

SSBMI LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT 2025
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A GAME FOR LEARNING NISENAN WORDS

2-4 PLAYERS + 1 CALLER
AGES 3 & UP

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose 4-8 words from the word list and review them together using the picture cards. To listen to the language, scan the QR code on each picture.

Arrange your chosen picture cards on a wall or the floor. You may want to put painters' tape at the top of the card so that the cards stay put but can be flipped up if a review is needed mid-game.

Agree on how many rounds you will play; 10-15 rounds is typical. One player is the Caller and calls out one Nisenan word from the chosen set per round. Whoever points to the correct picture fastest wins the round. Ties are possible. The Caller determines the winner of each round and keeps score on the score board included in this kit.

EXTENSIONS

Take turns being the Caller. Swap out a few picture cards at a time to learn more words. Want to make it tricky? Allow the Caller to call out words that are **not** amongst the chosen picture cards. Players who fall for the trick and point to a card are out. Feel like drawing? Make your own picture cards!

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT LANGUAGE@SSBAND.ORG



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WORD LIST: FOOD

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CHECK OFF THE WORDS BEING USED IN THE GAME

NISENAN	ENGLISH	NISENAN	ENGLISH
ba	salt'	taakó	tacos'
asuuká	sugar'	paastá	'pasta'
mantekiiyá	'butter'	C'ayním payél	Chinese food'
c'iis	cheese'	Panyolím payél	(Mexican food)
pakpák	'eggs'	aapél	apple'
p' i llá	'bread'	mank'á	strawberries'
koc'ís	greens'	muté	grapes'
opló	'cooked greens'	ennáan	'blackberries'
woolém way	'potatoes'	santiiyá	watermelon'
maayís	corn'	sudák'	sweets, candy
pehól	'beans'	sudak'ám bic'iipá	ice cream'
palá	fish'	mom	water'
may	salmon'	leec'í	imilk'
kɨyɨsɨ́	'meat'	aapelím mo	apple juice'
k i y i s í m mom	'meat stew'	soodá	soda'
l i kl í	soup'	koopí	coffee'
samwic'	sandwich'	hiisám mo	mint tea'
piitsá	pizza'		



SCORE CARD

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PLAYERS EARN I (ONE) POINT FOR WINNING A ROUND. ADD UP AT THE END

NAMES >		
ROUND 1		
ROUND 2		
ROUND 3		
ROUND 4		
ROUND 5		
ROUND 6		
ROUND 7		
ROUND 8		
ROUND 9		
ROUND 10		
ROUND II		
ROUND 12		
ROUND 13		
ROUND 14		

TOTALS >

ROUND 15