

LESSON PLAN:





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Lesson Plan: Ojibwe Translation of Researching Mercury

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Introduction

This Ojibwe lesson plan is compiled based on IISD-ELA's video on researching mercury contamination in fish. The video explains where mercury occurs, how it makes its way to a lake, the methylation process that transforms mercury from its inorganic form to the organic form called methylmercury, and most importantly, the key findings of the research and its implementation in a real-world scenario. You can find both English and Ojibwe versions of the video here.

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The Translation Process

The translation of this video took three full-day sessions. We began each meeting with a blessing from the Elders as well as food and tobacco offerings. We presented the video and its transcript in English at the first meeting, with an in-depth explanation of the research. The language experts translated and interpreted the video content by going through the English transcript sentence by sentence. After the transcript was fully translated, a full-day roundhouse meeting was held, including Elders and youth, to evaluate the final work. Many teachings were shared during these meetings in terms of both traditional knowledge and scientific concepts.

How to Use This Lesson Plan

This lesson plan consists of a full transcript, sentence breakdown, grammar indicators, new words created, and suggested learning activities. We recommend that you include the video in your learning experience to practice listening and speaking skills while at the same time learning about scientific research on mercury. Learning never ends, so have fun with it!

Video Transcript

Ojibwe

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag

Ji-gikendamang ge-izhi-gikendamang aaniin ge-izhi-biinitooyang nibi? Andonaanaagajigaadeg gidakiiminaan gaawanichigewaad omaa gidakiiminaang. Gaawiin biindig danakiiziiwag agwajiing babaa-naanaagajichige, onaanaagadawaabandaan, nanandotam omaa gidakiiminaang. Ezhi-baatayiinakin zaaga'iganiin naanimidana ashinishwaaswi gii-bakigidinaawaa ji-naanaangajitoowaad enigokwaag manidoo inaakonigewaki (Treaty #3) gii-miinaawag awi'igoowiziwin ji-naanaandawaabiwaad. Mii eta go omaa bebaa-inaabiwaad gichiinendaagwad gakina awiya odapenimon i nibi wenji-bimaadiziyang, ezhi-okonaanaagajichigeyang. Gegoo noongom ezhi-mookinaagwak ezhi-mookinaagwakin gegooyan, wegimaawaadiziwaad geonji-wiiji'inangwaa gegooyan. Naa onowe aanind gaa-naanaagajichigewaadbiiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag.

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag aazha omaa ayaamagad gaye dash omaa bebangii miziwekamig.
Gaye oshkwaakoziginan akakazhe'ondaabasigewin, gaye gaa-moona'aabikwewaad, bashkineyaabowade, endazhi-ozhitoowaad boozaabikinigan, gegoo asinikewining. Gichi-baatayiinad, biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag gidaa-aakoziishkaagon odisigooyan. Aaniin dash wenji-biindigeshkaag gibiiminaan?

English

Mercury

Want to know how we help keep our water clean? IISD Experimental Lakes Area, or IISD-ELA, studies the impacts of human activity on our environment, only we don't conduct our experiments in a lab—we conduct them on entire lakes and ecosystems. IISD-ELA is a collection of 58 lakes in Northwestern Ontario, Canada, set aside for scientific research. It's the only lab of its kind in the world. Because all life depends on water, we study the impacts of contaminants. Evidence from real-world ecosystem experiments help governments make better decisions and help protect our water and planet. Here are some of the things we research—mercury.

Mercury is a naturally occurring element found in low concentrations in soil. It's also a waste by-product of coal burning, mining, smelting, oil refining, and cement production. In high concentrations, mercury can be poisonous to the nervous system. How Does It Get in Our Water?

Green words are new words created during the translation process.

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag miziwe ayaamagad biinesh igo aniombaabate bebakaan bionjise gaajaagizigemagad giiobaashkineyaabideg.
Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag bioizhiobangisin giiogimiwang gidakiiminaang, gaye nibiikaang, aniomashkawishkaag aniomaayaanjibichibowinan. Mashkawisewan bichibowinan aniomashkawiziimagad aniozhi'omagad bemaadiziwaad gaye awesiinyag. Aaniish wiin wenjioizhiwebak?

Manidooshensag gaye anzanziin ani-aayaanjibichibowinan bichibowag obichiboshkogaanaawaa nibiikaamanidooshensag omiijinaawaa anzanziin gaye manidooshensag gaababiiskijiibani'owaad manidooshensag gaye, giigoonyensa' odamwaawaa'. Ani-aayaanjibichibowinan ani-mashkawaziimagad gaamoozhigamaawaad mii iye gaa-animaajiiging aazhawi-bichibonindiwag. Nawaj ani-mashkawise gaa-ani-gichi-niibiwa aanind giinawind awiya gaye gaa-animamaandadowaad, bineshiinyag gaaamwaawaad. Bemaadiziwaad ingoding maanikaagoyang biiwaabikowaabo gaawaawaakeshkaag gaa-aakoziishkaagoyang biminzhikaagon bichibowin amwad bichibo giigoonyag. Gaawiin gidaaishkwaa-amwaasiwaanaanig giigoonyag ishpendaagwad gaa-minoshkaagemagak amwind giigoonh. Imaa gii-ayaamagak biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag ezhi-onzaaamiinad nawaj ishpendaagwad, gaawiin ji-amaasiwangwaa gichigiigoonyag. Aaniin wenji-gikendaagwak?

Mercury exists in many forms but is often released into the atmosphere as inorganic mercury by industrial emissions. Mercury falls in rain onto land, lakes, and rivers, where it may be converted by bacteria to methylmercury, a highly toxic form that can build up in humans and animals. Why Is It an Issue?

Methylmercury is taken up by bacteria and algae which are then eaten by zooplankton and other invertebrates and, in turn, small fish which are eaten by larger predator fish. Methylmercury concentrations increase with each step up the food web in a process called biomagnification. The highest concentrations occur in large fish, birds, and mammals like us. Humans are mostly exposed to mercury from eating contaminated fish. This shouldn't prevent people from eating fish, as it's one of the healthiest sources of protein. In areas where mercury contamination may be high, it's best to avoid eating larger and older fish. How Do We Know?

Mii zhigwa niizhwaaso-biboon dazhinaanaagajitoowaad iwedi IISD-ELA
bangiins eta go biiwaabikowaabo gaawaawaakeshkaag adooyan zaaga'iganiing
omaa gaye akiing, daabishkoo minik
gaa-gimiwang. Ezhi-bakaanag minik gaababaa-izhi-bapangising zaaga'iganiing
noopimiing gaye ishpiming gaabimibideg ogii-aabajitoonaawaa gaanaanaagajichigewaad. Ezhi-bakaanak geizhi-gikendamowaad gaa-anokiitamowaad
naanaagajitoowaad gegoo aazha owe
biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag
gaye nawaj geyaabi ji-gikendamang gakina
miziwe gaye gakina awiya.

