

# Siyeepé tooním əələwí!

Let's make pinenut necklaces!

Nisenan language for TEK's  
pinenut necklace workshop



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## Review key vocabulary

Match the Nisenan words to their English translations. Answers are inside the booklet.

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| 1. tooním heen  | a. sugar pine tree         |
| 2. sumúum c'aa  | b. regalia, valuables      |
| 3. sumúu        | c. gray pine tree          |
| 4. əələw        | d. pinenut necklace        |
| 5. tooním əələw | e. gray pine pinenut       |
| 6. tooním c'aa  | f. ponderosa pine pinecone |
| 7. lilím        | g. pineneedle(s)           |
| 8. woowóo       | h. sugar pine pinecone     |
| 9. sumúum heen  | i. sugar pine pinenut      |
| 10. toon        | j. ponderosa pine tree     |
| 11. osek'áa     | k. gray pine pinecone      |
| 12. inimi       | l. necklace                |

## Pine tree species & parts

In the Nisenan language, pine trees are usually known by the name of their nut. **Iniimí** (ponderosa pine) is an exception; Nisenan speaker William Joseph said that there is not a specific word for the nuts of **iniimí**, though there is a special word for their cones (**lilím**).

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| gray pine pinenut                | <b>toon</b>        |
| gray pine tree                   | <b>tooním c'aa</b> |
| gray pine pinecone               | <b>tooním heen</b> |
| gray pine pinenuts (still green) | <b>yopé</b>        |
| sugar pine pinenut               | <b>sumúu</b>       |
| sugar pine tree                  | <b>sumúum c'aa</b> |
| sugar pine pinecone              | <b>sumúum heen</b> |
| sugar pine sugar / gum           | <b>kawaasú</b>     |
| ponderosa pine tree              | <b>iniimí</b>      |
| ponderosa pine pinecone          | <b>lilím</b>       |
| tree (general term)              | <b>c'aa</b>        |
| pineneedle(s) (general term)     | <b>woowóo</b>      |
| resin, pitch (general term)      | <b>t'ilká</b>      |

## Necklace & related words

The word for 'necklace' is a little challenging to read and pronounce; listening to the recordings on our website can help! You can also contact us for in-person help.

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| necklace, abalone shell        | <b>əələw</b>        |
| pinenut necklace               | <b>tooním əələw</b> |
| regalia, valuables             | <b>osek'áa</b>      |
| cordage (rope, string, thread) | <b>k'uk'</b>        |
| small round bead               | <b>howwotú</b>      |
| cylindrical magnesite bead     | <b>laklákse</b>     |
| abalone shell pendant          | <b>p'ilp'il</b>     |
| shell money                    | <b>howók</b>        |

### Listen & watch

Scan the QR code on the right or visit **<https://bit.ly/ssbmi-pinenuts>** to listen to the language in this booklet and to watch a historical documentary about traditional methods of gathering and processing pinenuts.



Answers to the review exercise on the back of this booklet:

1 - k, 2 - a, 3 - i, 4 - l, 5 - d, 6 - c, 7 - f, 8 - g, 9 - h, 10 - e, 11 - b, 12 - j