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# ADAAWENAN GITIGAANI-AABAJICHIGANAN

## SHOPPING FOR GARDEN TOOLS

Ningaabii'anook: **Waabang niwii-izhaa adaawewigamigong.**  
*Tomorrow I will go to the store.*

Bizhikiins: **Aaniin apii waa-izhaayan adaawewigamigong?**  
*What time will you be going to the store?*

Ningaabii'anook: **Gaawiin ingikendaziin. Maagizhaa ge-ishkwaa-naawakweg.**  
*I don't know. Maybe when it is after noon.*

Bizhikiins: **Awegonen dinowa adaawewigamig waa-izhaayan?**  
*Which type of store are you going to?*

**Giwii-adaawe ina waa-miijiyid?**  
*You will buy groceries / something to be eaten?*

Ningaabii'anook: **Miijim niwii-adaawen miinawaa gitigaani-aabajichiganan niwii-adaawenan.**  
*Food I will buy and gardening tools I will buy.*

Bizhikiins: **Awenen waa-wiijiiwig?**  
*Who is going with you?*

Ningaabii'anook: **Giin, nimisawendaan ji-wiijiiwiyan. Giga-wiidoockaw ji-bimiwidooyaang gegoo.**  
*You, I want you to come with. I need help carrying something..*

Bizhikiins: **Geget gida-wiidoockaw awiya. Giga-wiijiiwin.**  
*Definitely someone should help you. I could come with you.*

Ningaabii'anook: **Da-bagamizbizo ina gidodaabaanish?**  
*Is he/she able to move, your old truck?*

**Maagizhaa ge-niin indodaabaan gi-da-maajiinaanaan?**  
*Or my car should we take it?*

Bizhikiins: **Giga-aabaji'aanaanaan chi-odaabaan ji-boozidoyang ini gitigaani-aabajichiganan. Minobizo**  
*We might use the truck to haul the gardening tools It is running good.*

Ningaabii'anook: **Oshkaya'aaw niwii-ayaawaa aawazhi-odaabaan.**  
*One that is new I will have, a hauling cart (wheelbarrow).*



**Ogii-piigoshkaa gete-aawazhi-odaabaan. Gii-bakwadise oditibise miinwaa miziwe baabagoshka.**  
*It was broken the old wheel barrow. It separated, the tire, and everywhere is full of holes.*

Bizhikiins: **Aaniin waa enaabaji'adwaa gii-geteg?**  
*How are you going to use the old ones?*

**Ganabaj inda-aabaji'aa ji-ozhitooyaan gitigaanens.**  
*Maybe I could use one to make a little garden.*



**Gimisawendaan ina waabigwaniinsan ji-gitigaan imaa?**  
*Do you want a flower to plant there?*

Ningaabii'anook: **Maagizhaa ge-da-minwaabaminaagwad iwidi wiikweyaag l'iw gitigaan.**  
*Maybe as it should look nice there at the point of the garden.*

Bizhikiins: **Misawendaman gida-adaawemin zhizhoobii'igan ji-zhizhoobii'an. Awegonen misawendaman ji-inaanzod?**  
*If you want to, we could buy paint to paint it. What color do you like?*

Ningaabii'anook: **Gii-miskozis aawan igo, gii-nitam. Giishpin izhiwe wii-gitigaanid,**  
*It was red first. If it happens to become a garden,*

**wezhaawashkwaag da-minwaabaminaagwadoon waabigwaniin.**  
*Green will look good with flowers.*

**Zhizhoobii'iganaatig gida-adaawemin**  
*A paintbrush we should buy*

**miinawaa zhizhoobii'iganaatigoon giga-adaawemin.**  
*And paint paddles we should buy.*



Bizhikiins: **Ozhichigaade zhizhoobii'igan ji-agwaagosisiinag. Rustoleum ganabaj izhinikaade.**  
*It is made, a paint to control rust. Rustoleum maybe it is called.*

**Gida-andowaabandaamin, aawazhi-odaabaans ge-onji-ozhi'aa biiwaabikoons.**  
*We should look for that, for the wheelbarrow as it is made of metal.*