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag gii-babaa-bangigaawinigaadeg zaaga'iganiing nawaj idash gizhiikaamagad ani-aayaanjibichibowinan nawaj niibiwa igiwe giigoonyag gaye igiwe gakina nibiikaang gaa-taawaad. Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag bemisemagak miziwe noopiming zesiswanjigemagak noomag igo gii-tazhitaamagad jibwaaniminaaweshkaag bakobiijiwan biinish igo jiani-akiiwang. Gii-ishkwaajigaadeg gaawiin geyaabi achigaadesinoon biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag zaaga'iganing, aniaayaanjibichibowinan gakina giigoonyensag gaye nawaj bangii angonaagwad ekoniiyo-biboonigak. Noongom ani-naagwad ani-agaasiinad biiwaabikowaabo gaawaawaageshkaag ani-angonaagwad. Aaniin dash waa-ani-izhichigemagak?

Each year for seven years researchers at IISD-ELA added one sixth of a teaspoon of inorganic mercury to a lake and the surrounding landscape to mimic mercury in rain. Unique forms of mercury that could be detected with specialized equipment were added directly to the lake by boat and to the nearby forest and wetland by plane. This allowed scientists to distinguish the new mercury from the naturally occurring mercury and allowed researchers to determine which kind affected which parts of the ecosystem.

Mercury added directly to the lake resulted in rapid increases of methylmercury concentrations in fish and other aquatic life. Mercury added by the crop-duster plane to the surrounding area took longer to accumulate in the lake. This suggests that mercury falling in rain directly on a lake will have an immediate impact, but mercury entering it from runoff may remain for years to come. When mercury was no longer directly added to the lake, methylmercury levels in small fish declined by 80% within four years. These results provide strong evidence for limiting mercury emissions. What was done?

Canada and the United States have both proposed new laws to reduce mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants, with a goal of reducing methylmercury in fish. By reducing mercury emissions, we reduce methylmercury concentrations in our lakes and in our food.

Research at IISD Experimental Lakes Area helps us understand the effects humans have on the environment, enabling us to take meaningful action and make better decisions, keeping our water and ecosystems clean and healthy. To find out more, visit www.iisd.org/ela.

Sentence Breakdown

Mercury

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag ni mercury

biiwaabiko	(a piece of) metal; iron
waabo	liquid
gaa	the thing that is being
waawaakeshk	very shiny; bright
aa	in a state or condition

Note: during the translation process, we came up with alternative words for "mercury," but we went with "biiwaabikowaabo gaawaawaakeshkaag" in the end. The alternatives are as follows:

gaawiin wiinichigemagak

gaawiin no; not **wiinichigemagad** it makes things dirty

gaa-nishiwanaachigemagak

gaa- the thing that is being nishiwanaachigemagad it destroys something

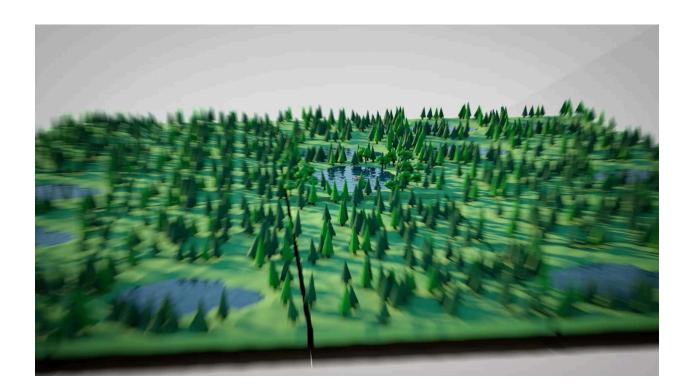
bichiboowinaabo

bichibowin poison **aabo** liquid

Want to know how we help keep our water clean?

Ji-gikendamang ge-izhi-gikendamang aaniin ge-izhi-biinitooyang nibi?

ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that
gikendan	vti know it; know about it; find it out; realize it
ge-	pv1 (tns) [future tense prefix under initial change]
izhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain way; so; there; thus; to a certain place
gikendan	vti know it; know about it; find it out; realize it
aaniin	adv (inter) how; in what way; why
ge-	pv1 (tns) [future tense prefix under initial change]
izhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain way; so; there; thus; to a certain place
biinitoon	vti know it; know about it; find it out; realize it



IISD Experimental Lakes Area, or IISD-ELA, studies the impacts of human activity on our environment,

Ando-naanaagajigaadeg gidakiiminaan gaa-wanichigewaad omaa gidakiiminaang.

ando-	pv4 (lex) look for; seek
naanaagajigaade	vii is being preserved; respected; studied; analyzed
aki	ni 1 earth; land; ground 2 a country; a territory 3 moss
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
wanichige	vai s/he makes a mistake; makes things wrong
omaa	adv (loc) here
aki	ni 1 earth; land; ground 2 a country; a territory 3 moss



only we don't conduct our experiments in a lab—we conduct them on entire ecosystems.

Gaawiin biindig danakiiziiwag agwajiing babaa-**naanaagajichige**, onaanaagadawaabandaan, **nanandotam** omaa gidakiiminaang.

gaawiin	adv (neg) no; not
biindig	adv (loc) inside; indoors
danakii	vai s/he lives; dwells in a certain place
agwajiing	adv (loc) outside; outdoors
babaa-	pv2 (dir) going about; going around
naanaagajichige	vai s/he pays careful attention; guards; s/he takes care of; preserves; respects; studies; analyzes
naanaagadawaaban	dan vti s/he watches carefully; observes
nanandotam	vai2 s/he seeks
omaa	adv (loc) here
aki	ni 1 earth; land; ground 2 a country; a territory 3 moss

IISD-ELA is a collection of 58 lakes in Northwestern Ontario Canada set aside for scientific research.

Ezhi-baatayiinakin zaaga'iganiin naanimidana ashinishwaaswi gii-bakigidinaawaa ji-naanaangajitoowaad enigokwaag manidoo **inaakonigewaki** (Treaty #3) gii-miinaawag awi'igoowiziwin ji-naanaandawaabiwaad.

ezhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)
baatayiinad	vii 1 there is much of it 2 they are many; there are many of them
zaaga'igan	ni a lake
naanimidana ashi-ni	shwaaswi adv (num) fifty-eight
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]
bagidin	vta 1 set h/ down; offer; release h/ 2 allow h/
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that, so that
naanaagajitoon	vti2 pay close attention to it; guard; take care of; preserve; respect; study; analyze it
inigokwaa	vii it is a certain size; is so big
manidoo	na a manitou; a spirit; god
inaakonigwaki	ni Treaty #3 territory
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]
miizh/miiN	vta give (it) to h/
awi'igoowiziwin	ni that which being lent to by someone
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that
naanaagadawaabi	vai s/he watches carefully; observes

It's the only lab of its kind in the world. Because all life depends on water, we study the impact of contaminants.

