

NISENAN

ANIMALS 2



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OTTER



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #041

BONUS PHRASES



I see an otter in the river.

Where's the otter?

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ELK



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #042

BONUS PHRASES



I see an elk on the hill.

Where's the elk?

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ANTELOPE



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BONUS PHRASES

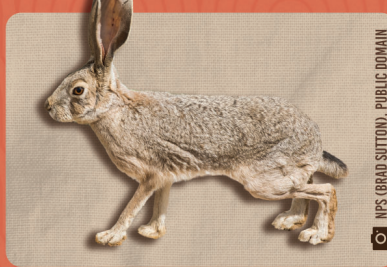


I see an antelope on the hill.

Where's the antelope?

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JACKRABBIT



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #044

BONUS PHRASES



I see a jackrabbit in the brush.

Where's the jackrabbit?

NISENAN

BADGER



USFWS (TOM KOERNER), PUBLIC DOMAIN

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #045

BONUS PHRASES



I see a badger in a burrow.

Where's the badger?

NISENÁAN

WIN



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni winí yamandí.
- Homodíbe winím?

NISENÁAN

KAKÍ



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni kakí mómtidí.
- Homodíbe kakím?

NISENÁAN

KIYISÍ 2



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PIIM



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni piimí tukedí.
- Homodíbe piimím?

NISENÁAN

BOOYÉE



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni booyée dīhídí.
- Homodíbe booyéem?

NISENÁAN

NAAW



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni naawí yamandí.
- Homodíbe naawím?

NISENAN

GOPHER



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #046

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a gopher in a burrow.
- Where's the gopher?

NISENAN

GROUND SQUIRREL



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #047

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a ground squirrel in a burrow.
- Where's the ground squirrel?

NISENAN

BAT



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #048

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a bat in a cave.
- Where's the bat?

NISENAN

CAT



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #049

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a cat in the house.
- Where's the cat?

NISENAN

PIG



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #050

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a pig in the grass.
- Where's the pig?

NISENAN

SHEEP



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #051

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a sheep in the meadow.
- Where's the sheep?

NISENÁAN

OOLELÉ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni oolelé oom k'umdí.
- Homodíbe oolelém?

NISENÁAN

HILÁW



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni hiláwí takedí.
- Homodíbe hiláwím?

NISENÁAN

HEMÉY



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni hemeyí takedí.
- Homodíbe hemeyím?

NISENÁAN

WOTEEKÁ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni woteeká sokadí.
- Homodíbe woteekám?

NISENÁAN

KOOC'Í



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni kooc'í pottodí.
- Homodíbe kooc'ím?

NISENÁAN

TONC'Í



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni tonc'í hidí.
- Homodíbe tonc'ím?

NISENAN

COW



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #052

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a cow in the meadow.
- Where's the cow?

NISENAN

CALIFORNIA QUAIL



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #053

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a CA quail in the valley.
- Where's the CA quail?

NISENAN

MOUNTAIN QUAIL



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #054

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a mountain quail on the hill.
- Where's the mountain quail?

NISENAN

SPARROW



WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW
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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #055

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a sparrow in the brush.
- Where's the sparrow?

NISENAN

GOLDFINCH



LESSER GOLDFINCH
ANDY REAGO & CHRISSE
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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #056

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a goldfinch in the brush.
- Where's the goldfinch?

NISENAN

MOURNING DOVE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #057

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a mourning dove on the ground.
- Where's the mourning dove?

NISENÁAN

HOLÓP



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni holopí yamandí.
- Homodíbe holopím?

NISENÁAN

HANPÁY



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni hanpayí loklodí.
- Homodíbe hanpayím?

NISENÁAN

PAAK'Á



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni paak'am sokadí.
- Homodíbe paak'am?

NISENÁAN

PULBÁ



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni pulbá k'awdí.
- Homodíbe pulbám?

NISENÁAN

C'ETÉK



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni c'eteké d'ihidí.
- Homodíbe c'etekém?

NISENÁAN

SIIT



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni siití d'ihidí.
- Homodíbe siitím?

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MEADOWLARK



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #058

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a meadowlark in the meadow.
- Where's the meadowlark?

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MAGPIE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #059

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a magpie in the valley.
- Where's the magpie?

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SCRUB-JAY



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #060

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a scrub-jay in the tree.
- Where's the scrub-jay?

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STELLER'S JAY



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #061

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a Steller's jay in the tree.
- Where's the Steller's jay?

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RED-TAILED HAWK



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #062

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a red-tailed hawk in the tree.
- Where's the red-tailed hawk?

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BURROWING OWL



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #063

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a burrowing owl in a burrow.
- Where's the burrowing owl?

NISENÁAN

C'AYÍT



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni c'ayítí c'aadí.
- Homodíbe c'ayítím?

NISENÁAN

AAT'ÁT'



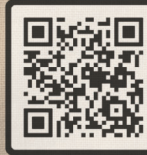
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BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni aat'at'í loklodí.
- Homodíbe aat'at'ím?

NISENÁAN

WAYMIÍS



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni waymiísí sokadí.
- Homodíbe waymiísím?

NISENÁAN

TOKK'ÓOK'



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni tokk'ook'ó tukedí.
- Homodíbe tokk'ook'óm?

NISENÁAN

SUUYÚ



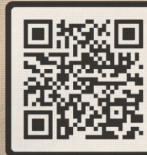
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BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni suuyú c'aadí.
- Homodíbe suuyúm?

