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The Metis Resource Centre Inc. was incorporated in the fall of 1996 as a non-profit, charitable organization working towards the preservation and restoration of Metis history, culture and Metis genealogy. Through these ten Michif Language Lessons the Metis Resource Centre will attempt to provide basic conversational language lessons for those who want to have an interactive experience of the spoken and written language. Due to the many regional and cultural dialects, this language is not "written in stone" although there is on-going work being done for the preservation of our Michif language.

Dedication

The Michif language lessons are dedicated to my parents and grandparents.

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All of whom have influenced the Michif language of French, Plains Cree and Ojibwe that I speak.

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Rita Flamand Brief History

I am a Metis woman from Camperville M.B. I am a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. I am very concerned that the oral language of Michif from our area will become extinct before it is in written form. The course I took at Red River College on the double vowel aboriginal writing system has encouraged me to translate that system into the Michif language spoken in my area.

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"Language of Our Own"

By Peter Bakker:

The Problem of Michif

The Michif language is spoken by Metis, the descendants of European fur traders (often French Canadians) and Cree-speaking Amerindian women. It is spoken in scattered Metis communities in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba in Canada and in North Dakota and Montana in the United States. There are also pockets of speakers in northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories in Canada and in Minnesota and Oregon in the United States. It is spoken outside the French-speaking part of Canada and the Cree-speaking areas of North America. At present, the number of speakers is estimated at fewer than 1,000. It was probably double or triple this number around the turn of the century but never much higher. Michif is a rather peculiar language. It is half Cree (an Amerindian language) and half French. It is a mixed language, drawing its nouns from a European language and its verbs from an Amerindian language. It has been called the "nec plus ultra of grammars in contact" (Papen 1987c). Michif speakers, however, rarely know both Cree and French. No such mixture of two languages has been reported from any other part of the world. There are some other mixed languages, but these are all of a different type, dissimilar to Michif. Michif is unusual, if not unique, in several respects among the languages of the world. It poses challenges for all theories of language and of language contact.

First, it is a problem for the "family tree" model of language. In this model, every language has one parent language, from which it differs slightly. One "parent" can have different "daughter" languages. These daughter languages and the parent language are said to be "genetically related": they belong to the same "branch" of a "language family." Michif cannot be classified by this model. Being a mixture of Cree and French, it cannot be classified as an Algonquian (Amerindian) language or as an Indo-European (or Romance) language. Therefore, Michif is a problem for classification and a challenge to this model.

(Orser 1984).

Second, Michif is a problem for theories of language contact. A number of processes of contact-induced change and a number of types of contact languages have been formulated by scholars in this field, but Michif appears to be different from all these, as I show. Mixed languages are rare, but Michif appears to differ strikingly even from those.

Third, Michif challenges all theoretical models of language. It is a language with two completely different components, with separate sound systems, morphological endings, and syntactic rules. For psycholinguists this is a challenge: how does this work in the brain? For language theoreticians it is also a problem: how can one make a grammatical model that combines two grammatical systems in one language? How can one construct a model that accounts for different phrase structures in one language depending on the source language from which the morphemes are drawn? How can one account for the presence of two phonological systems in one language?

In many respects, Michif is an impossible language. I know several professional linguists who contest its existence since it does not fit into their model of how a language, or a mixed language, should look. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we study, describe, and preserve this unique language. In this book I do not deal with all the challenges just formulated. I limit myself to the question of the genesis of Michif: how, why, and when did this language come into being? Although my background in linguistics is obvious throughout the book, this study is interdisciplinary in its approach. There are historical, anthropological, and psychological aspects to the genesis of this language. I hope to show that Michif came about as the result of a process of language mixture I call "language intertwining," which has led to this peculiar case because of the typological properties of the languages in contact. The impetus for its emergence was the fact that the bilingual Metis were no longer accepted as Indians or as French, and they formulated their own ethnic identity, which was mixed and in which a mixed "language of our own" was considered part of their ethnicity.

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Michif Sounds and Spellings

- A The letter <u>a</u> represents the short vowel sound, much like the English words: about, around, astray. Michif words: Saprañ (have to) ashtam (come) La (the) apiw (he/she sits)
- Á In sequence <u>á</u> is the long sound of <u>a</u>, sounds like the English words, father, ajar, car. Michif words Kákéyaw (all) máshkóch (maybe) Ayáw (she/he has it) ásha (already)
- E The short letter <u>e</u> sounds like the English words, met, vet, and pet. Michif words itwew (he/she says) set (seven), wewepishó (she/he is swinging.
- É In sequence <u>é</u> is the long sound of e, sounds like the English words free, beet, and feet. Michif words kéyawaw (all of you), wé (yes) awéyak (some one)
- I The <u>i</u> sounds like the English words bit, sit, it, Michif words, michin (medicine) Michif, mishkum (he/she finds it)
- O The letter <u>o</u> represents the short vowel sound of <u>o</u>, sounds like the English words cook, book, took. Michif words omámáwa (his/her mother), ota (here), záyoñ (onion).
- Ó In sequence the ó is the long sound of o sounds like the English words food, mood, brood. Michif words sóré (mouse), wewepishó (he/she swings) mátó (she/he is crying, ota (here)
- U The letter <u>u</u> sounds like the English words hut, nut, but. Michif words ashum (feed him/her), áshtum (come).
- Ñ The letter ñ represents the nasal sound of n like the French words button (buttin), pain (bread), cochon (pig). Michif words kateñ (cat) shiyeñ (dog), táñt (tent), larzháñ (money)
- NN The <u>nn</u> sound comes to an abrupt sound like the English words, in, pin, tin. Michif words farinn (flour), la pochinn (pudding)
- Ř The letter r with an accent r represents the rolling of tongue: marto (hammer) boñjour (hello) soré

Michif pronunciation guide

Vowels	Short	Long
A	a-as in after	á-as in father
Е	e-as in met	é-as in geese
I	i-as in bit	
0	o-as in book	ó-as in food
U	u-as in gut	

