniwī masinahikan?**

Where is the book?

**tāniwī masinahikanāhcikos?**

Where is the pencil?

**tāniwī masinahikanīkin?**

Where is the paper?

**tāniwī masinahikanāhtik?**

Where is the pen?

**tāniwī tipahikanāhtik?**

Where is the ruler?

**tāniwī akihcikākan?**

Where is the calculator?

**tāniwī paskwāmâtowin?**

Where are the scissors?

**tāniwī misimaskimot?**

Where is the big bag?

**tāniwī maskimocis?**

Where is the little bag?

**tāniwī akoskowahcikan?**

Where is the glue?

**kahkiyaw nimaskimotihk  
nitâpacihcikana.**

All my supplies are in my bag.



nîhiyawî

