



Inanimate / Animate Noun Practice Sheet

Fill in the blanks for the inanimate and animate words using one of the dialect tables below. Singular forms have the plural indicated to help you identify inanimate (-an) vs. animate (-ag).



Winter
Edition

Step 1: Choose a dialect

Inanimate (-an ending)	WEST	Animate (-ag ending)
o'o	this	wa'aw
i'iw	that	a'aw
onow	these	ongow
iniw	those	ingiw

Inanimate (-an ending)	EAST	Animate (-ag ending)
maanda	this	maaba
wi	that	wa
nindan	these	gondag
neyan	those	geyeg

Step 2: Fill in the blank

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| 1. This mitten | maaba minjikaawan(ag) | 11. These hats | nindan wiiwakwaan |
| 2. That snowsnake | wa zhooshimaan(ag) | 12. This ice | maaba mikwam(iig) |
| 3. Those stars | geyeg anangoog | 13. Those snow boots | neyan bibooni-makazinan |
| 4. Those snowshoes | geyeg aagimag | 14. That fireplace | wi boodawaan(an) |
| 5. This sacred story | maaba aadizookaan(ag) | 15. This fishing pole | maanda migiskanaak(oon) |
| 6. These cookies | gondag bakwezhigaansag | 16. These wolves | gondag ma'iinganag |
| 7. Those gifts | neyan magoshe'iwewinan | 17. That caribou | wa adik(ag) |
| 8. This blanket | maanda waabowayaan(an) | 18. That snow shovel | wi weba'aagonaan(an) |
| 9. That stove | wi gizhaabikizigan(an) | 19. Those suckerfish | geyeg namebinag |
| 10. These coats | nindan babiinzikawaaganan | 20. This sock | maanda azhigan(an) |

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