

Numbers

1 bezhig	11 ashi-bezhig
2 niizh	12 ashi-niizh
3 niswi	13 ashi-niswi
4 niiwin	14 ashi-niiwin
5 naanan	15 ashi-naanan
6 (n)ingodwaaswi	16 ashi-(n)ingodwaaswi
7 niizhwaaswi	17 ashi-niizhwaaswi
8 (n)ishwaaswi	18 ashi-(n)ishwaaswi
9 zhaangaswi	19 ashi-zhaangaswi
10 midaaswi	20 niizhtana

Note that some speakers drop the initial n- in (n)ingodwaaswi and (n)ishwaaswi and its variants. Numbers from 20 to 99 combine the root number with a teen number. In English, 21 is “twenty one,” but if you literally translated 21 from Ojibwe to English it would be more like “twenty eleven.” For example:

21	niizhtana ashi-bezhig		500	naanwaak
22	niizhtana ashi-niizh		600	(n)ingodwaaswaak
30	nisimidana		700	niizhwaaswaak
31	nisimidana ashi-bezhig		800	(n)ishwaaswaak
32	nisimidana ashi-niizh		900	zhaangaswaak
40	niimidana		1000	midaaswaak
50	naanimidana		2000	niizhosagoons
60	(n)ingodwaasimidana		3000	nisosagoons
70	niizhwaasimidana		4000	niiyosagoons
80	(n)ishwaasimidana		5000	naanosagoons
90	zhaangasimidana		6000	(n)ingodwaasosagoons
100	(n)ingodwaak		7000	niizhwaasosagoons
200	niizhwaak		8000	(n)ishwaasosagoons
300	niswaak		9000	zhaangasosagoons
400	niiwaak		10,000	midaasosagoons

Math

+	Miinawaa	-	Odaapinan
=	Izhi	0	Bezhisigwaag

Numbers

Age

When stating your age, use the following the verb (VAI):

Biboonagizi s/he has a number of years (moons)

Dialogue:

Aaniin beboonagiziyan?

How old are you?

Niizhtana ni(m)biboonagiz. Giin dash?

I'm twenty years old. How about you?

Other forms:

Niizhtana na gibiboonagiz?

Are you twenty years old?

Niizhtana biboonagizi nishiime.

My younger sibling is twenty years old.

Zhooniyaa (money)

Likewise, a number of dollars is formed in the same way, only with the suffix “-waabik” added.

Please note that money is animate, so verbs used with it must be animate as well.

Bezhigwaabik	One dollar
Niizhwaabik	Two dollars
Niswaabik	Three dollars
Niiwaabik	Four dollars
Naanwaabik	Five dollars
(N)ingodwaaswaabik	Six dollars
Niizhwaaswaabik	Seven dollars
(N)ishwaaswaabik	Eight dollars
Zhaangaswaabik	Nine dollars
Midaaswaabik	Ten dollars

Dialogue:

Person A: Zhooniyaa na gidayaawaa?

Do you have money?

Person B: Gaawiin.

No.

Or: Geget!/En'!/Eya'!

Sure!/Yes!

Person A: Aaniin minik?

How much?

Person B: Midaaswaabik (n)indayaan.

I have ten dollars.

Or: Ni(m)biigoshkaa.

I'm broke.

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Days

When describing a number of days, a contracted form of the number is combined with the suffix “-ogon” (with the exception of one day).

Ingo-giizhik	One day
Niizhogon	Two days
Nisogon	Three days
Niiwogon	Four days
Naanogon	Five days
(N)ingodwaasogon	Six days
Niizhwaasogon	Seven days
(N)ishwaasogon	Eight days
Zhaangasogon	Nine days
Midaasogon	Ten days

Anama’e-giizhik

Ingo-anama’e-giizhik	One week
Niizho-anama’e-giizhik	Two weeks
Niso-anama’e-giizhik	Three weeks
Niiwo-anama’e-giizhik	Four weeks
Naano-anama’e-giizhik	Five weeks
(N)ingodwaaso-anama’e-giizhik	Six weeks
Niizhwaaso-anama’e-giizhik	Seven weeks
(N)ishwaaso-anama’e-giizhik	Eight weeks
Zhaangaso-anama’e-giizhik	Nine weeks
Midaaso-anama’e-giizhik	Ten weeks

Week

Biboon

Ingo-biboon	One year
Niizho-biboon	Two years
Niso-biboon	Three years
Niiwo-biboon	Four years
Naano-biboon	Five years
(N)ingodwaaso-biboon	Six years
Niizhwaaso-biboon	Seven years
(N)ishwaaso-biboon	Eight years
Zhaangaso-biboon	Nine years
Midaaso-biboon	Ten years

Year

Numbers

Diba'igan

Ingo-diba'igan
Niizho-diba'igan
Niso-diba'igan
Niiwo-diba'igan
Naano-diba'igan
(N)ingodwaaso-diba'igan
Niizhwaaso-diba'igan
(N)ishwaaso-diba'igan
Zhaangaso-diba'igan
Midaaso-diba'igan

Diba'igaans

Ingo-diba'igaans
Niizho-diba'igaans
Niso-diba'igaans
Niiwo-diba'igaans
Naano-diba'igaans
(N)ingodwaaso-diba'igaans
Niizhwaaso-diba'igaans
(N)ishwaaso-diba'igaans
Zhaangaso-diba'igaans
Midaaso-diba'igaans

Minikwaajigan

Ingo-minikwaajigan
Niizho-minikwaajigan
Niso-minikwaajigan
Niiwo-minikwaajigan
Naano-minikwaajigan
(N)ingodwaaso-minikwaajigan
Niizhwaaso-minikwaajigan
(N)ishwaaso-minikwaajigan
Zhaangaso-minikwaajigan
Midaaso-minikwaajigan

Hour

One hour
Two hours
Three hours
Four hours
Five hours
Six hours
Seven hours
Eight hours
Nine hours
Ten hours

Minute

One minute
Two minutes
Three minutes
Four minutes
Five minutes
Six minutes
Seven minutes
Eight minutes
Nine minutes
Ten minutes

Gallon

One gallon
Two gallons
Three gallons
Four gallons
Five gallons
Six gallons
Seven gallons
Eight gallons
Nine gallons
Ten gallons