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Module nîso: lesson 4

itôta: putting all the vocabulary together

pêyak: 1 use all the vocabulary from this module

tânisi kê-itôtaman: directions

You've learned how to form the VAI imperative and delayed imperative, negate imperatives, use preverbs and add in particles for more context. You've also learned some other vocabulary in the form of particles to tell people to come here or go away, as well as imperatives for taking articles of clothing off. Let's put it all together in order to translate back and forth into nêhiyawêwin and âkayâsimowin/English!

nêhiyawêwin	âkayâsimowin
âstamitik	All of you, come here!
mahti ketasikanêhkêk	Please all of you, take off your socks later!
Miles nitawi-ketaskisinê	Miles, go take off your shoes!
awasitik êkwa mêtawêhkêk	Go away all of you and play later!
âstam êkwa mîciso	You come here! And you eat!
mahti miyo-âpi êkwa	Please sit properly/well now!
pê-mîciso sêmâk	You come eat immediately!
waniskâtân êkwa kistâpitêhotân	Let's all wake up and brush our teeth!
miyo-kîsikâw	It's a nice day.
âstam sêmâk	You, come here immediately!
Miles êkwa minôs awasitik	Miles and minôs, go away!
miyo-kîkisêpâyâw mahti waniskâ	It's a good morning, please you, wake up!

nîso: 2 put your skills to the test

tânisi kê-itôtaman: directions

So far we've only been working with the vocabulary from this unit. But you now have the skills to take other animate intransitive verbs and put them into the imperative and delayed imperative. So let's do it!

New animate intransitive verbs:

- **minihkwêw: (s)he/they drinks**
- **pîkiskwêw: (s)he/they speaks**
- **itâpiw: (s)he/they takes a look**
- **nêhiyawêw: (s)he/they speaks Cree**

Remember your steps to form the VAI imperative!

1. Remove the final letter from the 3s verb.
2. Use the following paradigm to form the VAI imperative:
 - a. 2s (you!), no ending, you're done!
 - b. 2p (you all!) -k ending
 - c. 2i (let us all!) -tân ending

To form the delayed VAI imperative:

1. Remove the final letter from the 3s verb.
2. Use the following paradigm to form the VAI delayed imperative:
 - a. 2s (you!), -hkan ending
 - b. 2p (you all!) -hkêk ending
 - c. 2i (let us all!) -hkak ending

nêhiyawêwin	âkayâsimowin
itâpik	All of you, take a look!
mahti nêhiyawê	Please you, speak Cree!
êkâwiya minihkwêtân êkwa	Let's all not drink now!
pîkiskwêhkak	Let's all speak later!
nêhiyawêhkan	You, speak Cree later!
êkâwiya pîkiskwêk	You all, don't speak!

See how awesome you are? Now let's throw in some new preverbs along with the ones you already know!

New preverbs:

- **mâci-** begin to (do an action)
- **kakwê-** try and (do an action)

nêhiyawêwin	âkayâsimowin
mâci-nêhiyawêtân	Let's all begin to speak Cree!
mahti kakwê-itâpik	Please, all of you try to take a look!
êkâwiya mâci-mêtawêk êkwa	You all, don't start playing now!
kakwê-mâci-nêhiyawêtân	Let's all try to begin speaking Cree!
nitawi-miyo-itâpi	You, go take a good look!
êkâwiya nitawi-pîkiskwêk	You all, don't go and speak
mahti êkâwiya mâci-mêtawêhkêk	Please you all, don't start to play later!
nitawi-miyo-pîkiskwêtân	Let's all go and speak well!
âstam êkwa mâci-mîciso OR: pê-mâci-mîciso	You, come and begin to eat!
pê-kakwê-minihkwê	You, come try to drink!