NISENÁAN

C'AAPC'ÁP



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni c'aapc'apí c'aadí.
- Homodíbe c'aapc'apím?

NISENAN

DRAGONFLY



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #064

BONUS PHRASES



I see a dragonfly at the pond.

Where's the dragonfly?

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FLY



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #065

BONUS PHRASES



I see a fly in the house.

Where's the fly?

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MOSQUITO



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #066

BONUS PHRASES

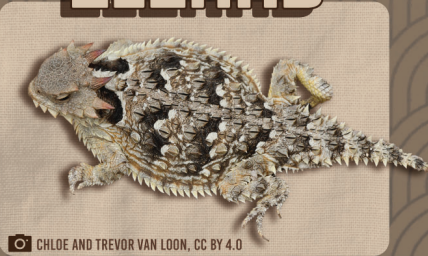


I see mosquitos near the water.

Where are the mosquitos?

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HORNED LIZARD



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #067

BONUS PHRASES



I see a horned lizard on the ground.

Where's the horned lizard?

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GARTERSNAKE



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BONUS PHRASES



I see a gartersnake at the pond.

Where's the gartersnake?

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KINGSNAKE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #069

BONUS PHRASES



I see a kingsnake in the grass.

Where's the kingsnake?

NISENÁAN

DIIKILLÍ



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni diikillí momím hoydí.
- Homodíbe diikillím?

NISENÁAN

EMELULÚ



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni emelulú hidí.
- Homodíbe emelulúm?

NISENÁAN

KUUYŪL



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni kuuyulí kayedí.
- Homodíbe kuuyulím?

NISENÁAN

TÁYAMAN



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni táyamaní pottodí.
- Homodíbe táyamaním?

NISENÁAN

HUWEENANÁ



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni huweenaná kayedí.
- Homodíbe huweenanám?

NISENÁAN

OKOPEYPEY



LISTEN

BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni okopeypeyí k'awdí.
- Homodíbe okopeypeyím?

NISENAN

RATTLESNAKE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #070

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a rattlesnake on the ground.
- Where's the rattlesnake?

NISENAN

TURTLE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #071

BONUS PHRASES



- I see a turtle in the pond.
- Where's the turtle?

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TADPOLE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #072

BONUS PHRASES



- I see tadpoles in the pond.
- Where are the tadpoles?

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LAMPREY EEL



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #073

BONUS PHRASES



- I see lamprey eels in the waterfall.
- Where are the lamprey eels?

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SALMON



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #074

BONUS PHRASES



- I see salmon in the river.
- Where are the salmon?

NISENAN

STURGEON



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #075

BONUS PHRASES



- I see sturgeon in the river.
- Where are the sturgeon?

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BUUTUK'ÚLK'UL



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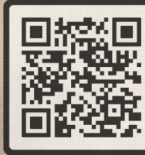


BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni buutuk'ulk'ulí kayedí.
- Homodíbe buutuk'ulk'ulím?

NISENÁAN

AWÁN



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni awaní kayedí.
- Homodíbe awaním?

NISENÁAN

KOYMÓO



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni koymóo k'awdí.
- Homodíbe koymóom?

NISENÁAN

HÓLMAY



LISTEN

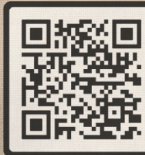


BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni hólmayí mómtidí.
- Homodíbe hólmayím?

NISENÁAN

MAY



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni mayí mómtidí.
- Homodíbe mayím?

NISENÁAN

KOWÓO



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Em ni kowóo yálləmləmdí.
- Homodíbe kowóom?

NISENAN

LANGUAGE NOTES 1



You can put the word-ending **-dí** onto the name of a location to mean 'in, at, or on' that location.

The first bonus sentence on every card has a location with **-dí** on the end. Here are a few of them:

mómtidí 'in or at the river'
kayedí 'in or at the pond'
yamandí 'on the hill'
loklodí 'in the valley'
c'aadí 'in the tree'
hidí 'in or at the house'

What are the other locations included in the bonus sentences?

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LANGUAGE NOTES 3



Sometimes Valley Nisenan and Southern Hill Nisenan have different words for the same animal.

Sometimes there are also several words in the same dialect that are interchangeable.

Example: Words for Mosquito

Valley Nisenan: Paapé

Southern Hill Nisenan: Diikillí

Diikillíí





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LANGUAGE NOTES 4


 The SSBMI Community has ties to the Valley and Southern Hill dialects of the Nisenan language through the Tribe's Matriarchs, **Pamela Cleanso Adams** and **Annie Hill Murray Paris**. Pamela spoke Valley Nisenan and Annie likely spoke Southern Hill Nisenan.

 The language on these cards comes from speakers of both dialects, including **Pamela Cleanso Adams** and **Tom Cleanso** (Valley Nisenan) and **William Joseph**, **Ida Hill Starkey**, and **Charlie Hunchup** (Southern Hill Nisenan)

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LANGUAGE NOTES 2

 The second bonus sentence on every card is the question "Where is the ___?"

You can answer this question by taking the **location+dí** from the first bonus sentence and adding **-m** to the end.

EXAMPLE

Bonus 1: **Em ni awaní kayedí.**
I see a turtle in the pond.

Bonus 2: **Homodíbe awaní?**
Where's the turtle?

Answer: **Kayedím.**
It's in the pond.

Try doing this for every card!