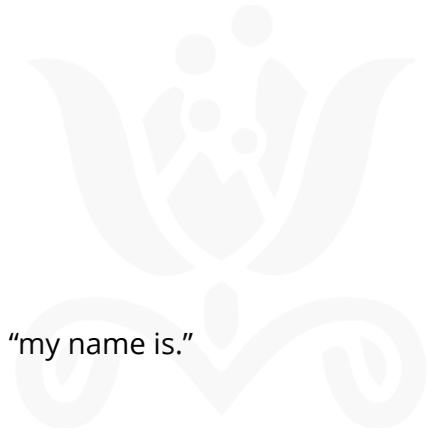


## 3.8 Dakota Language: Name

### "They Call Me" Worksheet



#### How do you introduce yourself in Dakota and in English?

In Dakota, we say, "emakiyapi" or "they call me." In English we say, "my name is."

Circle the first pronoun in each of the following phrases:

They call me

My name is

What do you notice about the **subject** of these two sentences? The subject of a sentence is the person, place, or thing that is doing or being something, in this case, the pronouns that start the phrase.

Now underline the verbs in each phrase.

Notice how "they call me" shows an action on the part of others.

Notice how "my name is" shows ownership by a single person.

What is the subject in "emakiyapi" or "they call me"? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the subject in "my name is"? \_\_\_\_\_

The word order is also different in Dakota and in English. For example:

Vanessa: *Vanessa emakiyapi ye.* They call me Vanessa.

Glenn: *Glenn emakiyapi do.* They call me Glenn.

You: \_\_\_\_\_ emakiyaypi (ye or do).

Notice there is a different ending for females and male in Dakota. "Ye" is used by females, and "Do" is used by males.

Females: \_\_\_\_\_ *emákiyapi ye.*

Males: \_\_\_\_\_ *emákiyapi do.*

Note: Accent is on the second syllable—má.

Now you try! Practice telling someone your name in Dakota