Ningaabii'anook: **Gimino-inendam.**  
*You have a good idea.*

Bizhikiins: **Giishpin adaaweng nawaj ini abwiinsan, giga-zhizhoobii'aamin ge-ji-ozhibii'amang ini gitigaanensan izhinikaadegin.**  
*If we buy more little paddles, we can paint them up, and we should write on them the vegetable sproutnames.*

**Nagweyaab ji-izhinaagwaad maajiigin ini gitigaanensan, akina inaande'gin.**  
*A rainbow, it will look like one once it starts to grow, the little garden, multi-colored.*

**Weweni gigawaabandaamin gitigaanensan, waabigwaniinsan. Omoona'awaan ini opiniig miinawaa okaadaakoonsan.**  
*Easily we should see the garden flowers. They dig up potatoes and carrots.*

Ningaabii'anook: **Nawaj sa wiin igo anooj gegoo niwii-gitigaadaan gaawiin eta go opiniig miinawaa okaadaakoon.**  
*Well, I want more than spuds and carrots out there.*

**Nookomis ko gii-michaa iniw ogitigaan mii igo iwidi jiigikana, gaa-izhi-getiged. Akina gegoo ingii-gitigaadaamin**  
*My grandma in the past, it was huge, her garden near the road, where we planted. Everything*

**Opiniig, okaadaakoon, mandaamin, bipakoombensan, miinawaa zhigaagawanzhiig, nawaj igo gegoo bakaan.**  
*Potatoes, carrots, corn, cucumbers, and onions, more things different.*

Bizhikiins: **Apegish owe wii-wiidookaag ji-ganawendaman ini gitigaan. Mii iw wii-ji-michaamagad.**  
*I hope someone helps you to take care of the garden. So it will be big.*

Ningaabii'anook: **Aano igo naa giin inendaman giga-miinin aanind gitigaanan.**  
*So really if you think that I will give you some vegetables.*



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## THE PIPE MAKER

Niingaabii'anook: **Mii azhigwa gegaa ji-miziweyaabikizid a'aw dibiki-giizis.**  
*So already almost he/she is everywhere reflecting, that moon.*

Bizhikiins: **Mii miinawaa ji-bi-(wii)dookaagoyan ji-boodaweyan.**  
*So again you need to be helped here to build a fire.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Bangii geyaabi gii-ishkosewan misan.**  
*A little bit still they are left firewood.*

Bizhikiins: **Gimisawendaan ina ji-naadiyaan.**  
*Do you want for me to pick some up?*

Niingaabii'anook: **Ohn . . . da-onizhishin i'iw.**  
*Oh. . .that should be good.*

**Mii go ji-de-bagamiwidooyang maajitaang omaa waa-izhichigeng.**  
*So we should arrive carrying it to start here what will be done.*

Bizhikiins: **Akina ina go ikwewag wii-pi-nagamowag**  
*All of the women will sing here?*

Niingaabii'anook: **Gakina go wii-pi-nagamowag gaawiin dash wiin Biidaaban.**

*All of them will sing here except Biidaaban.*

**Imaa wiin wii-ayaa Nagaajiwanaang owii-widookawaan odaanan.**  
*There she will be in Fond du Lac to help her daughter.*

Bizhikiins: **O mii ina ni odaanan waa-wiidigenid?**  
*Oh her daughter who will be married?*

Niingaabii'anook: **Enya, mii iniw.**  
*Yes, that's the one.*

**Biidaaban ozaagi'aan ininiwan waa-onaabeminid ni odaanan.**  
*Biidaaban loves that man who will be the husband of her daughter.*

