



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 | wa'aw minjikaawan(ag) | 11. These hats | onow wiiwakwaan |
| 2. That snowsnake | a'aw zhooshimaan(ag) | 12. This ice | wa'aw mikwam(iig) |
| 3. Those stars | ingiw anangoog | 13. Those snow boots | iniw bibooni-makazinan |
| 4. Those snowshoes | ingiw aagimag | 14. That fireplace | i'iw boodawaan(an) |
| 5. This sacred story | wa'aw aadizookaan(ag) | 15. This fishing pole | o'o migiskanaak(oon) |
| 6. These cookies | ongow bakwezhigaansag | 16. These wolves | ongow ma'inganag |
| 7. Those gifts | iniw magoshe'iwewinan | 17. That caribou | a'aw adik(ag) |
| 8. This blanket | o'o waabowayaan(an) | 18. That snow shovel | i'iw weba'aagonaan(an) |
| 9. That stove | i'iw gizhaabikizigan(an) | 19. Those suckerfish | ingiw namebinag |
| 10. These coats | onow babiinzikawaaganan | 20. This sock | o'o azhigan(an) |

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