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ANIMALS



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BOBCAT



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #001



BONUS PHRASES

- Do you see the bobcat?
- Where's the bobcat?

- Do you see the bobcat?
- Where's the bobcat?

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MOUNTAIN LION



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #002



BONUS PHRASES

- Look at the mountain lion!
- The mountain lion is eating.

- Look at the mountain lion!
- The mountain lion is eating.

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COYOTE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #003



BONUS PHRASES

- Look at the coyote!
- Where's the coyote?

- Look at the coyote!
- Where's the coyote?

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WOLF



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #004



BONUS PHRASES

- Do you hear the wolf?
- The wolf is resting.

- Do you hear the wolf?
- The wolf is resting.

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BLACK BEAR



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #005



BONUS PHRASES

- Do you see the black bear?
- The black bear is eating.

- Do you see the black bear?
- The black bear is eating.

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FOX



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #006



BONUS PHRASES

- Do you hear the fox?
- Where's the fox?

- Do you hear the fox?
- Where's the fox?

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RACCOON



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #007



BONUS PHRASES

- Do you see the raccoon?
- The raccoon is resting.

- Do you see the raccoon?
- The raccoon is resting.

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BEAVER



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #008



BONUS PHRASES

- Do you see the beaver?
- The beaver is eating.

- Do you see the beaver?
- The beaver is eating.

NISENÁAN

HILÍT'



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Hilit'í etáp!
- Payelím hilit'ím.

NISENÁAN

TOLOMÁ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi tolomá?
- Homodíbe tolomám?

NISENÁAN

KIYISÍ



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Learn these animal names in groups of five until you've learned all forty. Then learn the bonus phrases too! Test yourself with these flashcards and try to beat your best time.

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EMÚL



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi emulí?
- Emulím payelím.

NISENÁAN

LOLLÁ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Lollá piníbe mi?
- Honkitím lollám.

NISENÁAN

OLÉ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp olé!
- Homodíbe olém?

NISENÁAN

PAANC'AK'



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi paanc'ak'á?
- Payelím paanc'ak'ám.

NISENÁAN

ΞΞK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi ΞΞké?
- Honkitím ΞΞkém.

NISENÁAN

HAW



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Piníbe mi hawí?
- Homodíbe hawím?

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GRAY SQUIRREL



FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #009

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the gray squirrel!
- The gray squirrel is resting.

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COTTONTAIL



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #010

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the cottontail?
- The cottontail is eating.

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DEER



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #011

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the deer!
- Where's the deer?

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GOAT



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #012

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you hear the goat?
- The goat is resting.

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HORSE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #013

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the horse?
- The horse is eating.

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DONKEY



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #014

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the donkey!
- The donkey is eating.

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DOG



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #015

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you hear the dog?
- Where's the dog?

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ACORN WOODPECKER



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #016

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the acorn woodpecker!
- Where's the acorn woodpecker?

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NORTHERN FLICKER



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #017

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you hear the northern flicker?
- The northern flicker is resting.

NISENĀAN

K'UT'



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp k'ut'í!
- Homodíbe k'ut'ím?

NISENĀAN

PALÁAL



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi palaalí?
- Payelím palaalím.

NISENĀAN

KEEHÉ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp kihí!
- Kihím honkitím.

NISENĀAN

WUDÚU



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp wudúu!
- Payelím wudúum.

NISENĀAN

KAWAAYÚ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi kawaayú?
- Kawaayúm payelím.

NISENĀAN

OOM K'UT'



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Oom k'ut'í piníbe mi?
- Honkitím oom k'ut'ím.

NISENĀAN

WOOLOLÓK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Piníbe mi woololokó?
- Honkitím woololokóm.

NISENĀAN

PANÁK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp panaká!
- Homodíbe panakám?

NISENĀAN

SUKKÚ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Piníbe mi sukkú?
- Homodíbe sukkum?

NISENAN

PILEATED WOODPECKER



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #018

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the pileated woodpecker!
- The pileated woodpecker is eating.

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #019

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the hummingbird?
- Where's the hummingbird?

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #020

BONUS PHRASES

- Do you see the dark-eyed junco?
- Where's the dark-eyed junco?

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WESTERN BLUEBIRD



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #021

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the western bluebird?
- The western bluebird is eating.

NISENAN

AMERICAN ROBIN



ANDY MORFFEW, CC BY 2.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #022

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you hear the robin?
- The robin is eating.

NISENAN

COMMON RAVEN



MARTA BORON, CC BY 2.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #023

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the raven!
- The raven is resting.

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GOLDEN EAGLE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #024

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the golden eagle!
- The golden eagle is eating.

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PEREGRINE FALCON



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #025

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you hear the peregrine falcon?
- The peregrine falcon is resting.

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TURKEY VULTURE



MELISSA MCMASTER, CC BY 2.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #026

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the turkey vulture!
- The turkey vulture is eating.

NISENĀAN

TITÉN



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Titéní ébe mi?
- Homodíbe titéním?

