



Kind Words

IN NISENAN

Flashcards for learning words of kindness and names for relatives in the Nisenan language

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You are talking to your mother.
What do you call her?

Mom



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You are talking to your father.
What do you call him?

Dad



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You are talking to your daughter.
What do you call her?

Daughter



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You are talking to your son.
What do you call him?

Son



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You are talking to your grandmother.
What do you call her?

Grandma



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You are talking to your grandfather on your mother's side.
What do you call him?

Grandpa



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You are talking to your grandfather on your father's side.
What do you call him?

Grandpa



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You are talking to your grandchild.
What do you call them?

Grandchild



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Henímtóm mi min **te**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Te



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Henímtóm mi min **ne**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Naa



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Ways to use...

-  **SCAN THE QR CODE**
on the front of this card to listen to the language and learn more.
-  **CHALLENGE YOURSELF**
Test yourself with these flashcards and try to beat your best time!
-  **PERSONALIZE THE LANGUAGE**
Combine words & phrases.
Example: Combine *Kotó* 'Grandma' with *Tuk'úm ni min* 'I love you' to say 'I love you, Grandma.'
-  **USE TWO DECKS TO PLAY GAMES**
Shuffle each deck. Lay out one deck Nisenan-up and one English-up. Take turns trying to match phrases in the two languages. When done, the player with the most matches wins.

Henímtóm mi min **kotó**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Kotó



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Henímtóm mi min **teehe**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Tee



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Henímtóm mi min **poohe**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Poo



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Henímtóm mi min **peyé**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Pey



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Henímtóm mi min **paahé**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Paa



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Henímtóm mi min **paapá**.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Paapá



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You are talking
to your older sister.
What do you call her?

Big Sister



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You are talking
to your older brother.
What do you call him?

Big Brother



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You are talking
to your younger sister.
What do you call her?

Little Sister



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You are talking to
your younger brother.
What do you call him?

Little brother



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You are talking
to your wife.
What do you call her?

Wife



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You are talking
to your husband.
What do you call him?

Husband



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You are talking
to your friend.
What do you call them?

Friend



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I love you.



BONUS PHRASE:
I love you too.

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*Take care
of yourself.*



BONUS PHRASE:
Take care of yourselves.

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Henímtóm mi min k'así.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

K'así



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Henímtóm mi min eyí.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Eyí



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Henímtóm mi min etí.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Etí



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Henímtóm mi min yep'é.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Yep'



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Henímtóm mi min kilé.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Kilé



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Henímtóm mi min tié.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

Ti



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Sitapáy'omís.



BONUS PHRASE:
Sitapáy'omiswá.

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Tuk'úm ni min.



BONUS PHRASE:
Tuk'úm ni min kan.

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Henímtóm mi min k'o.
Homáa hábe mi mihé?

K'es



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You are strong.



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You are brave.



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You sing well.



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You dance well.



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You speak well.



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You make me laugh.



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You make me happy.



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*You make me
feel good.*



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You've done well.



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*Wentín
solím mi.*



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Yaat'im mi.



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Ettím mi.



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Dəatím nik mi.



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*Wentín
henimím mi.*



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*Wentín
payyóm mi.*



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Wennetiy mi.



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*Wenné
hontím nik mi.*



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Küpetím nik mi.



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Thank you.



LITERAL MEANING:
It is good.

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I'm sorry.



LITERAL MEANING:
I did something bad.

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I'm sorry.



LITERAL MEANING:
Pity / Sympathy

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Please



LITERAL MEANING:
Please do it

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Language Notes

- ☞ The SSBMI Community has ancestral ties to the Valley and Southern Hill dialects of Nisenan through the Tribe's Matriarchs, Pamela Cleanso Adams and Annie Hill Murray Paris.
- ☞ Speakers of both the Valley and Southern Hill dialects use most of these words and phrases.
However, *k'asi* 'younger sister' is specific to the Valley dialect (spoken by Pamela Adams). In Southern Hill Nisenan, the word for 'younger sister' is *asáw*.

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Osí k'áa'a ni.



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Wenném.



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LANGUAGE NOTES CONTD.

- ▶ Phrases like *Tuk'úm ni min* 'I love you' are directed at just one person. Nisenan has different words for 'you (two)' and 'you (three or more)'.
- ▶ The words *ne* 'mother', *tín* 'younger brother', and *k'o* 'friend' have special forms when you are directly addressing that person. These flashcards give you those special forms of address (see cards #001, #012, and #015).

Míim miyéem!

That's that!

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