Vowel sounds

- A English sound: about, around, astray. Michif sound: ashtum/alóñ (come) sapŕañ (have to)
- Á English sound: far, car, about. Michif sound: mámá (mother) ayáw (have) máshkoch (maybe)
- E English sound: vet, pet, set. Michif sound: wewepishó (she/he is swinging) pe péhtikwe (come on in)
- É English sound: free, see, beet. Michif sound: ména (again) suyé (shoe) wé (yes)
- English sound: sit, it, bit. Michif sound: nidé (idea), nipaw (sleeps) itwew (he/she says)
- O English sound: cook, book, took. Michif sound: tomát (tomato), zayoñ (onion), otina (take it).
- Ó English sound: mood, food, brood. Michif sound: sóré (mouse), la bró (froth), mátó (she/he is crying)
- U English sound: hut, but, nut Michif sound: nashkumew (responds), ukwunáwew (he/she covers him/her).

Michif verbs: with Prefixes, Suffixes and Tenses

1. Verb - Pétikwe: Come in.

Pepétikwew - He/she is coming in. Present tense

Pepétikwew - Pe - prefix

Pepétikwewak - They are coming in. Present tense

Pepétikwewak - wak - suffix

Képepétikwewak - they came in. Past tense.

Ke - prefix Wak - suffix

Tapepétikwewak - They will come in - Future tense.

Tape - prefix Wak - suffix.

2. Verb - Pimote: Walk.

Pimotew: He/she is walking. Present tense.

Pepimotew: Pe - prefix

Pimotewak: They are walking. Present tense.

Pimotewak: wak - suffix

Képimotewak: They walked. Past tense.

Ke - prefix Wak - suffix

Tapimotewak: They will walk. Future tense

Ta - prefix Wak - suffix.

3. Verb - Mató: Cry

Mató: He/she is crying. Present tense.

Pemató: Pe - prefix

(She /he is coming crying.)

Matówak: They are crying. Present tense.

Matówak – wak – suffix

Kématówak: They cried. Past tense.

Ké – prefix Wak – suffix

Tamatówak: They will cry. Future tense

Ta – prefix Wak – suffix 4. Verb -Méchiw: eat

> Méchishó: He/she is eating. Present tense. Peméchisho: Come and eat. Present tense.

Pe – prefix

Méchishówak: They are eating. Present tense.

Wak - suffix.

Kéméchishówak: They ate. Past tense.

Ké – prefix

Wak - suffix

Wéméchishowak: They are going to eat. Future tense.

Wé – prefix Wak - suffix

5. Verb -Atoshkewin: work

Atoshkew: He/she is working. Present tense.

Pe'atoshkew: He/she is coming to work. Present tense.

Pe - prefix.

Atoshkewak: They are working. Present tense.

Wak - suffix.

Ké'atoshkewak: They worked. Past tense

Ké – prefix

Wak – suffix

Wé'atoshkewak: They will be working.

Wé – prefix Wak - suffix.

Michif Nouns: Plural and Singular

1. Tomato:

tomát

aeñ tomát:

a tomato (singular)

li tomát: lé tomát: the tomato (singular) the tomatoes. (plural)

2. Skunk:

shikauk

aen shikauk: li shikauk:

a skunk. (singular) the skunk. (singular)

lé shikauk:

the skunks. (plural)

3. Onion:

Zayoñ

aen zavoñ

an onion. (singular)

li zayoñ lé zayoñ: the onion. (singular) the onions. (plural)

4. Bee:

5. Hat:

Amó

aen amó:

a bee. (singular)

li amó lé ámó the bee. (singular) the bees (plural)

bonne/shapó

aen bonne/shapó:

a hat. (singular.)

the hats. (plural.)

li bonne/shapó:

the hat. (singular.)

lé bonne/shapó:

6. Hooded Parka:

kapishoñ

aen kapishoñ:

a parka. (singular)

li kapishoñ:

the parka. (singular)

lé kapishon:

the parkas. (plural)

7. Doll:

8. Pig:

kateñ.

aen kateñ:

a doll. (singular.)

li kateñ:

the doll. (singular.) the dolls. (plural.)

lé kateñ:

kwáshoñ

aen kwáshoñ:

a pig. (singular) the pig. (singular)

li kwáshoñ: lé kwáshoñ:

the pigs. (plural)

Michif Consonant/vowel blends

1.	Sht -	oshtikwán (his/her head)
2.	Shp -	i <u>shp</u> atinaw (uphill)
3.	Zh -	roo <u>zh</u> (red) <u>zh</u> wal (horse)
4.	Nd -	tánde (where)
5.	Ch-	pi <u>ch</u> i (small) pchi
6.	Sh -	ké <u>sh</u> pin (if) á <u>sh</u> a (already)
7.	Nn -	fari <u>nn</u> (flour)
8.	Ndo -	ndototán (I come from)
9.	Nda -	ndawápamaw (I am going to see him/her)
10.	Iw-	páp <u>iw</u> (she/he laughs)
11.	Eu -	d <u>eu</u> (two)
12.	Oeu	b <u>oeu</u> r (butter)
13.	Uy -	kekw <u>uy</u> (something)
14.	Oe -	doekteur (doctor) (toe, Joe)
15.	Aw-	vawntr (stomach)

Lesson 1 – Words from Michif Sounds and Spellings.

1. Pétikwe: come in. Come in before you get cold. Pepétikwe chibwa kawachéyan. 2. Kiya: you. I mean you. Kiya ká'ididan. 3. Tánishi: Hello How are you? Tánishi kiya? 4. Li: the Bring the hammer Petá li martó 5. Michin: medicine take the medicine otina la michin 6. Wé: Yes. Yes, I'll take it. Wé, nka otinen. All of you. 7. Kiyawáw: (All of you) take the medicine. Kakéyaw kiyawaw otinámok la michin. 8. Ména: again. Say it again, Sam. Ména itwe, Sam. 9. Tomát: Tomato. He/she eats the tomato. Mówew li tomát. 10. Zayoñ: Onion. He/she is biting an onion. Aen zayoñ takwámew 11. Soyé: Shoe. He/she is wearing shoes. Pochishkum lé soyé. 12. Shapó/bonne: Hat/cap. He/she lost his/her cap/hat. Wanitaw sa/só bonne/shapó. 13. Sóré: Mouse. There's a mouse in the cellar. Aen sóré ayáw dań la cáv. 14. Mátó: He/she cries.

