



Animals in Ojibwe

Learning New Words!

Beginner: Introduce your child to animal names in Ojibwe.

[Tip]: Ojibwe animal names:

Ani-mosh (Dog)

Bizh-iki (Cow)

Boo-zh-ens (Cat)

Ma-kwa (Bear)

Mis-ta-dim (Horse)

O-ma-gaa-kii (Frog)

Zhi-hiib (Duck)

Intermediate: Say the name of the animal in Ojibwe and have your child make the animal sound.

[Tip]: Say “What sound does Zhihiib say?”. Child responds “Quack quack”.

Experienced: Name animals using pictures, stuffed animals, or drawings.

[Tip]: Ojibwe animal names:

Waa-waa-shk-shi (Deer)

Gii-goo (Fish)

Moo-z-(Moose);

A-mik (Beaver)

Ma'iin-gan (Wolf)

Bizh-iki (Buffalo)

Why is this important? Learning words of a second language as a child grows improves their ability to focus.

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