Mii eta go omaa bebaa-inaabiwaad gichi-inendaagwad gakina awiya odapenimon i nibi wenji-bimaadiziyang, ezhi-oko-**naanaagajichige**yang.

mii	adv (pred) it is thus that; it is that
eta	adv (deg) only
go	pc (disc) [emphatic word]
omaa	adv (loc) here
bebaa-	pv2 (dir) going about, going around (under initial change)
inaabi	vai s/he looks to a certain place; peeks
gichi-	pv4 (lex) very; quite; big; great
inendaagwad	vii it is thought of a certain way; seems to be a certain way
gakina	adv (qnt) all; every
awiya	pron (indf) somebody; someone; anybody; anyone
odapenimon	vai + o s/he depends on (it); s/he relies on (it)
i	pron (dem) that (inanimate singular)
nibi	ni water
wenji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place (under initial change)
bimaadizi	vai s/he lives, is alive
ezhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)
oko-	pv4 (lex) bunched together; in a group
naanaagajichige	vai s/he pays careful attention; guards; s/he takes care of; preserves; respects; studies; analyzes

Evidence from real-world ecosystem experiments help governments make better decisions and help protect our water and planet.

Gegoo noongom ezhi-**mookinaagwak** ezhi-**mookinaagwak**in **gegooyan**, **wegimaawaadizi**waad ge-onji-wiiji'inangwaa **gegooyan**.

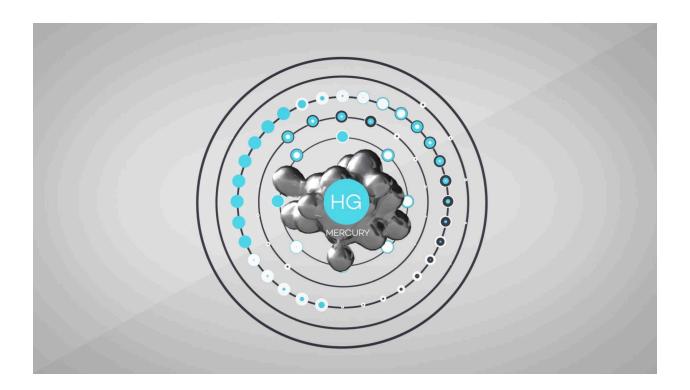
gegoo	pron (indf) something; anything
noongom	adv (tmp) now; today; nowadays
ezhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)
mookinaagwad	vii it is appearing
ezhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)
mookinaagwad	vii it is appearing
gegooyan	pron (indf) all things
wegimaawaadizi	vai s/he is being a leader (under initial change)
ge-	pv1 (tns) [future tense prefix under initial change]
onji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place
wiiji'	vta 1 help h/ 2 play with h/
gegooyan	pron (indf) all things



Here are some of the things we research—mercury.

Naa onowe aanind gaa-**naanaagajichigewaad—biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag**.

naa	pc (emph) well!	
onowe	pron (dem) these (inanimate plural)	
aanind	adv (qnt) some	
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]	
naanaagajichige	vai s/he pays careful attention; guards; s/he takes care of; preserves; respects; studies; analyzes	
biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury		



Mercury is a naturally occurring element found in low concentrations in soil.

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag aazha omaa **ayaamagad** gaye dash omaa bebangii miziwekamig.

biiwaabikowaabo gad	a-waawaageshkaag	ni-v mercury
aazha	adv (tmp) already; no	w
omaa	adv (loc) here	
ayaamagad	vii it is being	
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also	o; too; and
dash	adv (conj) but; and;	and then; then
omaa	adv (loc) here	
bebangii	adv (qnt) a little bit e	each; a little bit at a time
miziwekamig	adv (loc) all over the	world

It's also a waste by-product of coal burning, mining, smelting, oil refining, and cement production.

Gaye **oshkwaakoziginan akakazhe'ondaabasigewin**, gaye gaa**-moona'aabikwe**waad, **bashkineyaabowade**, endazhi-ozhitoowaad boozaabikinigan, gegoo asinikewining.

gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
oshkwaakozigin	ni matter released from burning; refining
akakazhe'ondaabasig	ni waste from coal, mining, etc.
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
moona'aabikwe	vai s/he digs up metal
bashkineyaabowade	vai s/he is mining
endazhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place
ozhitoon	vti2 make; build; form it
boozaabikinigan	ni gun oil; lubricant for a machine or vehicle
gegoo	pron (indf) something; anything
asinikewin	ni cement



In high concentrations, mercury can be poisonous to the nervous system. How does it get in our water?

Gichi-baatayiinad, **biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag** gidaa-aakoziishkaagon odisigooyan. Aaniin dash wenji-biindigeshkaag **gibiiminaan**?

gichi-	pv4 (lex) very; quite; big; great	
baatayiinad	vii 1 there is much of it 2 they are many; there are many of them	
biiwaabikowaabo gad	a-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury	
daa-	<pre>pv1 (tns) modal preverb of possibility; necessity; or obligation: can; could; should; would; might; must</pre>	
aakoziishkaw	vta make h/ sick (something consumed)	
odish/odiS	vta come up to; reach; visit h/; get to where h/ is	
aaniin dash	adv (inter) why	
wenji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place (under initial change)	
biindigeshkaa	vai s/he moves inside; enters slowly	
biim	ni certain type of water	

Mercury exists in many forms but is often released into the atmosphere as inorganic mercury by industrial emissions.

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag miziwe **ayaamagad** biinesh igo ani-ombaabate bebakaan bi-onjise gaa-**jaagizigemagad** gii-baashkineyaabideg.

biiwaabikowaabo ga	a-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury
miziwe	adv (loc) all over; everywhere
ayaamagad	vii it is being
biinesh	adv (gram) until; up to; (also "biinish")
igo	pc (disc) [emphatic word]
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
ombaabate	vii it goes upwards as smoke
bebakaan	adv (man) all different
bi-	pv2 (dir) here; hither; this way; toward the speaker
onjise	vii it flies from a certain place
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
jaagizimagad	vii it is burned
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]
baashkineyaabide	vii it is hazy



Mercury falls in rain onto lands, lakes, and rivers where it may be converted by bacteria to methylmercury,

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag bi-izhi-bangisin gii-gimiwang gidakiiminaang, gaye nibiikaang, ani-**mashkawishkaag** ani-**aayaanjibichibowin**an.

biiwaabikowaabo ga	a-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury
bi-	pv2 (dir) here; hither; this way; toward the speaker
izhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain way; so; there; thus; to a certain place
bangisin	vii it falls
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]
gimiwan	vii it rains
aki	ni 1 earth; land; ground 2 a country; a territory 3 moss
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
nibiikaa	vii there is (a lot of) water
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
mashkawishkaa	vii it is different now; transforms; (also "meshkojishkaa" vii it is different now; transforms)
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
aayaanjibichibowin	ni changed type of poison; methylmercury

a highly toxic form that can build up in humans and animals. Why is it an issue?

Mashkawisewan bichibowinan ani-mashkawiziimagad ani-ozhi'omagad bemaadiziwaad gaye awesiinyag. Aaniish wiin wenji-izhiwebak?

mashkawisewan	vii it is powerful
bichibowin	ni it is highly toxic
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
mashkawiziimagad	vii it is strong; hard; dense
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
ozhi'omagad	vii it is built; formed up
bemaadiziwaad	ni-v the ones who are alive (under initial change)
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
awesiinh	na a (wild) animal
aaniish wiin	adv (inter) how; in what way [interrogative]; well now; why; you see well why
wenji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place (under initial change)
izhiwebad	vii 1 it is a certain weather condition 2 it happens a certain way

Methylmercury is taken up by bacteria and algae which are then eaten by zooplankton and other invertebrates and, in turn, small fish which are eaten by large predator fish.