The little girl is crying.

La pitit fé mátó.

Come here. Alóñ Come over here. Áshtum óta pe'itote

15. Áshtum óta:

Lesson 1 - Vocabulary

5. Otina

Chipwá before
 Kawachéyan you get cold
 Petá bring
 Maŕtó hammer

6. Otinamok take it all

take

7. Itwe say it

8. Mówew ate it

9. Takwámew bit it

10. Óta here

11. La cáv the cellar

12. Wanitaw lost it

Lesson 1 - Michif Conversation-Getting to know you.

1. Hello/Hi Tánishi/boñjouŕ.

2. How are you? Tánishi kiya?

3. I am fine. Nimiyou'ayan/zhi baen.

4. What is your name? Tánishi eyishinikashoyan?

5. My name is Dishinikáshon.

6. Where do you come from? Tánde ototayán?

7. Where were you born? Tánde ka nitáwikiyan?

8. I was born in Camerville. Camperville nki nitáwikin.

9. What kind of work do you do? Tánishi e'iyitatoshkeyan?

10. I work at Ndatoshkan.

11. Are you married? Kiwékiton chéñ?

12. Do you have children? Lé záñfañ chéñ kitayáwáwak?

13. Where do you live? Tánde wékéyan?

14. I live in town. Dañ la vil niwékin.

15. Thank you for coming. Marsé eki pe'itoteyek.

16. Come again. Pe'itotekek ména.

Lesson 1 - Fill in the blanks

1.	Petá li hammer
2.	Pechipwá kawachéyan.
3.	ká ititán. You
4.	itwe Sam.
5.	Tánishi are you
6.	Wéotinen.
7.	la michin.
8.	Áshtum atigo
9.	La fé mátó.
10.	Aenayaw dañ lakáv. sóré
11.	Wanitaw soñ
12.	lé soyé. he wears
13.	Aentakwamew.
14.	li tomát
15.	Pochishkam léshoes

Lesson 2 - Kinship

1. My mother ni mama 2. My father ni papa 3. My brother moñ freyr 4. My sister ma seur 5. My grandfather ni moshóm nókom 6. My grandmother 7. Our grandfather ki moshóminán nókominán/kókominán 8. Our grandmother 9. Your grandmother kókomiwaw 10. His/her grandmother ókoma 11. Their grandmother ókomiwawa 12. My grandchild nóshishim 13. My grandchildren nóshishimak 14. My uncle moñ nók 15. My aunt ma tánt 16. My cousin (m) moñ kózeñ 17. My cousin (f) ma kozin moñ bofreyr/nétim 18. My brother in law 19. My sister in law ma belsoeur/nzhikosh 20. Mother in law la belmayr/nishikosh

li boñ payr/nishish

21. Father in law

Lesson 2 - Vocabulary

1. Baking	kézhitepówin
2. Bannock	la gallet
3. All	kakêyaw
4. He/she ate it	kémówew
5. They ate it	kémówewak
6. Her	Sa (f)
7. His	Soñ (m)
8. Chopped	nikotew
9. Made supper (they)	soupékewak
10. I love my	nzháweymáwak / nzhákéyáwak
11. They love us	nzháweymikonánik
12. We go	ndó/nidó
13. We go skating	ndo shóshkotawáwanán
14. Our cousins	mé kozeñinánik
15. Good at	nitá
16. Dances	némiw
17. Step dance	la jig
18. He/she is related	wákomew
19. Brought (they had)	petáyiwa
20. Has good sense of humor	móchikeyitákoshiw
21. He/she is a good cook	nitá kézhitepó
22. He/she is kind	méyotishiw
23. Helps him/her	wéjéhkó

Lesson 2 - Kinship Conversation

- My mother is backing bannock. Ni mámá késhishew la gallet
- My father ate it all.
 Ni pápá kakéyaw ki mówew.
- My brother and my sister ate grandma's biscuits.
 Moñ frayr pi ma soeur ki mówewak kókom sa gallet.
- 4. My grandfather chopped wood. Ni moshóm ké nikótew li bwá.
- 5. Her grandmother made supper. Ókoma ké li soupékeywa.
- I love my grandchildren. Nshákéyáwak nóshishimak.
- My uncle and my aunt came to visit.
 Moñ nók pi ma tánt ké pe kéwkewak.
- We go skating with our cousins.
 Ndo shóshkotáwanan avic nó kozeñ.
- 9. Our grandfather is a good step dancer. Ni moshóm nitá némew la jig
- 10. Your grandmother is related to my grandmother. Kókoméwaw wákómew nókoma.
- 11. Their grandmother brought medicine. Ókoméwawa ké petáyiwa la michin.
- 12. My brother-in-law has a good sense of humor. Moñ bo freyr móchikey'itákoshiw.
- 13. My sister in law is a good cook. Ma bel soeur nitá kézhitepó.
- 14. Your mother-in-law is very kind. Ta bel meyr méyotishew.
- 15. His father-in-law will help him. Soñ boñ per ta wecheko.