**Akina sa go omino-doodaagowaan.**  
*Everyone, really he is good to them.*

**Geyaabi ina misan gidayaanan?**  
*Still any firewood do you have?*

**Nawaj idash gida-ayaamin.**  
*More then we would need.*

**Ni mii naadinan awaswaabang.**  
*I am getting some day after tomorrow.*



**Omino-doodaagoon.**  
*He's good to her.*

Bizhikiins: **Aaniin ezhinikaazod?**

*What is he called?*

Niingaabii'anook: **Joe izhinikaazo.**  
*Joe he is called.*

**Apane ojaanimizi**  
*Always he is busy,*

**opwaaganiked,**  
*making pipes,*

**mookodaasod, mookodaasod, aw mookodaasod.**  
*carving, carving, that one is a carver.*

**Opwaaganaatigoon odaabaji'aanan ozhi'aad opwaaganan,**  
*The pipe stems he makes for the pipes,*

**epiichi nitaawi'aad iniw opwaaganan.**  
*as he makes them well those pipes.*

**Akina bebakaan izhinaagoziwag ingiw opwaaganan.**  
*All of them are different looking those pipes.*



Bizhikiins: **Aandi wendinaad iniw opwaaganaabikoonsan,**  
*Where does he get his pipe stone?*

Niingaabii'anook: **Mii go awiya ba-izhi-miinigod.**  
*Somebody comes and gives it to him.*

**Nawaj niibowa omiinigoon**  
*So much he is given*

**miinawa go wiin waa-inaabaji'aad ji-inaabaji'aad.**  
*and as for him he uses it as he uses it.*

Bizhikiins: **Ingikendaan igo omaa daad jiigi-zaaga'iganing,**  
*I know here he lives along the lake,*

**mino-ayaamagad imaa, onizhishin ini imaa endaad anokiid,**  
*it's peaceful there, it is a good place to live and work,*

**minweyaashkaad zaaga'igan,**  
*with the good sound of waves on the lake,*

**mitigoog,**  
*trees,*

**manidoonsag,**  
*insects,*

**bineshiinyag**  
*and the birds*

Niingaabii'anook: **Biidaaban ingii-wiindamaag mii imaa wenji-minwendang mawadishiwed.**  
*Biidaaban told me, there, the reason she likes visit.*

**Agwajiing ominwendaan aw namadabid,**  
*Outside she likes to sit,*

**wiinawaa iniw odaanaan ganawaabamaawaad iniw anokiinid.**  
*they, her daughter, they watch him work.*

**Naagaj ojiibaakwewag ikwewag agwajiing dash da-inanjigewag.**  
*Later they cook, the women, outside then they eat.*

Bizhikiins: **Onzaam miinawaa ina manidoonsag?**  
*Too many and bugs? (Were there too many bugs?)*

Niingaabii'anook: **Aanind ayaawag.**  
*Some are there.*

**Gaawiin dash igo we-o-babaamenimaasiwaawaad**  
*No but they mind their own business.*

**mii eta go maa daawaad, mii go ge-wiinawaa imaa daawaad wiijiiyaawaawaad ini opwaaganan wezhi'aanid.**  
*so only they live there, so they, where they live are together there the pipes (with) the one who makes them.*

Bizhikiins: **Zanagadaadogi nazhikewige.**  
*It must be hard to live alone.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Gaawiin wiikaa ginazhikewizisii bagwaj.**  
*Never are you alone in the country.*

Bizhikiins: **Na ingikendaan.**  
*I know that.*

**Nawaj da-minwendam awe ji-gaganoonaajin.**  
*More he should be happy that one to have someone to talk to.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Gaye niin niminwendaan gaganooninaan.**  
*Also I'm happy to have you to talk to.*

**Awegonen ge. . .gegoo bakaan maneziyang?**  
*What things other do we need?*



Niingaabii'anook: **Mii gii aangwiim niibowa anishinaabe-zhiwaagamizigan,** **mii eta go dash ezhichigaadeg noongom**  
*So it went certainly a lot of anishinaabe syrup,* *so only something that was now.*

Bizhikiins: **Niibowa iko gii-ayaawag omaa mitigomizhiig.**  
*Many they were here oaks.*

**Gaawiin geyaabi.**  
*No longer.*



Niingaabii'anook: **Nimaaminonendaan gii-odaminawaanigidwaa iko igiw mitigominag.**  
*I remember us playing with them those acorns.*

Bizhikiins: **Nimaaminonendaan waabamagwaa ajidamoog biminiwinaawaad ini.**  
*I remember seeing them, the squirrels carrying them around.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Aanind ina ogii-gaanaawaan iniw mitigominan?**  
*Some of them did they hide the acorns?*