Manidooshensag gaye **anzanziin** ani-**aayaanjibichibowin**an bichibowag obichiboshkogaanaawaa **nibiikaamanidoosh**ensag omiijinaawaa **anzanziin** gaye manidooshensag gaa-babiiskijiibani'owaad manidooshensag gaye, giigoonyensa' odamwaawaa'.

manidoosh	na a bug; an insect; a worm
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
anzanziin	ni seaweed; algae
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
aayaanjibichibowin	ni changed type of poison; methylmercury
bichibo	vai s/he is poisoned
biidigeshkaagon	vti s/he caught it
nibiikaamanidoosh	ni water insects
miijin	vti3 eat it
anzanziin	ni seaweed; algae
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
manidoosh	na a bug; an insect; a worm
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
babiiskijiibani'o	vai crawls like an inch worm
manidoosh	na a bug; an insect; a worm
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
giigoonh	na a fish
amo/amW	vta eat h/

Methylmercury concentration increases with each step up the food web in a process called biomagnification.

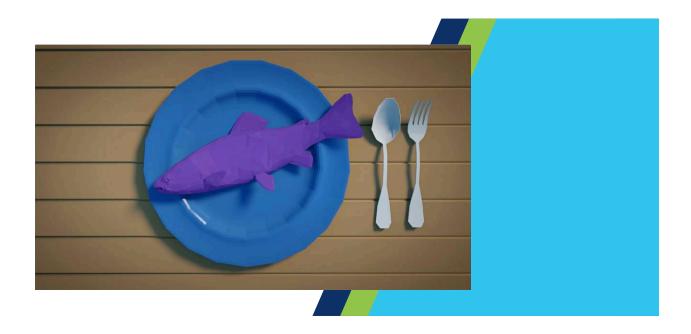
Ani-**aayaanjibichibowin**an ani-mashkawaziimagad gaa-**moozhigam**aawaad mii iye gaa-ani-maajiiging aazhawi-bichibonindiwag.

ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
aayaanjibichibowin	ni other types of poison
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
mashkawiziimagad	vii it is strong; hard; dense
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
moozhigam	vta feel h/ in or on h/ body; sense h/ presence
mii	adv (pred) it is thus that; it is that
iye	pron (dem) this (inanimate singular)
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
maajiigin	vii it starts growing; grows up
aazhawi-	adv (conj) across
bichibonindiwag	vai they poison each other

The highest concentrations occur in large fish, birds, and mammals like us.

Nawaj ani-**mashkawise** gaa-ani-gichi-niibiwa aanind giinawind awiya gaye gaa-ani-**mamaandado**waad, bineshiinyag gaa-amwaawaad.

nawaj	adv (deg) more
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
maskawise	vai it is highly concentrated
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
gichi-	pv4 (lex) very; quite; big; great
niibiwa	adv (qnt) a lot; many; much
aanind	adv (qnt) some
giinawind	pron (per) we; us
awiya	pron (indf) somebody; someone; anybody; anyone
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
mamaandado	vai s/he is large; big
bineshiinh	na a bird
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
amo/amW	vta eat h/



Humans are mostly exposed to mercury from eating contaminated fish.

Bemaadiziwaad ingoding **maanikaago**yang **biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag** gaa-aakoziishkaagoyang biminzhikaagon bichibowin amwad bichibo giigoonyag.

bemaadiziwaad	ni-v the ones who are alive (under initial change)
ingoding	adv (tmp) at one time; sometime
maanikaw	vta s/he is exposed to something bad to h/
biiwaabikowaabo gad	a-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
aakoziishkaw	vta make h/ sick (something consumed, invisible)
biminzhikaagon	vti follow it
bichibowin	ni poison
amo/amW	vta eat h/
bichibo	vai s/he is poisoned
giigoonh	na a fish



This shouldn't prevent people from eating fish, as it's one of the healthiest sources of protein.

Gaawiin gidaa-ishkwaa-amwaasiwaanaanig giigoonyag ishpendaagwad gaa-minoshkaagemagak amwind giigoonh.

gaawiin	adv (neg) no; not
daa-	<pre>pv1 (tns) modal preverb of possibility; necessity; or obligation: can; could; should; would; might; must</pre>
ishkwaa-	pv4 (lex) when something has stopped; is over; is done; after
amo/amW	vta eat h/
giigoonh	na a fish
ishpendaagwad	vii it is highly regarded; is highly respected; is esteemed
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
minoshkaagemagad	vii it is healthy
amo/amW	vta eat h/
giigoonh	na a fish

In areas where mercury contamination may be high, it's best to avoid eating larger and older fish. How do we know?

Imaa gii-**ayaamagak biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag** ezhi-onzaaamiinad nawaj ishpendaagwad, gaawiin ji-amaasiwangwaa gichi-giigoonyag. Aaniin wenji-gikendaagwak?

imaa	adv (loc) there
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]
ayaamagad	vii it is being
biiwaabikowaabo gad	a-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury
ezhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)
onzaamiinad	vii [plural] there are a large number of them; there are too many of them; there is a large amount of it; there is too much of it
nawaj	adv (deg) more
ishpendaagwad	vii it is highly regarded; is highly respected; is esteemed
gaawiin	adv (neg) no; not
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that
amo/amW	vta eat h/
gichi-	pv4 (lex) very; quite; big; great
giigoonh	na a fish
aaniin	adv (inter) how; in what way; why
wenji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place (under initial change)
gikendaagwad	vii it is known (by someone); "they" know it



Each year for seven years researchers at IISD-ELA added one sixth of a teaspoon of inorganic mercury to a lake and surrounding landscape to mimic mercury in rain.

Mii zhigwa niizhwaaso-biboon dazhi-naanaagajitoowaad iwedi IISD-ELA bangiins eta go **biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag** adooyan zaaga'iganiing omaa gaye akiing, daabishkoo minik gaa-gimiwang.

mii	adv (pred) it is thus that; it is that
zhigwa	adv (tmp) already; at this time; now; then
niizhwaaso-biboon	adv (num) seven years; seven winters
dazhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; of a certain place; there
naanaagajitoon	vti2 pay close attention to it; guard; take care of; preserve; respect; study; analyze it
iwedi	pron (dem) that over there (inanimate singular)
IISD-ELA	ni IISD-ELA (place name)

Mii zhigwa niizhwaaso-biboon dazhi-naanaagajitoowaad iwedi IISD-ELA bangiins eta go biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag adooyan zaaga'iganiing omaa gaye akiing, daabishkoo minik gaa-gimiwang.

bangiins	adv (qnt) a very little; very few
eta	adv (deg) only
go	pc (disc) [emphatic word]
biiwaabikowaabo gad	a-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury
adoon	vti2 put it in a certain place; (also "atoon")
zaaga'igan	ni a lake
omaa	adv (loc) here
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
aki	ni 1 earth; land; ground 2 a country; a territory 3 moss
daabishkoo	adv (gram) for example; alike
minik	adv (qnt) a certain amount; a certain number; so much; so many
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
gimiwan	vii it rains

Unique forms of mercury that could be detected with specialized equipment were added directly by boat and nearby forest and wetland by plane.