Lesson 2 - Fill in the blanks

1.	Moñ ké pe kéwkewak.	
	Moñké pe kéwkewak. aunt and uncle	
2.	Ni mámá la gallet baking	
3.	Niki nikotew li bwá grandfather	
4.	Moñ fryer pi ma seour ki mówewaksa galle grandmas	E.
	Ókoméwewa képetáyiwa la medicine	
	Ndo shóshkotawanán avic	
0.	my cousins	
7.	Moñ móchikeyitákoshiw.	
8.	Tamiyotishew. mother in law	
9.	Ninitá némew la jig moshóm	
10.	Nzháweyimáwak grandchildren	
11.	kakéyaw ki mówew.	
	my father	
12.	Soñta wéjéhkó. father in law	
10		
13.	wákòmew your grandma my grandma	
14.	Manitá kézhitepó.	
15.	ké li soupékeyéwa.	
	her grandmother	

Lesson 3 - Days, Months and Seasons and out door conditions

Days of the week:

Monday

Laenjé

2. Tuesday

Moŕjé

3. Wednesday

Mikáŕjé

4. Thursday

Zhwéjé

5. Friday

Véndaŕjé

6. Saturday

Samjé

7. Sunday

Jimásh

Months of the year:

1. January

Zháñvyé

2. February

Fevŕéyé

3. March

Máŕ

4. April

Avŕé

5. May

Mé

6. June

Jweañ

7. July

Jouyet

8. August

Áhou

9. September

Septámbŕ

10. October

Octóbŕ

11. November

Novámbŕ

12. December

Disámbŕ

Lesson 3 - Vocabulary

1. Mass la mess 2. Dress up oshétá 3. Right (way) kwayeshk 4. We dance néminán 5. To night ósweŕ 6. Everything/body, all kakéyaw 7. That right? Aeñ? chéñ 8. Always takine 9. Month mowáñ 10. Soon wépatch 11. In dañ 12. Starts máchipahin 13. Of/and 14. Sound scary shekitákoshew 15. To day anoch 16. For/to chi 17. Pick (berries) máwishók

Seasons:

1. Winter Ivayr / Pipon

2. Spring Li Pŕeñtáň / Shékwan

3. Summer L'ité / Népin

4. Fall L'automn / Takwákan

Our door conditions:

1. It's raining kimiwan

2. The weather is bad néshkátan / machi késhikaw

3. It's cold kishinaw

4. It's chilly takáyáw

5. It's snowing mishpon

6. Thunder li tonneur

7. Northern lights lé chéráñ

8. It's hot (weather) kishitew

9. It's a nice day méyoukéshikaw

10. Hail la grel

11. It's cloudy ikwáshkwan

12. Mild weather ápáwáw

Lesson 3 - Conversation

- 1. She/he is going to mass on Sunday. Wé itotew la mess a Jimásh.
- Dress warm its cold out side. késhóho kishinaw dahour.
- 3. We are going dancing on Saturday night. Niwé ndo néminán Samjé osweŕ.
- Everything melts in spring.
 Kakéyaw kekwiy tikitew dañ li Pŕeñtáñ/Shékwáki.
- 5. Did you see the Northern lights on Friday night? Kiké wápaten chéñ lé chéfáñ Vandefjé oswef?
- 6. It is always cold in the months of January and February. Takine kishinaw dañ lé mowád Zháñvyé pi Fevriyé.
- 7. It will be summer soon and it will get hot. Wépach wé Népin ekwa ta kizhitew.
- 8. Fall begins in the month of September. L'automn máchipáhin dañ li mowád Septámbŕ.
- Thunder sounds scary in summer.
 Shekitákoshew li tonneur dañ l'té / népik.
- 10. It's a nice day to day for picking berries. Méyókéshikáw anoch chi máwéshuk.

Lesson 3 - Fill in the blanks 1. Niwé ndo néminán óswer. Saturday 2. Nitá kishinaw dañ lé mowád December February Késhóho dahour. its cold ekwa ta kishitew. 4. Wépach wé summer 5. Shekitákoshew li tonneur dañ summer 6. Wé itotew la mess Sunday 7. Kiké wápáten chéñ lé chéráñ óswer Friday 8. Méyo késhikaw chi máwishok. today 9. Kakéyaw kekwiy tikitew dañ Spring 10. L'outomn máchiphin dañ li mowád September

Lesson 4 - The body

1.	Head	tet / óshtihwán
2.	Hair	lé zhveu
3.	Eyes	lé ziou
4.	Nose	ochán
5.	Mouth	la boush / otón
6.	Teeth	lé dawn
7.	Neck	li kó
8.	Shoulder	li nipol
9.	Chest	áshkikan (my chest) náshkikan
10.	Stomach	váñwtr / wátaiy
11.	Tongue	láng
12.	Legs	lé shánb / oshkáta
13.	Knee	aen zhinó
14.	Heel	li talon
15.	Foot	aen pé / ozhit
16.	Toes	zaítey
17.	Arm	li braw
18.	Back	opishkwan / li dó

Lesson 4 - Vocabulary

1. Pochishkam He/she wears it 2. Oshtkwánik on his/her head 3. Wéshakeyitam he/she is sore 4. Kitayan you have Ákoshkatew she/he has a sore stomach/stomach ache 6. Ápishichánew she/he has a small nose 7. Káshéya wipe 8. Kitón your mouth 9. Wápitáhin show me 10. Wéshakeyitam she/he has a sore 11. Máka what about, but, then 12. Ákwatin frozen 13. Ákwatinéwa his/her (feet, hands etc.) are frozen

14. Ayáw has

15. Mitoni thoroughly

16. Nanawachéhik ni

tease, he/she is teasing me

17. Opishkwanák on his/her back

Lesson 4 - Michif Conversation

- He wears his hat on his head.
 Pochishkam soñ bonne oshtikwanik/sá sa tet
- She has sore teeth. Wéshakeyitam sé dawn.
- 3. You have big feet. Li gró pé kitayán / kimákizhitán
- 4. She/he is sick to her stomach. Ákóshkátew/wéshakeyitam sa fántr,
- She/he has a small nose.
 Apisháshiniyiw soñ né /apishishichánew.
- 6. Wipe your mouth. Káshéya ki tón / ta bosh.
- 7. Show me your tongue. Wápitahin ta láng.
- 8. She/he has sore knees and legs. Wéshakeyitam sé shnó pi sé shánb.
- 9. What about his heels and feet? Sé talóñ pi sé pé maka?
- They look fine, but his toes froze.
 Noya nandaw ishinákwanéyiwa, sé zaŕtey maka ki ákwatinéwa.
- She/he has a sore back.
 Wéshakeyitam opishkwan / sóñ dó.
- 12. She/he has brown eyes. Lé zeu brun ayáw.
- Her hair flows down her back.
 Mitoni opishwanák sé zhveu ishkoyiwa.

