



## Learning Words in Cree

Meh twe dan!

**Beginner:** Play the “repeat after me” game and label items in English and Cree.

“Cree language is spoken in many parts of Canada and is often written in syllabics.”

**[Tip]:** Use pictures or the actual items.

Tree – Mistik  
Water – Ni pee  
Clock – Pee sih moo han

Fork – See stah seh poon  
House – Was kiy gun  
Sun – Pisim

**Intermediate:** Practice making short sentences in Cree. Say the sentences first in English, then translate into Cree.

**[Tip]:** Try your best to say the words with your child. A pronunciation guide can be used for assistance.

I love you – Ki sa ke hi tin  
Let's Play – Meh twe dan  
Hello – Tansi

Thank you – Ekosi  
Friend – Ni chi wakan  
Play – Me twe  
Read – A mis chi ke

**Experienced:** Practice saying complete sentences in Cree.

**[Tip]:** Examples are listed below.

Hello, how are you today? - Tansi, kee nah anos

This is my friend.- Nee jaw gun awa

Come here and read. – Peya mis chi ke

**[Brief] Why?** Practicing a language together will make sure the words and culture are preserved.

**[Detailed] Why?** Through learning Indigenous languages like Cree, children will become aware that all First Nations have their own cultures, languages, beliefs and values.



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**Caregiver Handbook:** Cree Vocabulary