Ezhi-bakaanag minik gaa-babaa-izhi-bapangising zaaga'iganiing noopimiing gaye ishpiming gaa-bimibideg ogii-aabajitoonaawaa gaa-naanaagajichigewaad.

ezhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)
bakaanad	vii it is different
minik	adv (qnt) a certain amount; a certain number; so much; so many
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
babaa-	pv2 (dir) going about; going around
izhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus
bapangising	vii falls here and there
zaaga'igan	ni a lake
noopiming	adv (loc) in the bush; in the woods; inland
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
ishpiming	adv (loc) in the sky; above; in heaven
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
bimibide	vii it speeds; drives; flies along
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]
aabajitoon	vti2 use it
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
naanaagajichige	vai s/he analyzed; studied



This allowed scientists to distinguish the new mercury from the naturally occurring mercury and allowed researchers to determine which kind affected which parts of the ecosystem.

Ezhi-bakaanak ge-izhi-gikendamowaad gaa-**anokiitam**owaad naanaagajitoowaad gegoo aazha owe **biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag** gaye nawaj geyaabi ji-gikendamang gakina miziwe gaye gakina awiya.

ezhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)
bakaanad	vii it is different
ge-	pv1 (tns) [future tense prefix under initial change]
izhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus
gikendan	vti know it; know about it; find it out; realize it
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
anokiitan	vti work it
naanaagajitoon	vti2 pay close attention to it; guard; take care of; preserve; respect; study; analyze it

Ezhi-bakaanak ge-izhi-gikendamowaad gaa-anokiitamowaad naanaagajitoowaad gegoo aazha owe biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag gaye nawaj geyaabi ji-gikendamang gakina miziwe gaye gakina awiya.

gegoo	pron (indf) something	g; anything
aazha	adv (tmp) already; now	
owe	pron (dem) this (inan	imate singular)
biiwaabikowaabo gad	a-waawaageshkaag	ni-v mercury
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also	; too; and
nawaj	adv (deg) more	
geyaabi	geyaabi adv (tmp) s	till; yet
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to;	that; so that
gikendan	vti know it; know abo	ut it; find it out; realize it
gakina	adv (qnt) all; every	
miziwe	adv (loc) all over; eve	rywhere
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also	; too; and
gakina	adv (qnt) all; every	
awiya	pron (indf) somebody	y; someone; anybody; anyone



Mercury added directly to the lake resulted in rapid increases of methylmercury concentrations in fish and other aquatic life.

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag gii-babaa-**bangigaawinigaade**g zaaga'iganiing nawaj idash gizhiikaamagad ani-**aayaanjibichibowin**an nawaj niibiwa igiwe giigoonyag gaye igiwe gakina nibiikaang gaa-taawaad.

biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury		
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense	prefix]
babaa-	pv2 (dir) going about	; going around
bangigaawinigaade	vii it is directly being	added (liquid)
zaaga'igan	ni a lake	
nawaj	adv (deg) more	
idash	adv (conj) but; and; a	and then; then
gizhiikaamagad	vii it is going fast; inc	reasing

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag gii-babaa-bangigaawinigaadeg zaaga'iganiing nawaj idash gizhiikaamagad ani-**aayaanjibichibowin**an nawaj niibiwa igiwe giigoonyag gaye igiwe gakina nibiikaang gaa-taawaad.

ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
aayaanjibichibowin	ni other types of poison
nawaj	adv (deg) more
niibiwa	adv (qnt) a lot; many; much
igiwe	pron (dem) those (animate plural)
giigoonh	na a fish
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
igiwe	pron (dem) those (animate plural)
gakina	adv (qnt) all; every
nibiikaa	vii there is (a lot of) water
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
daa	vai s/he lives; dwells in a certain place

Mercury added by the crop-duster plane to the surrounding area took longer to accumulate in the lake but may enter the lake in runoff for many years to come.

Biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag bemisemagak miziwe noopiming zesiswanjigemagak noomag igo gii-tazhitaamagad jibwaa-niminaaweshkaag bakobiijiwan biinish igo ji-ani-akiiwang.

biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury		
bemisemagak	ni-v an airplane	
miziwe	adv (loc) all over; everywhere	
noopiming	adv (loc) in the bush; in the woods; inland	
zesiswanjigemagak	ni-v spits something out	
noomag	adv (tmp) for a long time; for a spell; for a while	
igo	pc (emph) [emphatic word]	
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]	
dazhitaamagad	vii 1 s/he takes time; spends time; stays in a certain place2 s/he works; plays (in a certain place)	
jibwaa-	pv1 (tns) before	
niminaaweshkaa	vii/vai s/he goes out into the lake or an open area	
bakobiijiwan	vii it flows into the water	
biinish	adv (gram) until; up to	
igo	pc (emph) [emphatic word]	
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that	
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way	
akiiwan	vii it is the earth; is land	

When mercury was no longer directly added to the lake, methylmercury levels in small fish declined by 80% within four years.

Gii-ishkwaajigaadeg gaawiin geyaabi achigaadesinoon biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag zaaga'iganing, ani-aayaanjibichibowinan gakina giigoonyensag gaye nawaj bangii angonaagwad eko-niiyo-biboonigak.

gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]	
ishkwaajigaade	vii after it is undergoing action (by someone)	
gaawiin	adv (neg) no; not	
geyaabi	adv (tmp) still; yet	
achigaade	vii it is put in a certain place (by someone); "they" put it in a certain place	
biiwaabikowaabo gad	a-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury	
zaaga'igan	ni a lake	
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way	
aayaanjibichibowin	ni other types of poison	
gakina	adv (qnt) all; every	
giigoonh	na a fish	
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and	
nawaj	adv (deg) more	
bangii	adv (qnt) a little; a little bit; few	
angonaagwad	vii it vanishes; fades from view	
eko-	pv3 (rel) a certain length; as far as; as long as; since	
niiyo-biboonigad	vii four years; four winters	



These results provide strong evidence for limiting mercury emissions. What was done?

Noongom ani-naagwad ani-agaasiinad **biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag** ani-angonaagwad. Aaniin dash waa-ani-izhichigemagak?

noongom	adv (tmp) now; today; nowadays	
ani-naagwad	vii it goes out of sight	
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way	
agaasinad	vii it is small	
biiwaabikowaabo gad	n-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury	
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way	
angonaagwad	vii it vanishes; fades from view	
aaniin dash	adv (inter) why	
waa-	pv1 (tns) is going to; will; want to (under initial change)	
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way	
izhichigemagad	vii it does; it makes things a certain way	



Canada and the United States have both proposed new laws to reduce mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants, with a goal of reducing methylmercury in fish.

