

PLAINS CREE WORDS FOR FAMILY

In English, we use the words *my*, *your*, *his*, *her* or *their* to show how people in a family are related. In Cree, those family words have the “possessive” built right in. In the English version of this story, the Cree words are treated like proper names. When speaking Cree, those same words change their form, depending on who is speaking and how people are related.



niya

I, me, my

kiya

you, your (singular)

wiya

*he/she/they, his/her/their
(gender-neutral singular)*

kiyânaw

we, us, our

nôhkom

my grandmother

kôhkom

your grandmother

ohkoma

his/her/their grandmother



nimosôm

my grandfather

kimosôm

your grandfather

omosôma

his/her/their grandfather

nikâwiy

my mother

kikâwiy

your mother

okâwiya

his/her/their mother



nôhtâwiy

my father

kôhtâwiy

your father

ohtâwiya

his/her/their father

nitânis

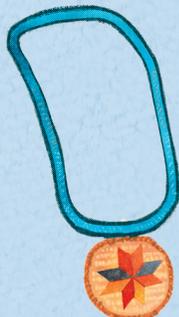
my daughter

kitânis

your daughter

otânisa

his/her/their daughter



nikosis

my son

kikosis

your son

okosisa

his/her/their son

