

Mi'kmaw nouns & adjectives

In **nouns** and **adjectives** we have to **distinguish genders**, numbers, tense, case, agreement and the degrees of comparison.

Gender

There are two genders in Mi'kmaq: the **animate gender** and the **inanimate gender**.

Humans and animals are included in the Grammar rules created by our Educators. The Educators learned from our Elders and we connect into the ancestry ways with the Mi'kmaw language. Today our Mi'kmaw Elders and Educators can try to explain these expectations of Mi'kmaw grammar rules.

They do have a great number of things for which Mi'kmaw seems to have had a **superstitious** and **deep respect** for **Mother earth**.

This **gender** includes **animate beings** and what it has pleased the Mi'kmaws to put in the category of the noble and **animate gender**.

Nemik - Nemikik	<i>Na'ku'set</i>	<i>Tepknuset</i>	<i>Kloqoejk Nemikik</i>	<i>Nipi</i>	<i>A'pi</i>	<i>Lassiet</i>	<i>Klitaw</i>
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*In the **first gender** are collected whatever has animal life or which has a special value in the Mi'kmaw eyes. Such as: **rosaries**, sky, certain trees, certain fruits, crosses, ice, snow, **the stars**, skins, pipes, rain, apples, etc.*

Nemitu: Nemituan	<i>Wastew</i>	<i>Mkumi</i>	<i>Musik~sk</i>	<i>Kispesan</i>	<i>Wenju'su'nl, Nemituan</i>	<i>Awti</i>	<i>Kmu'j</i>
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The **animate gender** “ includes **animals, growing trees, the heavenly bodies, household utensils and weapons used in war and in the chase.**

When a tree is growing its **animate** and **inanimate** as soon as it dies or is cut down.

Similar carts, balls for playing balls, dolls, all fit in the animate rules.

Animate gender	Inanimate
<i>Tmoqta'w - log naskoplaw - plank</i>	<i>Tmi'kn - Axe</i>
<i>Tu'aqn</i>	**** <i>Wlaqn - dish</i>
Body Parts: veins, the lungs, even the nails	<i>Pe'skewey - gun</i>
	Part of the Body: The heart, the head, the blood, the entrails, the hands, the feet, the chest, the back, the flesh, the body itself,

Masculine noun in words which express state, rank, and occupation.	Feminine ending,
L'nu - Indigenous man	L'nu'skw - Indigenous woman Inu'skwe'j - Indigenous young woman
Mi'kmawa'j - Mi'kmaw	Mi'kmawi'skw - Mi'kmaw woman Mi'kmawi'skwe'j - Young Mi'kmaw woman
Nuji-kina'muet - teacher	Nuji-kina'mueti'skw - a female teacher Nuji-kina'mueti'skwe'j - a young new woman teacher / E.A.
Pa'tlia's - Priest	Pa'tlia'si'skw - a nun Pa'tlia'si'skwe'j - a novice
Kisiku - old man	Kisikui'skw - old lady
Eleke'wit - king Eleke'witji'j - prince	Eleke'wi'skw - queen nteleke'wi'skwom - my queen Eleke'wi'skwe'j - Princess
Wenuj - French man	Wen'jui'skw - French woman Wen'jui'skwe'j - French girl
Aklasio'w - an englishman	Aklasio'wi'skw - an englishwoman Aklasio'wi'skwe'j - an english girl

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