Lesson 4 - Fill in the blanks

l.	Lé zeuayáw brown
2.	Noya nandaw ishinákonéwa,maka ki ákwatinéwa. His toes
3.	Wéshákeyitam pi sé legs
4.	Mitoni opishkonák ishkoyiwa. Her hair
5.	Wápitahin Your tongue
	Wéshákeyitam(ákoshkátew) his/her stomach
7.	Pochishkamoshtikwánik (sa tet) his hat
8.	Káshéya Your mouth
9.	Wéshakeyitam His teeth
10.	Apisháshinéyiw (apishichánew) his/her nose
11.	kitayán big feet
12.	Sépimaka. Heels feet
13.	Wéshakeyitam His back

Lesson 5 - Numbers and Money

1.	One	Aeñ / peyak
2.	Two	Deu / nésho
3.	Three	Tŕwá / nishto
4.	Four	kátŕ / neyo
5.	Five	Saeñk / niyánan
6.	Six	Sis
7.	Seven	Set
8.	Eight	wit
9.	Nine	naef
10.	Ten	Jis
11.	Eleven	óñz
12.	Twelve	dóz
13.	Thirteen	tŕayz
14.	Fourteen	katoŕz
15.	Fifteen	kaeñz
16.	Sixteen	saeñz
17.	Seventeen	jis set
18.	Eighteen	jis wit
19.	Nineteen	jis naef
20.	Twenty	vaeñ
	Thirty	tŕáñt
	Forty	kaŕánt
	Fifty	saeñkánt
24.	Sixty	swesáñt
25.	Seventy	swesáñty jis
26.	Eighty	katávaeñ
27.	Ninety	katrávaen jis
28.	Hundred	sáñ
Moi	ney_Laŕjáhñ _ Shóniyaw.	

1. One cent

1.	One cent	aen sen
2.	Five cents	saeñ só
3.	Ten cents	jis só
4.	One dollar	aen piyasaeñ doller
5.	Ten dollars	ji piyas
6.	Twenty dollars	vaeñ piyas
7.	Fifty dollars	saeñkant piyas
8.	One hundred dollars	sáñ piyas
		and the same of th

Lesson 5 - Vocabulary

1.	Lots	misháhi
2.	Lend	awéyin
3.	Only	pihko
4.	Week	simen
5.	Costs	itahkitew
6.	Dollar	piyas
7.	Hooded parks	kahpishóñ
8.	The cow	en vásh
9.	A chicken	asen pol
10.	My aunt	ma tánt
11.	My uncle	moñ ók
12.	The children	Lé Záñfañ
13.	Years old	itapipónew

Lesson 5 - Conversation

- 1. The government has lots of money. Li govermáñ mishtáhi larzháñ ayáwew.
- Lend me ten dollars. Ayawéyin ji piyas.
- 3. I only have five dollars. Yaenk saen piyas nda yáwaw.
- 4. He gave me seven fish. Set lé pwásoñ nkémiyhik.
- 5. There were twelve of them. Dóz ké itázhiwak.
- 6. It cost only one dollar. Yaenk aeñ piyas ké itakitew.
- 7. My parka cost one hundred dollars. Moñ capishoñ sáñ piyas ké itakitew.
- 8. My grandmother has two cows, four pigs and twenty chickens. Nókom deu vásh, kátŕ kwashóñ pi vaeñ lé pol ayáwew.
- My aunt Marie and uncle Charles have eight children.
 Ma táñt Maré pi moñ nók Shál wit lé záñfáñ ayáwewak.
- My grandfather is eighty years old.
 Ni moshóm katravaen zañ itapipónew.

Lesson 5 - Fill in the blanks

1.	Moñ kapishoñ ké itakitew. Hundred dollars
2.	piko itakitew. One dollar
3.	Ayáwéyin Ten dollars
4.	Nké mihik lé pwásoñ Seven
5.	Li govarnimáñ mishtáhi ayawew. Money
6.	Ma tánt Maré pi moñ nók Shál lé záñfáñ ayáwewak Eight
7.	Ni moshóm itapipónew. Eighty years
8.	ké itáshiwak Twelve
9.	Nókom lé vásh kwashóñ pi lé pol ayáwew Two three twenty
10.	piyas piko ndayáwaw.

Lesson 6 - Clothing

1.	A shirt	en shmézh
2.	Scar	fkŕimon
3.	Gloves	lé gáwñ
4.	Moccasin	slé soyémo
5.	A coat	aen kapó
6.	Hooded	parksaen kapishóñ
7.	Sashs	aenchiur fleshey
8.	Shoes	lé sóyé
9.	Socks	lé báw
10.	Pants	en kilot
11.	Belts	aeñchiur
12.	Moccasin	rubberslé klak
13.	Dress	en rob
14.	Slip	(garment)en zhiup
15.	Long	underwearkansóñ

