

Gekinoo' amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 58: Review of VTI Singular

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'Giishpin ganawendaman gidinwewininaan,
giga-ganawenimig aadizookaan gaa-
ganawendang Anishinaabemowin.

If you take care of the language, the spirit-
keeper of the language will take care of
you.'

Tobasaanakwad Kinew

Verb Transitive Inanimate (VTI)

- ▶ Verbs that transfer action from the animate subject to an inanimate object.
- ▶ **Subject** is where the verb action is originating.
- ▶ **Object** is receiving the action from the subject.
- ▶ Ni-waabandaan niwaakaa'igan.
I see it my house.
subject verb inanimate object

Verb Transitive Inanimate (VTI)

When a VTI verb stands alone, it is a command:

Waabandan!

See it!

Bizindan!

Listen to it!

Agindan.

Read it.

Miigwechiwendan.

Give thanks for it.

Odaapinan.

Accept something.

Ganawendan.

Take care of it.

Verb Transitive Inanimate (VTI)

There are three families of VTIs:

VTI1 Verbs that end in 'an'

▶ Minwendan – Like it.

VTI2 Verbs that end in 'oon'

▶ Ozhitoon – Make it.

VTI3 Verbs that end in 'in'

▶ Miijin – eat it.

Verb Transitive Inanimate (VTI)

VTI verbs use the same pronoun and tense markers as VAs.
For VTIs ending in 'an,' the ending is modified to 'aan.'

- ▶ Waabandan. See it.
- ▶ Niwaabandaan. I see it.
- ▶ Niwaabandaan miikana. I see the road.

- ▶ Minwendan. Like it.
- ▶ Niminwendaan. I like it.
- ▶ Niminwendaan manoomin. I like wild rice.

Verb Transitive Inanimate (VTI)

These are different singular pronoun usages with VTI:

- ▶ Ninganawendaan manoomin.
 - ▶ I am taking care of the wild rice.
- ▶ Giganawendaan manoomin.
 - ▶ You are taking care of the wild rice.
- ▶ Oganawendaan manoomin.
 - ▶ She is taking care of the wild rice.



Niibowa ominwendaan manoomin.

She likes wild rice a lot.



Giminwendaan owaakaa'igan.

You like her house.



Nimbizindaan nibi.

I am listening to the water.



Inganawaabandaan ishkode.
I am looking at the fire.




Niwaabandaan mashkode iwedi.

I see the prairie over there.



Ingii-waabandaan mashkode bijiinaago.

I saw the prairie yesterday.




Tanya ogii-waabandaan zaaga'igan bijiinaago.
Tanya saw the lake yesterday.



Cat onoondaan noodin agwajiing.

Cat hears the wind outside.



Niminwendaan giwaakaa'igan
niiskaadak agwajiing.

I like your house when it's nasty outside.



Niwaakaa'igan niminwendaan
zoogipong agwajiing.

I like my house when it's snowing outside.



Manoomin ninganawendaan gimiwang agwajiing.
I am taking care of the rice while it's raining outside.



Ingii-noondaan noodin gii-
bimibatooyaang noongom.

I heard the wind when we were running today.



Ingii-mikwendaan giwaakaa'igan. Niminwendaan.

I remembered your house. I like it.



Ziinzibaakwad niminwendaan niibowa.

I like sugar a lot.



Aanakwad niwaabandaan ishping. Giin dash?

I see the cloud overhead. And, you?



Aanakwad nindagindaan ishping.
I am reading the cloud up above.



Ganawaabandan! Amikwiish niwaabandaan.

Look! I see the beaver lodge.



Bizindan! Ziibii ninoondaan.

Listen! I hear the river.



Zoom niminwendaan niibowa! Gaawiin
Teams niminwendanziin.

I really like Zoom. I do not like Teams.

Gagwejim ina?