NISENĀAN

LISNÓ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Lisnó ébe mi?
- Homodíbe lisnóm?

NISENĀAN

MAKMÁK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp makmaká!
- Payelím makmakám.

NISENĀAN

KOOK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Kookó etáp!
- Kookóm honkitím.

NISENĀAN

WISTAKTÁK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Piníbe mi wistaktáká?
- Wistaktakám payelím.

NISENĀAN

SUUTÁAT



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi suutaatí?
- Payelím suutaatím.

NISENĀAN

HÍIS



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp híisí!
- Híisím payelím.

NISENĀAN

WEEKWÉK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Weekweké piníbe mi?
- Honkitím weekwekém.

NISENĀAN

PEY



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Peyí etáp!
- Payelím peyím.

NISENAN

CALIFORNIA CONDOR



CARIE BATTISTONE, CC BY 2.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #027

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the california condor?
- The california condor is eating.

NISENAN

GREAT HORNED OWL



WILDRRETURN, CC BY 2.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #028

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you hear the g. horned owl?
- Where's the great horned owl?

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WESTERN SCREECH OWL



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #029

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the w. screech owl!
- The w. screech owl is eating.

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BARN OWL



STEVEN WARD, CC BY 2.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #030

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you hear the barn owl?
- The barn owl is resting.

NISENAN

CANADA GOOSE



BENGT NYMAN, CC BY 2.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #031

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the canada goose!
- Where's the canada goose?

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TARANTULA



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #032

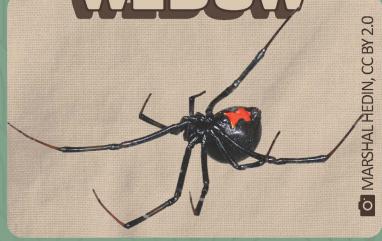
BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the tarantula?
- The tarantula is resting.

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BLACK WIDOW



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #033

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the black widow!
- Where's the black widow?

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YELLOWJACKET



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #034

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the yellowjacket!
- The yellowjacket is resting.

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HONEYBEE



THE PACKER LAB

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #035

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the honeybee!
- Where's the honeybee?

NISENĀAN

KÓNDA



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Kónda etáp!
- Kondam payelím.

NISENĀAN

HĒMHĒM



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Piníbe mi hēmhēm?
- Homodíbe hēmhēm?

NISENĀAN

MÓLLOK



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Mólllokó ébe mi?
- Mólllokóm payelím.

NISENĀAN

K'AWÍM KAPÁ



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi k'awím kapá?
- Honkitím k'awím kapám.

NISENĀAN

LOO



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Loo etáp!
- Homodíbe loom?

NISENĀAN

WEET



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Piníbe mi wiití?
- Wiitím honkitím.

NISENĀAN

WOOLÉM EEPÉN



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Etáp woolém eepení!
- Homodíbe woolém eepením?

NISENĀAN

EEPÉN



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Eepení etáp!
- Eepením honkitím.

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POKKÓN



LISTEN

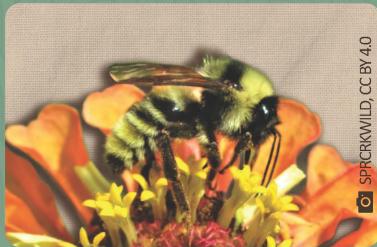


BONUS PHRASES

- Pokkoní etáp!
- Homodíbe pokkoním?

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BUMBLEBEE



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #036

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the bumblebee?
- The bumblebee is resting.

NISENAN

BUTTERFLY



JONATHAN GEARLY, CC BY 4.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #037

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the butterfly?
- The butterfly is eating.

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STINK ANT



JAKEN., CC BY 4.0

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #038

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the ant!
- Where's the ant?

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EARTHWORM



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FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #039

BONUS PHRASES



- Do you see the earthworm?
- Where's the earthworm?

NISENAN

SNAIL



ROBIN GWEN AGARWAL, CC BY NC

FLASHCARDS - ANIMALS #040

BONUS PHRASES



- Look at the snail!
- The snail is eating.

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LANGUAGE NOTES 1

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 & Tom Cleanso** (Valley-Nisenan) and **William Joseph, Ida Hill Starkey, and Charlie Hunchup** (Southern Hill Nisenan).

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PIC'ÍI



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Pic'íi etáp!
- Homodíbe pic'íim?

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LANGUAGE NOTES 2



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

Example: Words for Hummingbird

Valley Nisenan: Lisnó
Southern Hill Nisenan: Lii'ic'í

Example: Words for Bumblebee

Valley Nisenan: Múlka
Southern Hill Nisenan: Dím



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KOOWÁWA



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Koowáwa ébe mi?
- Koowáwam payelím.

NISENĀAN

MÚLKA



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Múlka ébe mi?
- Honkitím múlkam.

NISENĀAN

NISENĀAN

KÓLE



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Kóle etáp!
- Kólem payelím.

NISENĀAN

KÁYE



LISTEN



BONUS PHRASES

- Ébe mi káye?
- Homodíbe káyem?