Bizhikiins: **Ganabaj geget ogii-gaanaawaan.**  
*Maybe for sure they did hide them.*

**Gaawiin niwaabamaasiig ji-maajigiwaad geyaabi mitigominan.**  
*I don't see then growing still the acorns.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Gaawiin gaye niin.**  
*Me neither.*

**Aano igo niibowa mitigoog ayaawag iwidi, bakaan izhinaagoziwag.**  
*Anyway lots of trees are there, but different they look.*

Bizhikiins: **Azaadiwag iwidi.**  
*Poplars there.*

**Ginibigiwag** **gawiin weweni jaagzosiwag.**  
*They grow fast, not easily do they burn up completely.*

**Gaawiin gizhisigesiiwag.**  
*They don't burn hot.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Niibowa mitigoog gii-maajaawag. Ganabaj gichi-maazhendamoog.**  
*Many trees left. (have gone). Maybe they are very sad.*

Bizhikiins: **Ooodenaawensiwaan naasaab igo oodenaansan.**  
*Their small community is just like any other small community.*

**Wani'aawaad iwe maazhendamoog.**  
*They lose them, they mourn.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Ginwenzh dash ige aw mitig.**  
*For a long time in a certain place it grows, that tree.*

**Gaawiin niwaabandanziinaawaa bimaadiziwaad.**  
*We do not see how they live.*

**Gidagawaateshimaagonaanig gizhideg,** **miinawaa gidabizigonaanig gisinaamagag,** **onizhisiwag gaye apane,**  
*They give us shade when it's hot, and warm us when it's cold, they are beautiful always,*

**miinawaa mino-bagidanaamowin gimiinagonaanig.**  
*and good breath they give us.*

**Ampegish nisidotamowaad bimaadiziwaad ezhi-gichi-apiitendaagozinid iniw mitigoon.**  
*I wish they understood the way they live in order for them to be greatly respected, the trees.*

Bizhikiins: **Apane da-wiindamawaad**  
*Always one should tell them.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Mii bizindamowaad ise igo.**  
*So if only they listen.*



# NOKAKAMAGAGENG KITIGAANING

## TURNING OVER THE GARDEN SOIL

Niingaabii'anook: **Noongom ninandawendaan ingichi-wiiwakwaan.**  
*Today I want my big hat.*



**Giin dash giga-aabaji'aa aawazhi-daabaan, mangaanibaajigan, binaakwe'igan,**  
*You will use the wheel barrow, a shovel, a rake,*

**miinawaa bimijaagaakwad.**  
*and a hoe.*

Bizhikiins: **Aaniin dash wiiwakwaan onji-giizikaman.**  
*Why a hat you will take off?*

**Giwii-aabooji'igemin indenendam.**  
*We will turn it over I think.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Nawaj niibowa nimisawendaan gaawiin eta go gichi-wiiwakwaan!**  
*More I want, not only the big hat!*

**Inga-aabajitoon bimijaagaakwad miinawaa binaakwe'igan,**  
*I should use the hoe and the rake,*

**giin dash gida-aabaji'aa aawazhi-odaabaanens miinawaa mangaanibaajigan.**  
*and you should use the wheelbarrow and the shovel.*

Bizhikiins: **Naa, ge-niin nimoshwensan miinawaa niwiiwakwaan. Wii-gizhaate. Nawaj ishpagoojin aw giizis**  
*Well, my handkerchief and my hat. It will be hot. More high is the sun.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Mii gigizheb wenji-maajitaayang. Ingodwaaso-diba'iganed-ashi-aabita.**  
*So early we will start. Six o'clock half after.*

**Mii go wewiib ji-ishkwaa-wisiniyaang.**  
*So quickly we need to be done with eating.*

**Giishpin maajitaayang niizhwaaso-diba'iganed-ashi-aabita, mii go ji-minoseg.**  
*If we start by 7:30 that's good enough.*

**Giin gida-moona'aan bingwi mangaanibaajigan gida-aabajitoon,**  
*You can dig the fine soil the shovel you should use,*

