

# Code Breakers: Ojibwe Syllabics

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## Materials

- Ojibwe Syllabics chart in plastic sleeves (Appendix A)
- Ojibwe Code Challenge (Appendix B)
- Pencil and eraser
- Dry-erase markers and erasers

## How to Play

- Start at the top left corner of the Ojibwe Syllabics chart.
  - Follow the code to get to the first syllabics.
  - Write down the syllabics and the English phonetics you land on.
  - The code continues from the last syllabics you landed on.
- \* Students can create their own codes to challenge each other.

## Language in the Activity

Right - Aazhowi'l

Left - Apime'l

Up - Ishpimiing

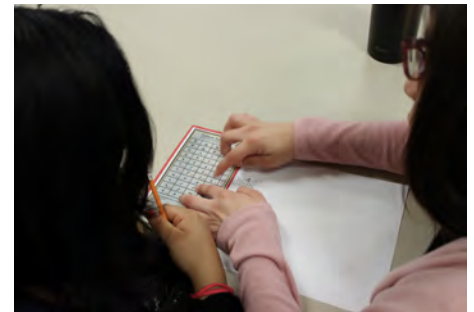
Down - Niisi'l

- 1 - bezhig
- 2 - Niizhin
- 3 - Nisso
- 4 - Niiwin
- 5 - Naanan
- 6 - Ngodaasso
- 7 - Niizhaasso
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Ojibwe Syllabics				
Eastern Finals with English Phonetics				
▽ i	△ j	▷ o	◁ a	
▽ wa	△ wa	▷ wa	◁ wa	o wa
▽ pa	△ pi	▷ po	◁ pa	< p
U le	∩ li	∪ lo	∩ la	∩ l
9 ko	P ki	d ka	b ka	b k
7 che	7 ch	J cho	L cha	L ch
7 me	7 mi	J mo	L ma	L m
o ne	o ni	b no	e na	e n
6 se	7 si	7 so	6 sa	6 s
2 she	3 shi	2 sho	3 sha	3 sh
4 yo	7 yi	4 yo	7 ya	7 y

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**Answer to the Code Challenge:**



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Eastern Finals with English Phonetics



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## Appendix B

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