

Lesson 9

Giizo-mazinigan Calendar

Nsostamokiiwans Explanation

The current Ojibwe calendar was devised after the Jesuits arrived in the Great Lakes area around 1642. Because they were Catholic missionaries, many of the days of the week reflect religious traditions.

shkwaname-giizhigak	niizh-giizhigak	zozep-giizhigak	spinaganon	jiibatago-giizhigak	manii-giizhigak	name-giizhigak
after-prayer day	second-day	Joseph's-day	consecration	ghost-day	Mary's-day	prayer-day
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 bezhig	2 niizh	3 swi	4 niiwini	5 naanan	6 ingodwaaswi	7 niizhwaaswi
8 shwaaswi	9 zhaangwaaswi	10 midaaswi	11 midaaswi-shi-bezhig	12 midaaswi-shi-niizh	13 midaaswi-shi-swi	14 midaaswi-shi-niiwin
15 midaaswi-shi-naanan	16 midaaswi-shi-ingodwaaswi	17 midaaswi-shi-niizhwaaswi	18 midaaswi-shi-shwaaswi	19 midaaswi-shi-zhaangwaaswi	20 niizhtana	21 niizhtana-shi-bezhig
22 niizhtana-shi-niizh	23 niizhtana-shi-swi	24 niizhtana-shi-niiwin	25 niizhtana-shi-naanan	26 niizhtana-shi-ingodwaaswi	27 niizhtana-shi-niizhwaaswi	28 niizhtana-shi-shwaaswi
29 niizhtana-shi-zhaangwaaswi	30 nisimdana	31 nisimdana-shi-bezhig				

ingo-namegiizhigak	one week
niizh-namegiizhigak	two weeks
niisa-namegiizhigak	three weeks
niio-namegiizhigak	four weeks
ngo-giizis	one month

jiinaagwa	yesterday
waasnaagwa	two days ago
ekwa-nisaganagak	three days ago
nongwa	today
waabang	tomorrow
waaswaabang	two days from today
kchiwaaswaabang	three days from today

kaa bemiseg	one week ago
nongwa enimiseg	this week
waanemiseg	a week from now
emaadigaza	start of the month
nongwa ensa ganagazid	this month
shkwaagaza	end of the month
ingodwaasagonigag nongwa-enji	six days from today

jiinaagwa n'gii anishinaabemi Okemos
yesterday we spoke Anishinaabe in Okemos

osnaagwa niin gii paa izhaa Chitwaa Dawejong
two days ago I went to Grand Rapids

ekwa-nisaganagak n'gii aanchtowin ndo'daabaning bezigwaagamig mide
three days ago I had it changed, the oil in my car

nongwa n'gii izhaami kchi kinomaagegamigong
today we went to the University

Manii-Eziben miinwa niin waabang geyabi n'gaa Anishinaabebiigemi
Mary-Elizabeth and I tomorrow still will write Anishinaabe

waaswaabang niin gaa paa izhaa enji-jingdamak
two days from now I will be at the pow wow

wenesh noongo ensa-ganagazid?
what is the day and date?

wenesh noongo ezhi-giizhigak?
what day is it (can also mean what is the weather)