**niin dash inga-ningwada'aan inga-aabajitoon bimijaagaakwad.**  
*and I, I should cover it up I should use the hoe.*

Bizhikiins: **Aaniin wenji-aabaji'ad aawazhi-odaabaan?**  
*What is the reason to use the wheelbarrow?*



Niingaabii'anook: **Aana go naaji'aawidoon iniw gitigaani-aabajichiganan,**  
*Mostly to fetch and bring the garden tools,*

**maagizhaa ge-ojibikan iw ojibikoon giga-giishkizhaamin,**  
or as we weed the roots we should cut them,

**miinawaa waagaakwad gida-bi-maajiidoon**  
also the axe you should bring here,

**ganage gaye wii-giishkada'aman iniw ojibikoon. Mii imaa ji-booziwebinaman aawazhi-daabaanising;**  
in case you chop them, those roots. Then there you put them in the wheel barrow,

**giga-jaagizaamin dash naagaj.**  
*we can burn them later.*

Bizhikiins: **Giishpin wii-boodaweng igo inga-daashkiga'ise nawaj.**  
*If there will be a fire started I should split more.*

**Niminwendaamin ji-boodawen ini onagoshig**  
*I like to build a fire in the evening.*

**namadabiyang agwajiing anangoog ji-ganawaabamangwaa.**  
*we can sit outside and watch the stars.*

**Minomaagwad gaye.**  
*It smells good too.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Gaye niin niminomaandaan,**  
*And I like to smell it,*

**gaawiin shwii ingiw zagimeg.**  
*not those mosquitoes.*

**Geyaabi ajina gii agwajiing gidayaamin.**  
*Still more outside we were there.*

Bizhikiins: **Mii omaa dash tazhindamang boodaweng nibaa-dibik,**  
*So here we are the talking about a fire being started at night,*

**gaawiin maashi gimaajii-anokiisiimin.**  
and not yet we are starting to work.

Niingaabii'anook: **Mii go maano.**  
*That's okay.*

**Mino-ayaamagad gegoo akawaabandamang.**  
*It's good to something expect.*

Bizhikiins: **Nimisawendaan igo nawaj makade-mashkikiwaaboo.**  
*I want more coffee.*

**Gidayaan ina geyaabi?**  
*Do you have more?*

Niingaabii'anook: **Gaye niin.**  
*Also me.*

Bizhikiins: **Minomaagwad. Da minose miijin ini ozaashaaboo miinawaa wezaawaakizid-bakwezhigan. Ginitaa-jiibaakwe.**  
*That smells good. It would be good with oatmeal and piece of toast. You cook well.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Wenipanakin miijim.**  
*Simple food.*

**Niminwendaan jiibaakwadamaan wenipanad gegoo.**  
*I like to cook simple things.*

**Naagaj ishkwa-wiisinyang niwii-ozhitoon dekaagomig mashkigobagwaaboo.**  
*Later, after we eat, I will make cold swamp tea.*

Bizhikiins: **Enigok inga-anoki gigizheb.**  
*With more effort I will work in the morning,*

**Da-minosemagad ji-minikwe ani mashkigobagwaaboo.**  
*It will be good to drink some swamp tea.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Ahaaw, nawaj inga-ozhitoon aniibiish.**  
*Okay, more I will make, tea.*

Bizhikiins: **Miigwech giga-ayaamin miinawaa dibikak.**  
*Thanks, we should be here also at night.*

Niingaabii'anook: **Niswedayesh niwii-ayaan mashkimodegwaajiganan ayaagin imaa,**  
*My sweater I will have with pockets it has there,*

**miinawaa nagaj onaagoshig.**  
*and for later in the evening.*

**Ni-minwendaan ji-biinawagwaa moshwensimag imaa, ji-gaasii'waan abwezowaad.**  
*I like to put handkerchiefs there, to wipe them, they sweat.*

Bizhikiins: **Geget, mii ge-niin wenji-aabaji'aa moshwens, apane anokiyaan indabwez. Onizhishin apane ji-maamaajiiyaang.**  
Yes, that's why I use a handkerchief, always I work and I sweat. It is good always to start moving.



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