



NAASAAB

(An Ojibway Language Immersion - Dice Game)

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Naasaab (naa·saab) means: Doubles or the same.

Gnebig-shkiinzhigoon (gne·big-sh·kiin-zhi-goon) means: Snake eyes.

Mkak-daabaanag (mkak-daa·baa·nag) means: Box cars.

Pagnish (pag·nish) means: Roll/throw them.

Bebezhig (be·be-zhig) means: One at a time.






Nwaagshkaa (nwaag-sh·kaa) means: My turn. [at the dice]

Niin ntam means: My turn. **Giin ntam** means: Your turn.

Wiin ntam means: His/her turn. **Wenesh ntam** means: Whose turn?

Tib-jii-waan=Di, **Tib-jii-waan·sag=Dice**, **Ta·gwa=Please**, **Aa·haaw=Okay**.

Miishin tibjiwaansag (mii-shin tib-jii-waan-sag) means: Hand me the dice.

1. You need **10** positive points to win the game.
2. If you get **5** negative points, you lose the game.
3. If you roll doubles, player must say **“Naasaab”** and is given **1** positive point & gets to have another turn.
4. If you roll snake eyes,  player must say **“Gnebig-shkiinzhigoon”** and is given one(**1**) negative point & misses their next turn.
5. If you roll double sixes,  ...player must say **“Mkak-daabaanag”** and is given **2** positive points & gets to have another turn.
6. Keep track of all players positive & negative scores, on a piece of paper.
7. If any player throws this combination for **7**,  ...then all the players must speak to each other, in the Ojibway language for one(**1**) minute. (Use what you know in Anishinaabemowin.)
8. If any player throws this combination for **7**,  ...then all the players must say together, the Seven Grandfather Teachings.
9. If any player throws this combination for **7**,  ...then all the players must say together, the Seven Directions.
10. Have fun playing the dice game **“NAASAAB”** and enjoy our beautiful Ojibway language.

Gzhemnidoo Anishinaabemowin gii-miin gonaal!

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Ndo wenmaasii bezhig (ndo wen·maa·sii be·zhig) = I don't want #1.

Wenesh e-pkinaaged (we·ne·sh e·p·ki·naa·ged) = Who is winning?

Nda bkinaage (nda bki·naa·ge) = I'm winning!

Yewzhige (yew·zhi·ge) = He/she is cheating.

Doopwining eta (doop·wi·ning e·ta) = Keep them/it on the table! [the dice or the di]

Baazhdagen (baa·zh·da·gen) = Miss a turn/Skip a turn.

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Bwakaawin (bwaa·kaa·win) = Wisdom
Zaagidwin (zaa·gid·win) = Love
Chipitendaagziwin (chi·pii·ten·daag·zi·win) = Respect
Zoongde'ewin (zoong·de'e·win) = Bravery/Courage
Giyakwaadziwin (gi·yak·waad·zi·win) = Honesty
Dibadendizwin (di·ba·den·diz·win) = Humility
Odebwewin (o·deb·we·win) = Truth

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Waabnong (waab·nong) = East
Zhaawnong (zhaaw·nong) = South
E-bngishmog (e·bn·gish·mog) = West
Giiwednong (gii·wed·nong) = North
Ishpiming (ish·pi·ming) = In the heavens
Aki'ing (aki'ing) = In the earth
Ode'ing (ode'ing) = In the heart



For a faster game: Only 5 positive points needed to win & only 3 negative points to lose.

Remember the sound: a like u in up, i like i in it, o like o in open,
aa like aw in saw, ii like ee in see, oo like oo in boo, e like a in at.

Gzhemnidoo Anishinaabemowin gii-miin gonaa!