Zhaagaanashiiwakiing miinawaa gichi-mookomaanakiing ogii-ozhi'ayaanaawaa ge-izhi-nana'izhichigaadeg gaa-waawaakeyaagamig biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag gaa-baashkineyaabiteg nawaj ji-zaagidaabatesinok biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag ji-bichibosigwaa giigoonyag.

zhaaganaashiiwaki	ni Canada
miinawaa	adv (conj) also; and; again
gichi-mookomaanak	iing ni U.S.A.
gii-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]
ozhi'ayaan	vti4 build;make; form it
ge-	pv1 (tns) [future tense prefix under initial change]
izhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain way; so; there; thus; to a certain place

Zhaagaanashiiwakiing miinawaa gichi-mookomaanakiing ogii-ozhi'ayaanaawaa ge-izhinana'izhichigaadeg gaa-waawaakeyaagamig biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag gaabaashkineyaabiteg nawaj ji-zaagidaabatesinok biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag ji-bichibosigwaa giigoonyag.

nana'izhichigaade	vii consider fixing	
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense	prefix under initial change]
waawaakeyaagamig	vii shiny thing on the	water
biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury		ni-v mercury
gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense	prefix under initial change]
baashkineyaabite	vii there is dust or mi	st in the air
nawaj	adv (deg) more	
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to;	that; so that
zaagidaabate-	vii it is being filtered	
biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury		ni-v mercury
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to;	that; so that
bichibos	vta poison h/	
giigoonh	na a fish	



By reducing mercury emissions, we reduce methylmercury in our lakes and in our food.

Nawaj ji-ani-angonaagwak **biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaakeshkaag**, wenji-bichiboomagak zaaga'igan miinawaa wendanjigeyang.

nawaj	adv (deg) more	
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that	
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way	
angonaagwad	vii it vanishes; fades from view	
biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury		
wenji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place (under initial change)	
bichiboomagad	vii it is poison	
zaaga'igan	ni a lake	
miinawaa	adv (conj) also; and; again	
wendanjigeyang	ni-v s/he eats from there; gets h/ food from there	

Research at IISD-ELA helps us understand the effects humans have on the environment enabling us to take meaningful action and make better decisions,

Gaa-**anokiitam**owaad IISD-ELA ogowe endone'igewaad wenji-nisidotamang ezhinaagwakin waa-izhi-gwayakochigewaad omaa gidakiiminaang nawaj gegoo ji-ani-minochigeyang.

gaa-	pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix under initial change]
anokiitan	vti work it
IISD-ELA	ni IISD-ELA (place name)
ogowe	pron (dem) these (animate plural)
endone'igewaad	na-v the things that they find
wenji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place (under initial change)
nisidotan	vti understand it; recognize; identify it (by hearing)
ezhinaagwak	ni-v it is looking or appearing a certain way
waa-	pv1 (tns) is going to; will; want to (under initial change)
izhi-	pv3 (rel) in a certain way; so; there; thus; to a certain place
gwayakochige	vai s/he makes things right; does things right
omaa	adv (loc) here
aki	ni 1 Earth; land; ground 2 a country; a territory 3 moss
nawaj	adv (deg) more
gegoo	pron (indf) something; anything
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
minochige	vai s/he does things well; does a good job

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ge-	pv1 (tns) [future tense prefix under initial change]
onji-	pv3 (rel) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place
biinichigaade	vii it is cleaned (by someone); "they" clean it
nibiikaa	vii there is (a lot of) water
omaa	adv (loc) here
aki	ni 1 Earth; land; ground 2 a country; a territory 3 moss
gaye	adv (conj) as for; also; too; and
weweni	adv (man) properly; correctly; carefully
ji-	pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that
biinaagamin	vii it (a liquid) is clean
ge-	pv1 (tns) [future tense prefix under initial change]
ani-	pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going away; in progress; on the way
mino-ayaa	vai s/he is good; is fine; is well
geyaabi	adv (tmp) still; yet
anooj	adv (qnt) all kinds; various
gikendan	vti know it; know about it; find it out; realize it
omaa	adv (loc) here
daanginan	vti touch it (with hand)
www.iisd.org/ela	ni website

Glossary

anzanziin ni seaweed; algae AA asinikewin ni cement aabajitoon vti2 use it adoon vti2 put it in a certain place; (also aakoziishkaw vta make h/ sick (something "atoon") consumed) awesiinh na a (wild) animal agnind adv (ant) some **awiya** pron (indf) somebody; someone; aaniin adv (inter) how; in what way; why anybody; anyone aaniin dash adv (inter) why awi'igoowiziwin ni that which being lent to agniish wiin adv (inter) how; in what way by someone [interrogative]; well now; why; you see well ayaamagad vii it is being why aayaanjibichibowin ni changed type of poison baashkineyaabide vii it is hazy aazha adv (tmp) already; now **baatayiinad** *vii* **1** there is much of it **2** they aazhawi- adv (conj) across are many; there are many of them **babaa-** pv2 (dir) going about; going around Α babiiskijiibani'o vai crawls like an inchworm agaasinad vii it is small **bagidin** vta **1** set h/ down; offer; release h/ agwajiing adv (loc) outside; outdoors 2 allow h/ akakazhe'ondaabasigewin ni waste from **bakaanad** *vii* it is different coal, mining, etc. **bakobiijiwan** *vii* it flows into the water **aki** ni **1** Earth; land; ground **2** a country; a territory 3 moss bangigaawinigaade vii it is directly being added (liquid) akiiwan vii it is the earth; is land bangisin vii it falls **amo/amW** *vta* eat h/ **bangiins** adv (qnt) a very little; very few ando- pv4 (lex) look for; seek **bapangising** vii falls here and there andawenjigaade- vii it wants; needs things bashkineyaabowade vai s/he is mining **angonaagwad** *vii* it vanishes; fades from view bebangii adv (qnt) a little bit each; a little bit at a time ani- pv2 (dir) coming up to in time; going bangiins adv (qnt) a little; a little bit; few away; in progress; on the way one sixth ani-naagwad vii it goes out of sight

anokiitan vti work it

bebakaan adv (man) all different

bebaa- *pv2* (*dir*) going about; going around (under initial change)

bemisemagak ni-v an airplane

bemaadiziwaad *ni-v* the ones who are alive (under initial change)

bi- *pv2* (*dir*) here; hither; this way; toward the speaker

bichibo vai s/he is poisoned

bichibowin ni it is highly toxic

bichibonindiwag vai they poison each other

bimibide vii it speeds; drives; flies along

biminzhikaagon vti follow it

bimaadizi vai s/he lives; is alive

biim *ni* certain type of water

biidigeshkaagon vti s/he caught it

biindig adv (loc) inside; indoors

biindigeshkaa *vai* s/he moves inside; enters slowly

biinesh adv (gram) until; up to; (also "biinish")

biinish adv (gram) until; up to; (also "biinesh")

bineshiinh na a bird

biinitoon vti2 clean it

biiwaabikowaabo gaawaawaageshkaag *ni-v* mercury

boozaabikinigan *ni* gun oil; lubricant for a machine or vehicle

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daa- pv1 (tns) modal preverb of possibility; necessity; or obligation: can; could; should; would; might; must

daa vai s/he lives; dwells in a certain place

daabishkoo adv (gram) for example; alike

danakii *vai* s/he lives; dwells in a certain place

dash adv (conj) but; and; and then; then

dazhi- *pv3* (*rel*) in a certain place; of a certain place; there

dazhitaamagad *vii* 1. s/he takes time; spends time; stays in a certain place 2. s/he works; plays (in a certain place)