Lesson 6 - Match the words

20. Coat

1. Shoes wéchewákano lé soyémo 2. Match saeñchiuŕ 3. Dress kishinaw 4. Outside 5. Have to/should aeñ kapishoñ 6. Shirt en kilot 7. See through saeñchiur fleshey lé baw 8. Long underwear 9. Belt lé gawn en krimon 10. Its cold 11. Moccasins lé soyé 12. Gloves en shmézh 13. Wear it aeñ kapó 14. Slip sháponákon 15. Pants en ŕob 16. Hooded parka dahouŕ 17. Scarf kansoñ 18. Sox en zhiup 19. Sash sapŕañ/pihko

pochishka

Lesson 6 - New words from conversation

1. Mitoni

really

2. Ki takakishken

fits you well

3. Ké ozhitaw

she made

4. Pochishka

wear it

5. Kishinaw

its cold

6. Dahoŕ

outside

7. Pochishkam

he/she wears it

8. Chi pochishkamán

I have to wear it

9. Pochishkawew

he/she wears it

10. Piko

have to/should

11. Chi pochishkaman

you have to wear it

12. Wéchewákano

match

13. Eyishi nákwak

looks like

14. Nashpich miyaushin

its very nice

15. Shaponákwan

see through

Lesson 6 - Conversation

- Mitoni ki takakshken ta shmézh. You really fit your shirt well.
- 2. Ni mámá ki ozhitaw moñ saenchiuŕ fleshy. My mother made my Metis sash.
- Pochishka toñ kapishóñ kishinaw dahoŕ.
 Wear your parka it's cold outside.
- 4. Aen saenchiur pochishkam. He wears a belt.
- 5. Piko chi pochishkáman té soyémo dañ té klak. You have to wear your moccasins in your moccasin rubbers.
- 6. Toñ kapó, té gáwn, pi tóñ kŕimon wéchewákano. Your coat, gloves and scarf match,
- 7. Tanishi ta ŕob eyishi nákwak? What does your dress look like?
- 8. Náshpich méyaushin maka sháponákwan. It's very nice but it's see-through.
- 9. Ma zhiup piko chi pochishkáman I have to wear my slip.
- Aen kansóñ blán kikishawew.
 He wears white underwear.

Lesson 6 - Fill in the blanks

1.	Mitoni ki takakishken shirt	
2.	Ni mámá kéma saenchiur fleshy. made	
3.	Pochishka toñkishinaw dahoŕ. hooded parka	
4.	Aeñ saenchiuŕ put on	
5.	Piko chi pochishkaman dañ té moccasins moccasin rubbers	
6.	Toñ,tépiwéchewákono. coat gloves scarf	
7.	Tánishieyishi nákwak?. your dress	
8.	Nashpich miyoshin maka its see through	
9.	Mapiko chi pochishkaman.	
10.	. Aenblawñ pochishkawew. underwear	

Lesson 7 - What Where When Who Why

WHAT

KEKWIY

- 1. What is this? Kekwiy oma?
- 2. What is that? Kekwiy ánima?
- 3. What is that over there? Kekwiy nema?
- 4. What are these? Kekwiy oñhi?
- 5. What are you doing? Kekwiy azhitáyan?
- 6. What did you eat? Kekwiy ka méchéyan
- 7. What did you drink? Kekwiy ka minikweyan?
- 8. What did you come to get? Kekwiy pe nátaman?

WHERE TÁNDE

- 1. Where are the keys? Tánde té klé?
- 2. Where are shoes? Tánde té sóyé?
- 3. Where did you go? Tánde ka itoteyan?
- 4. Where is he going? Tánde eyitoteyan?
- 5. Where are you coming from? Tánde pe'ototeyan?
- 6. Where is he/she? Tánéwá?

Lesson 7 - What Where When Who Why

WHEN TÁNISHPÉ

- 1. When are you coming to visit? Tánishpé wé pekéwkeyan?
- 2. When are you (all) coming to visit? Tánishpé wé pekéwikeyek?
- 3. When I go home, I'll eat grandmas bannock. Ashpé kéweyáni, kokoum sa gallet nka máwaw.
- 4. When you go home, wash the dishes. Ati kéweyani, kishépekina la visel.
- 5. When he gets home, he'll chop wood. Ati kéwechi, ta'ati nikotew.
- 6. When you see him/her, tell him/her to call me. Ashpi wápamachi wétamaw chi pe kitozhit.
- When I see him, I'll tell him. Ashpé wápamáki, nka wétamáwaw.
- 8. When he sees her, he'll kiss her. Ashpi wapamachi ta ojemew.

Lesson 7 - What Where When Who Why

WHO

AWENA

- 1. Who are you? Awena kéya?
- 2. Who are they? Awena aniki?
- 3. Who told you? Awena káwétamáshk?
- 4. Who said that? Awena ekoshi ká'itwet?
- 5. Who broke it? Awena ká pékonak?
- 6. Who made it? Awena ká ozhitát?
- 7. Who loves you baby? Awena shákéyishk bibi?

WHY

TÁNEKI

- Why are you crying?
 Táneki wechi mátoyan
- 2. Why did you get angry? Táneki wechi kishéwáshiyan?
- 3. Why did he/she give it to you? Táneki ka ochi méyishk?
- 4. Why is he/she not talking? Táneki eká wechi pékishkwet?
- 5. Why won't she wear a hat? Táneki eká wechi pochishkak aen bonne?

Lesson 7 - Vocabulary

1. Nema that over there. 2. Ozhitáyan you doing 3. Ká méchiyan you ate 4. Nka mówaw I'll eat it 5. Sa gallet his/her bannock 6. Kishépekina wash it/them 7. Nikotew chops wood 8. Wétamáwákan tell him/her (past tense) 9. Pe kitoshit to call me/to speak to me 10. Nka wétamawaw I'll tell him/her 11. Ojemew he/she kisses her 12. Pe ototeyan come from 13. Tániwá where is he/she 14. Ká wétamashk tells you 15. Ká ozhitát made it 16. Ká méyishk gives you 17. Pochishkak wears it 18. kavalé boy/girl friend, sweetheart 19. Shákéyishk loves you 20. Némin dancing

Lesson 7 - Match the words

16. his/her bannak

19. where is she/he?

