

Quick Review & Inanimate for Putting on Pants/Shirt

* **Inanimate** is the non-living. It is the non-moving objects.

For example: Shoe **Mki-zin** & Fork **Bdak-jii-gan**

They have no movement. (rely on you to make it move)

* For “putting on clothes” in Anishinaabemowin, we use Biiskan for Inanimate words.

Inanimate for Putting on clothes:

Biiskan!

Put it on! (command)

Biiskan (____) .

When telling someone to put on something.

(insert any inanimate clothing inside bracket)

Adding a “g” to a noun (clothing) indicates “you” or “your”.

G stands for giin (you/your), but we just use the letter “g” to indicate “your ____ .

* In Anishinaabemowin, I call “**the**”, “**is**” and “**a**”, “givens”, because they are part of the word.

It’s a given that they are there and they are not written in. They are not a separate word.

For example, when you say “put on the/a hat”, you would say **Biiskan wiikwan**. (the word “the” or “a” is part of the word in “wiikwan”)

* Another quick note: **the letters p and b are interchangeable.**

Miik-noot

Pants (any pants)

Biis-kan miik-noot.

Put on the pants.

Gmiik-noot

Your pants.

Biis-kan gmiik-noot.

Put on your pants.

(Bees-kan K’meeek-note)

Bab-gwa-yaan

Shirt/T-shirt (any shirt)

Biis-kan bab-gwa-yaan.

Put on the shirt.

Gbab-gwa-yaan

Your shirt

Biis-kan gbab-gwa-yaan.

Put on your shirt.

(Bees-kan Kpab-kwah-yawn)

*the letter “g” in Anishinaabemowin always has a hard g sound as in “got”, “give” or “God”.

*in Anishinaabemowin, ii have a long ee sound as in “feet”, “beet” or “seed”.