Е

eko- *pv3* (*rel*) a certain length; as far as; as long as; since (under initial change)

endazhi- pv3 (rel) in a certain place

eta adv (deg) only

ezhi- pv3 (rel) in a certain place; in a certain way; so; there; thus (under initial change)

G

gaa- *pv1* (*tns*) [past tense prefix under initial change]

gaawiin adv (neg) no; not

gakina adv (qnt) all; every

gaye adv (conj) as for; also; too; and

ge- *pv1* (*tns*) [future tense prefix under initial change]

gegoo pron (indf) something; anything

gegooyan pron (indf) all things

geyaabi adv (tmp) still; yet

gibiiminaan biim ni a type of water

gichi- pv4 (lex) very; quite; big; great

gikendan *vti* know it; know about it; find it out; realize it

gikendaagwad *vii* it is known (by someone); "they" know it

gikenjigaade- vii it is being known; studied

gimiwan vii it rains

gizhiikaamagad *vii* it is going fast; increasing

gii- pv1 (tns) [past tense prefix]

jibwaa- pv1 (tns) before giigoonh na a fish giinawind pron (per) we; us М **go** pc (disc) [emphatic word] maajiigin vii it starts growing; grows up maanaagajichige vai s/he analyzed; studied i pron (dem) that (inanimate singular) **maanikaw** *vta* s/he is exposed to something bad to h/ idash adv (conj) but; and; and then; then mamaandado vai s/he is large; big igo pc (disc) [emphatic word] manaaw vta avoid h/ imaa adv (loc) there manidoo na a manitou; a spirit; god **inaabi** vai s/he looks to a certain place; peeks manidoosh na a bug; an insect; a worm inaakonigewaki ni Treaty #3 territory maskawise vai it is highly concentrated **inendagwad** *vii* it is thought of a certain mashkawisewan vii it is powerful way; seems to be a certain way ingoding adv (tmp) at one time; sometime mashkawishkaa vii it is different now; transforms inigokwaa vii it is a certain size; is so big mashkawiziimagad *vii* it is strong; hard; ishkwaa- pv4 (lex) when something has dense stopped; is over; is done; after minik adv (qnt) a certain amount; a certain **ishkwaajigaade** *vii* after it is undergoing number; so much; so many action (by someone) minoshkaagemagad vii it is healthy ishpendaagwad vii it is highly regarded; is miziwe adv (loc) all over; everywhere highly respected; is esteemed miziwekamig adv (loc) all over the world **ishpiming** adv (loc) in the sky; above; in heaven **mii** adv (pred) it is thus that...; it is that... iwedi pron (dem) that over there (inanimate miijin vti3 eat it singular) miizh/miiN vta give (it) to h/ **iye** pron (dem) this (inanimate singular) **moozhigam** *vta* feel h/ in or on h/ body; **izhi-** pv3 (rel) in a certain way; so; there; sense h/ presence thus; to a certain place **mookinaagwad** *vii* it is appearing izhichigemagad vii it does; it makes things a moona'aabikwe vai s/he digs up metal certain way **izhiwebad** *vii* **1** it is a certain weather Ν condition 2 it happens a certain way naa pc (emph) well! **naabikwaan** *ni* motorboat jaagizimagad vii it is burned **naanaagadawaabandaan** *vti* s/he watches

carefully; observes

ji- pv1 (tns) in order to; that; so that

naanaagadawaabi *vai* s/he watches carefully; observes

naanaagajichige *vai* s/he pays careful attention; guards; s/he takes care of; preserves; respects; studies; analyzes

naanaagajigaade *vii* is being preserved; respected; studied; analyzed

naanagajitoon *vti2* pay close attention to it: guard; take care of; preserve; respect; study; analyze it

naanimidana-ashi-nishwaaswo- pv1 (num) fifty-eight

nana'izhichigaade vii consider fixing

nanandotam vai2 s/he seeks

nawaj adv (deg) more

nibi ni water

nibiikaa vii there is (a lot of) water

nibiikaamanidoosh ni water insects

niminaaweshkaa *vii/vai* s/he goes out into the lake or an open area

niibiwa adv (qnt) a lot; many; much

niiyo-biboonigad vii four years; four winters

niizhwaaso-biboon *adv* (*num*) seven years; seven winters

noomag adv (tmp) for a long time; for a spell; for a while

noongom adv (tmp) now; today; nowadays
noopiming adv (loc) in the bush; in the
woods; inland

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odapenimon vai + o s/he depends on (it); s/
he relies on (it)

odish/odiS *vta* come up to; reach; visit h/; get to where h/ is

oko- pv4 (lex) bunched together; in a group **omag** adv (loc) here

ombaabate vii it goes upwards as smoke

onji- *pv3* (*rel*) because; for a certain reason; from a certain place

onjise vii it flies from a certain place

onowe pron (dem) these (inanimate plural)

onzaamiinad vii [plural] there are a large number of them; there are too many of them; there is a large amount of it; there is too much of it

oshkwaakozigin *ni* matter released from burning; refining

owe pron (dem) this (inanimate singular)

ozhitoon vti2 make; build; form it

ozhi'omagad *vii* it is built; formed up

W

wanichige vai s/he makes a mistake; makes things wrong

waa- pv1 (tns) is going to; will; want to (under initial change)

wegimaawaadizi *vai* s/he is being a leader (under initial change)

wenji- *pv3 (rel)* because; for a certain reason; from a certain place (under initial change)