17. I'll eat it

18. wash it

tánishpé 1. what? 2. what is this? Tániwá taneki wechi mátoyan? 3. where? 4. where are you going? Kavalé 5. when? ojemew 6. when are you coming for a visit? Nikotew 7. who? nka méchin 8. who are you? Kekwiy 9. why? nema Tánde e'itoteyan 10. why are you crying? 11. girl/boy friend sa gallet kishépekina 12. he/she kisses him/her 13. chops wood tánishpi wépekiwkeyan? táneki 14. that over there 15. call me/phone me awena kéya?

kekwiy óma

tánde

awena

Pe kitoshin

Lesson 7 - Conversation

- 1. When was the last time you saw him? Tánishpé ishkwach ka wapamat?
- Tuesday night. Morjé oswer.
- 3. Where did you go on Saturday night? Tánde ka itoteyan samjé oswer?
- 4. I went dancing. nkédo némin.
- 5. Who loves you? Awena shákéyishk?
- My girlfriend/boyfriend loves me. Moñ kavali nshákéyik.
- 7. What will you do when you get home? Kekwiy wa ozhitáyan ati kéweyani?
- 8. I'll wash my dishes. Ma visel nka kishépekinen.
- 9. Why are you sad? Táneki wechi kashkeyitaman?
- Because I lost my Metis sash.
 Akoz nké wanitán moñ saeñchiuŕ fleshy.

Lesson 7 - Fill in the blanks

1.	Tánde ka itoteyanSaturday night
2.	Ké ndo dance
3.	wé ozhitáyan ati kéwayani. what
4.	Maka kishépekinen dishes
5.	Tánishpé ishkwachyou saw him
6.	osweŕ Tuesday
7.	Awena loves you
8.	Moñ kavalé shákéyik. boy/girl friend
9.	wechi kashkeyitáman.
10.	Akoz moñ eké shipwetet.

Lesson 8 - Animals wild and tame

1.	Cows	lé vash
2.	Calves	lé vó
3.	Bulls	lé tóró
4.	Steers	lé biu
5.	Hen/chicken	en poul
6.	Rooster	aen kouk
7.	Chicks	lé pouley
8.	A turkey hen	en dánd
9.	Gobbler or turkey	en gwádánd
10.	Horse	en zhwal
11.	A mare	en zhomo
12.	A colt	en pouleñ
13.	A duck	en kanawŕ
14.	A rabbit	en liyev
15.	A squirrel	en swiss
16.	Chipmunk	en swiss di barero
17	. A mink	en foutro
18	. A skunk	en shikáwk
19	. En elk	en bish
20	. A moose	en nafiyanl
21	. A fox	en ŕnawŕ
22	. A wolf	en ló
23	. A weasel	en blet
24	A deer	en shivfiw
25	5. A dog	en shiyeñ
26	6. A cat	en shá / minoush / en pose

Lesson 8 - Vocabulary

1.	Wékinàwak	to milk
2.	Pitama	but first
3.	Ashiwayàwak	put them in
4.	Li pawŕ	the pasture / fence
5.	Nké áyimékok	gave me a hard time
6.	Kóbeñ	how many
7.	E'ayawachik	do you have
8.	Kanáke wéya	at least
9.	Wechishew	he/she is easy
10.	Chi tetapik	to mount
11.	Náshpich	very
12.	pat kom	not like
13.	Wékách	ever
14.	Kemá/obeñ	or
15.	Ki mówáwak	you're eating them
16.	Hañha	yes
17.	Áshkaw	sometimes
18.	Kinwesh	long time
19	. Chi atáwákeyan	to sell
20	. Yaenk/piko	only

Lesson 8 - Conversation

- 1. Are you milking the cows tonight? Kiwé wékináwak chéñ lé vásh aswer?
- Yes but I'll have to find them first. Wé pitámá maka chi mishkawakik.
- 3. Did you put the bulls and the steers in the pasture? lé páwŕ?
- 4. Yes but they gave me a hard time. Wé maka nké áyiméhikok.
- 5. How many hens and chicks do you have? Kobeñ lé poul pi lé pouley e'yáwáchik?
- I have at least twenty.
 Kanake wéya vaeñ nda yáwáwak.
- 7. Is your horse easy to mount? Wechishiw chéñ toñ shwál chi tetápik.
- 8. He's quite easy, not like the mare. Náshpich wechishiw, pat kom li zhamo.
- 9. Do you ever eat ducks or rabbits? Wékách chéñ lé kanáwŕ kemá lé liyev ki mówáwak?
- 10. Yes I did, some times I eat moose and elk meat too. Hañha! ashkaw ména la viyáñ di bish pi naíyal niméchin.
- 11. Do you stretch your mink and weasels long before you sell them? Kiniwesh chéñ ki shépawawak té foutró pi té blet chipwa a táwákeyan?
- Not long about three days.
 Noya kiniwesh yaenk trwa jour.

Lesson 8: Fill in the blanks.

l.	Wechishiw chéñ toñ chi tetapik? His toes horse
2.	Náshpich,pat kom li zhomo.
3.	Kiké ashiwáyáwak chéñ pi dáñ li pawŕ. the bulls steers
١.	Wé maka nké gave me hard time
5.	Wékách chéñ obeň ki mówawak? ducks rabbits
5.	Hañha, áshkaw ména la viyáñt di pi ni méchin. elk moose
7.	Kiniwesh chéñ ki shépawáwak pi chipwá átáwakeyan your mink your weasels
3.	Noya kiniwesh yaenk three days
).	Kiwé wékináwak chéñ asweŕ the cow
0.	Wé, pitama maka to find them
11.	Kobeñ pi e'ayawachik? hens chicks
12.	Kanake wéyanda yáwáwak. twenty

Lesson 9 - Senses and colors

SENSES:

1. Seeing - sight:

niwápaten – I see

2. Hearing - sound:

n'peten - I hear.

3. Smelling – smell:

ni meyáten - I smell.

4. Tasting – taste:

nkochishpiten - I taste.

5. Touching – touch:

samisen - I touch.

