

Hatíp!

Flashcards for learning simple commands in Nisenan

The Language Department has a new set of Nisenan language flashcards! These cards teach simple commands, focusing on commands people often use with children and pets. For example, **Hatíp!** means 'Stop it!' You can listen to the language on the flashcards on our website; scan the QR code on the right or visit <https://bit.ly/ssbmi-simple-commands>.

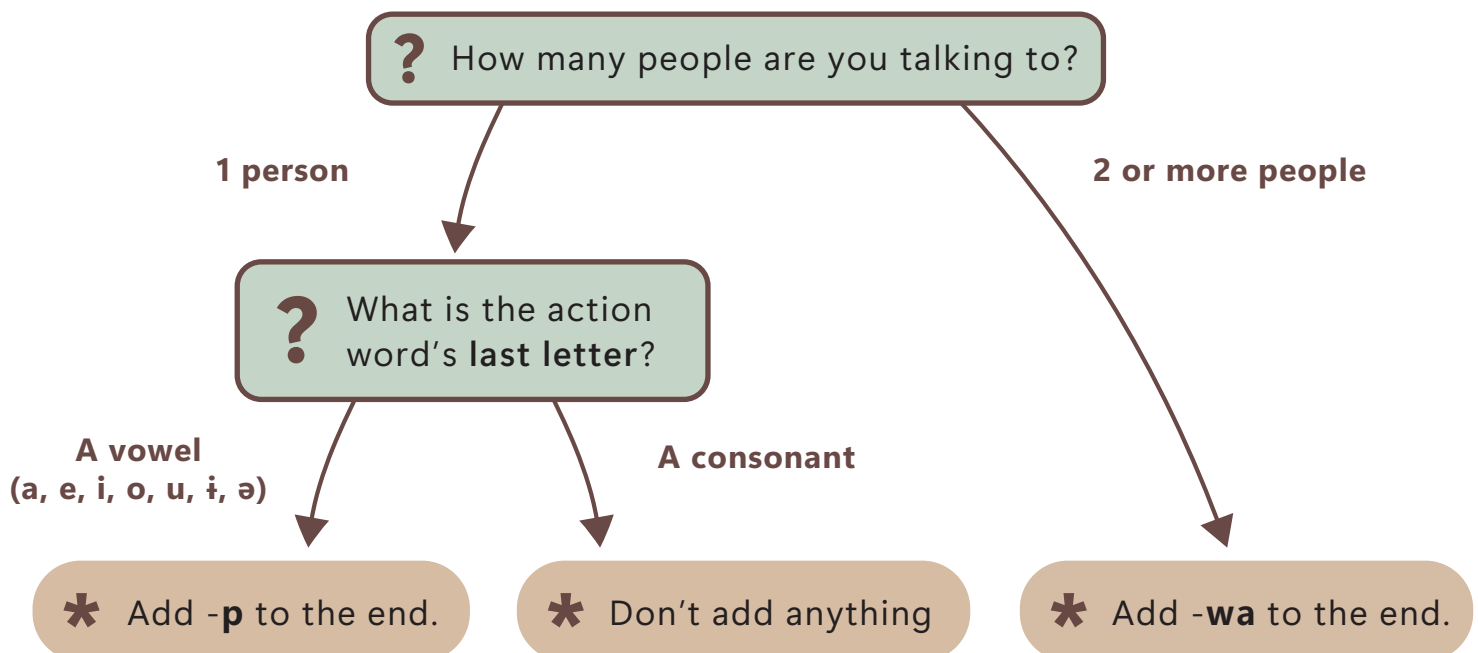
The flashcards will be available the weekend of Lumáy (Big Time). If you are not able to get a copy then, email us at Language@ssband.org or visit our offices in the Tribal Admin Building.

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HOW TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO DO IN NISENAN

Begin with an action word (a verb) like hati- 'to stop' or iskit- 'to sit down'



PRACTICING SIMPLE COMMANDS IN NISENAN

You can find answers to these practice questions on the next page.

- A.** Here are some action words (verbs) in Nisenan. Fill in the blanks! Use the flowchart on the previous page to create simple commands.

	Verb	Meaning	Command to 1 person	Command to 2 or more people
1.	hati-	'to stop'	<u>Hatíp!</u>	<u>Hatiwá!</u>
2.	iskit-	'to sit down'	<u>Iskít!</u>	<u>Iskitwá!</u>
3.	tukit-	'to lie down'	_____	_____
4.	eta-	'to look'	_____	_____
5.	payel-	'to eat'	_____	_____
6.	heek'aa-	'to hurry'	_____	_____
7.	tuyno-	'to go to bed'	_____	_____
8.	heyak'-	'to wait'	_____	_____

- B.** Here are some simple commands in Nisenan. Are they directed at 1 person or at 2 or more people? What do they mean?

		THIS COMMAND IS DIRECTED AT...		Meaning
Command		1 person	2 or more people	
1.	Hatiwá!	☐	☒	<u>Stop it!</u>
2.	Iskít!	☒	☐	<u>Sit down!</u>
3.	Tukitwá!	☐	☐	_____
4.	Etáp!	☐	☐	_____
5.	Payél!	☐	☐	_____
6.	Heek'aawá!	☐	☐	_____
7.	Tuynowá!	☐	☐	_____
8.	Heyák'!	☐	☐	_____

- C.** Here are some Nisenan commands directed at one person. What do you think the word-ending **-men** means? _____

Command	Meaning	Command	Meaning
1. Henamén!	'Don't shout!'	3. Osí henimmén!	'Don't talk bad!'
2. Wodoymén!	'Don't hit!'	4. Woomén!	'Don't cry!'

Answer Key - Simple commands practice exercises

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| A. 3. Tukít! | Tukitwá! | B. 3. 2+ people | 'Lie down!' |
| 4. Etáp! | Etawá! | 4. 1 person | 'Look!' |
| 5. Payél! | Payelwá! | 5. 1 person | 'Eat!' |
| 6. Heek'áap! | Heek'aawá! | 6. 2+ people | 'Hurry!' |
| 7. Tuynóp! | Tuynowá! | 7. 2+ people | 'Go to bed!' |
| 8. Heyák'! | Heyak'wá! | 8. 1 person | 'Wait!' |
- C. The word-ending *-men* means "don't".