wiiji' vta 1 help h/ 2 play with h/

Z

zaaga'igan ni a lake

zaagidaabate- vii it is being filtered

zesiswanjigemagak *ni-v* spits something out

zhigwa adv (tmp) already; at this time; now; then

ziibi ni a river

New Words

AA

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aayaanjibichibowin ni changed type of poison; methylmercury
    aayaanji pv4 (lex) change (reduplication of aa); (also "aanji-")
Α
akakazhe'ondaabasigewin ni waste from coal, mining, etc.
    akakanzhe charcoal; coals; coal
    ond from a certain place; for a certain reason
    aabas smoking/producing smoke
    ige h/ acts (on an unspecified object)
    win noun forming
anokiitan vti s/he works it
    anokii s/he works
    tan it
anzanziin ni seaweed; algae
ayaamagad vii it is being
    ayaa being it (inanimate) is doing it
B
bakobiijiwan vii it flows into the water
    bakobii s/he goes into the water
    jiwan it flows
bangigaawinigaade vii it is directly being added (liquid)
    bangigaa it drips down
    win noun forming
    i connects consonant ending syllable with consonant syllable beginning
    gaade it undergoes action (by someone)
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bashkineyaabowade vai s/he is mining
    bashkineyaa there is dust or mist in the air
    aabow liquid
    ad it is in a state or condition
    e incorporating, making into an intransitive verb animate
bichibos vta poison h/
    bich accidentally
    bo eat
    s does to h/
bichibowin ni poison
    bich accidentally
    bo eat
    win noun forming ending
biiwaabikowaabo gaa-waawaageshkaag ni-v mercury
    biiwaabiko metal iron
    waabo liquid
    gaa-waawaagehskaag it is bright/shiny
G
gegooyan pron (indf) all things
    gegoo something; anything
    yan all
gibiiminaan biim ni a type of water
    gi+NI+inaan means "our" (inclusive)
inaakonigewaki ni Treaty #3 territory
    in thus; in a certain direction; in a certain manner
    aakw stick-like; wooden; organic solid
    in act on it by hand
    ig h/ acts (on an unspecified object)
    waki land earth
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ishkwaajigaade vii after it is undergoing action (by someone)
    ishwaaji last
    gaade it undergoes action (by someone)
jaagizimagad vii it is burned
    jaag use up; exhaust; deplete
    izi act on h/ by heat
    magad it is doing it
M
maanikaw vta s/he is exposed to something bad to h/
    maani bad; malformed; poorly
    taw act in relation to h/
mamaandado vai s/he is large; big; one form of reduplication for plural stative verbs mindido
mashkawishkaa vii it is different now; transforms; (also "meshkojishkaa" vii it is different now;
  transforms)
    mashkaw hard; strong; tough
    shkaa s/he or it (animate) moves, goes; has happen to h/ or it
maskawise vai it is highly concentrated
    mashkaw hard; strong; tough
    ise s/he flies, falls; has something happen to h/ quickly or spontaneously
minoshkaagemagad vii it is healthy
    mino good
    shkaa s/he or it (animate) moves, goes; has happen to h/ or it
    magad it is doing it
mookinaagwad vii it is appearing
    mook emerge; appear
    naagw appear; visible
    ad it is in a state or condition
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moona'aabikwe vai s/he digs up metal
    moon dig; uncover
    a' act on it using a tool or medium; sing it
    biiwaabikw metal iron
    e incorporating; making in intransitive verb animate
moozhigam vta feel h/ in or on h/ body; sense h/ presence
    moozh feel
    igam presence; body of water
N
naanaagajichige vai s/he analyzed; studied
    naanaagaji examine; attend carefully to
    chi cause it to be or to act; make it
    ge h/ acts (on an unspecified object)
nana'izhichigaade vii consider fixing
    na' correct; adjust; put away
    izhichigaade it is made a certain way (by someone); "they" make it a certain way
nanandotam vai2 s/he seeks; reduplication of nandotam
    nando seek
    t hear it
    am vai2 ending usually to used with mind or feeling verbs
nibiikaamanidoosh ni water insects
    nibi water
    kaa it is present; is abundant
    manidoosh insect or bug
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oshkwaakozigin ni matter released from burning; refining
    oshkwaa when something has stopped; is over; is done; after
    aakw intense
    izi s/he, it (animate) is in a state or condition
    gin it grows
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W

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wegimaawaadizi vai s/he is being a leader (under initial change)
    ogimaa chief; leader
    waad way of being or life; one's character or nature
    izi s/he, it (animate) is in a state or condition
Z
zaagidaabate- vii it is being filtered
    zaagid outside
    aabate it smokes; is in the smoke; there is smoke or vapour
zesiswanjigemagak ni-v spits something out
    zisw spray
    anj act on it by mouth
    ige h/ acts (on an unspecified object)
    magad it is doing it
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Grammatical Indicators

Resource credit to The Ojibwe People's Dictionary

Abbreviations

pv1 (tns): tense/mode preverb; one of a positional class of adverbs of tense and mode

pv1 (num): quantitative preverb; preverb indicating specific number

pv1 (sub): subordinating preverb; preverb serving as subordinator

pv2 (dir): directional preverb; one of a positional class of preverbs of location and direction

pv3 (rel): relative preverb; one of a positional class of preverbs relating the verb to other sentence or discourse elements

pv4 (lex): lexical preverb; manner; quality; and quantity preverbs

vii: inanimate intransitive verb; verb with an intransitive stem; an inanimate subject and no object

vai: inanimate intransitive verb; verb with an intransitive stem; an inanimate subject and no object

vai + o: animate intransitive verb with object;verb with an intransitive stem; an animatesubject and an object

ni: noun inanimate; noun of the inanimate gender that is not obligatorily possessed

na: noun animate; noun of the animate gender that is not obligatorily possessed

na-v (prt): animate participle; animate gender nominalized verb; noun-like verb

ni-v (prt): inanimate participle; inanimate gender nominalized verb; noun-like verb

adv (qnt): quantitative adverb; adverb specifying generally how much or how many

adv (tmp): temporal adverb; adverb specifying time or duration

adv (deg): degree adverb; adverb specifying degree or intensity

adv (number): number adverb; adverb specifying number

adv (pred): predicative adverb; adverb serving as a predicator

adv (inter): interrogative adverb; adverb asking questions

adv (gram): grammatical adverb; grammatical function word not falling into other categories

adv (loc): locational adverb; adverb specifying location

adv (conj): conjunctive adverb; adverb connecting words; phrases; clauses; or sentences

adv (man): manner adverb; adverb specifying a way or manner

adv (pred): predicative adverb; adverb serving as a predicator

adv (neg): negative adverb; adverb with negative meaning

pc (disc): discourse particle; particle serving as a discourse marker

pc (emph): emphatic particle; particle marking emphasis

pc (asp): aspectual particle; particle with aspectual function

pron (dem): demonstrative pronoun; pronoun identifying which one relative to position

pron (indf): indefinite pronoun; pronoun of indefinite reference

pron (per): personal pronoun; personal pronouns identifying participant roles

vta: transitive animate verb; verb with a transitive stem and an animate object

vti: transitive inanimate verb; verb with a transitive stem; and an inanimate object; and a characteristic set of inflections

vti2: Class 2 transitive inanimate verb; verb with a transitive stem; and an inanimate object; and a different characteristic set of inflections

vti3: Class 3 transitive inanimate verb; verb with a transitive stem; and an inanimate object; and a different characteristic set of inflections

Lesson Planning Form

LESSON PLAN:	
UNIT: Listening	THEME: Sentence Structure
NAME:	DATE:
TIME:	CLASS: Any

OVERALL MINISTRY EXPECTATIONS:

Listening to sentences in the writing system used in the program.

SPECIFIC MINISTRY EXPECTATIONS::

ORAL COMMUNICATION:

LISTENING: Listen to sentences in the writing system used in the program.

GRAMMAR/LANGUAGE CONVENTION AND YOUR VOCABULARY COVERED:

Mercury video from <u>IISD Experimental Lakes Area</u>

LIST MATERIALS AND RESOURCES:

Smartnotebook file (attached)

TIME:	
First 7 minutes	Introduction of lesson and how to complete it. Explain that it will be a listening exercise in which learners will listen to the audio on the right of each page (tapping the speaker).
Next 35 minutes	Class will listen to each audio on each page and put them in the proper order. Remind learners that these are the words before anything is added to them. They must put them in the proper order, as they hear them. The teacher can help explain the letter added to each audio sentence. This is a long assignment and may take several sessions to complete.

EVALUATION: How do I evaluate the learners?

Review each slide, making sure that each sentence is put in the proper order. Reveal the top section of the audio to see if learners were correct in audio slide.

SELF EVALUATION:

What worked well this time? What would I change next time?