COLORS:

1. White

blañ

2. Black

nwaŕ

3. Red:

rózh

4. Blue

bleu

5. Brown

bŕun

6. Orange

oŕawnzh

7. Yellow

zhouň

8. Green

vayŕ

Lesson 9 - Vocabulary

1. He/she wore:

képotchishkam

2. Dress:

ŕob

3. Rotten:

panátan

4. Something:

kekwiy

5. Road:

le shmaeñ

6. Skunk:

shikawk

7. Sugar:

li sik

8. Little girl:

pchit fé

9. Eyes:

lé zeux

10. Has:

ayow

11. Boy:

garsóñ

12. Shirt:

shmézh

13. Strawberry jam:

kóñfichure di fraze

14. Bread:

le paeñ

15. Sister:

soeuŕ

Lesson 9 - Conversation

- She wore a green dress with black shoes.
 Aeň rob vayŕ avik lé soyé nwayŕ képotchishkam.
- 2. I smell something rotten. Ni méyáten kekwiy epanátak.
- 3. I hear something coming up the road. Kekwiy mpeten epechitákwak sur li shime.
- 4. The skunk is black and white. Li shikawk nawyr pi blañ ishinakóshew.
- He/she likes the taste of brown sugar. Mé oshpitam li sik bruñ.
- I see something yellow.
 Niwapaten kekwiy zhouñ ayishinákwak.
- 7. The little girl has blue eyes. La p'chit fé lé zeux bleu ayow.
- 8. The boy is wearing a red shirt. Li garsó aen shmézh rózh pochishkam.
- 9. I taste my Grandmother's strawberry jam. Kochishpitan nókum sa kónfichure di frayz.
- I like brown bread better than white bread.
 Nawatch li paen brun niméyayimow ashpétch li paen blaň.
- My sister has an orange hat.
 Ma soeur aen boné/shapó orawnzh ayaw.
- 12. I touch my baby's cheek. Sháminen mó bebé sa zhó.

Lesson 9 - Fill in the blanks

1.	Kochishpiten nókum sa	di	fraze.
2.	La	lé zeux bleu ayow.	
3.	Li shikawk nwayí pi blaň		-
4.	En robavik lé s	oyé	képotchishkum.
5.	Nawatch li paeñ	niméyaymow	li paeň
6.		móñ bebé sa zhó.	
7.	Niméyaten kekwiy	*	
8.	Liaen	rózh	·
9.	Ma soeur aen/_	orawnzł	ayow.
10.	Kekwiy mpeten	suŕ li	
11.	kekwiy	ayishina	ikwak.
12.	Méli si	k	

Lesson 10 - Eating utensils and food

a plate the plate the plates	aeñ nayet la siyet lé zasyet
saucer the saucer the saucers	aeñ nisop li skop lé ziskop
a knife the knife the knives	aeñ koutó li koutó lé koutó
a fork the fork the forks	en fourshet la fourshet lê fourshet
a spoon the spoon the spoons	en chouyer la chouyer lê chouyer
a bowl/cup the bowl/cup the bowls/cups	en bol la bol lê bol
a butcher knife the butcher knife the butcher knives	en grañ koutó li grañ koutó lé grañ koutó
ODS	
Butter	li buer
Salt	li sel
Pepper	li pwayvr
Bread	li paeñ
Fried bread	lé bengn
Bannock	la gallet
Baimook	ia ganci
	the plates the plates saucer the saucers a knife the knife the knives a fork the forks a spoon the spoon the spoons a bowl/cup the bowl/cup the bowls/cups a butcher knife the butcher knife the butcher knife the butcher knives ODS Butter Salt Pepper Bread Fried bread

aeñ paták, lé paták

8. Potato(es)

Lesson 10 - Vocabulary

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1.	set the table	wéyashtasho
2.	you will use it	kika ápachitán
3.	I'll bring it	nka petán
4.	around	alántóŕ
5.	can I borrow?	kitá awiyáshomitin?
6.	take it	otina
7.	use it	apachitá
8.	to cut	késhkishut
9.	I'll bring them	nka peshówáwak
10.	I'm hungry	ni nótekatán
11.	Our meal	nó ripá
12.	or	abaeñdoñ/kemá
13.	go to bed	káwishimo
14.	let's go to bed	káwishimotak
15.	help me	wéchéhin
16.	are you hungry?	ki note katán chéñ?
17.	eat	méchisho
18.	I'm thirsty	ni nóte ápákwan
19.	Are you thirsty?	ki nóte ápákwan?
20.	drink water	minikwe di ló
21.	laugh	pápi
22.	run	pimipáta
23.	run fast	shókepáta
24.	be careful/take care	pe'atak/me'áñqwám
25.	leave me alone	pónéhin
26.	leave him/her alone	póné
27.	read	ayámichike
28.	he/she is reading	ayámichikew
29.	write	oshipeya
30.	he/she writes it	oshipeyam

Lesson 10 - Conversation

- Set the table, we'll eat my fried bread.
 Wéyashtásho, mé bengn ki ka mówánanik.
- Will we need to use forks and knives? Ki ka nandáweyitánan ché lé fourshet pé lé koutó?
- 3. Put the chairs around the table, please. Ashtá lé sheyz alañtór la táb si vou plae.
- 4. Shall I bring the salt and pepper too? Nka petán ché li sel pé li pwayvr osé?
- 5. Can I borrow some bread and butter? Kitá awêyáshomitin ché li paeñ pi li buer.
- Yes, you can take plates and saucers too.
 Wé, kitá otinen ména lé zásyet pi lé ziskop.
- 7. Use the butcher knife to cut the bread. Apachitá li grañ koutó chi késhkishut li paeñ.
- 8. Yes of course, shall I bring the spoons for the jam? Abaeñ wé, nka peshówáwak ché lé chouyer pour li kóñficheur?
- 9. I am thirsty; can you bring tea or water for our meal? Ni nóte ábákwán, kitá petán ché li té abaeñdoñ di ló pour nó ripá?
- Can we eat now? I'm hungry.
 Kitá méchishonan ché ekwa? Ni nótekatán.
- 11. Put the soup in a bowl.
 D'en bol ashta la soupe
- I will eat bannock with meat and potatoes.
 La gallet n'ka mówow avik la véyant pi lé paták



