



Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 10: New VAI Words

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Giishpin ganawendan 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

Agaashiinyi - s/he is small

Agindaaso - s/he is reading/counting

Ayaa - s/he is, exists

Azhegiwe - s/he returns

Bagizo - s/he swims

Dagoshin - s/he is arriving



Dibaajimo - s/he is telling a story

Gaagiigido - s/he talks adamantly

Giigido - s/he talks

Giiwe - s/he goes home

Ikido - s/he says

Inendam - s/he thinks



Izhaa - s/he is going

Izhichige - s/he is doing something

Maajaa - s/he is leaving

Miikawaadizi - s/he is beautiful

Mindido - s/he is big

Nishkaadizi - s/he is mad

Ozhibii'ige - s/he is writing

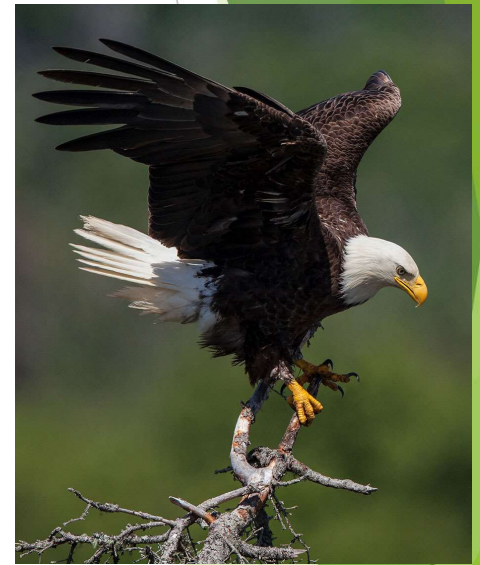
Wiindamaage - s/he tells or reports something

Makwa mindido.

The bear is big.



Miikawaadizi migizi.
The eagle is beautiful.



Migiziwag dagoshinoog.

The eagles are arriving.

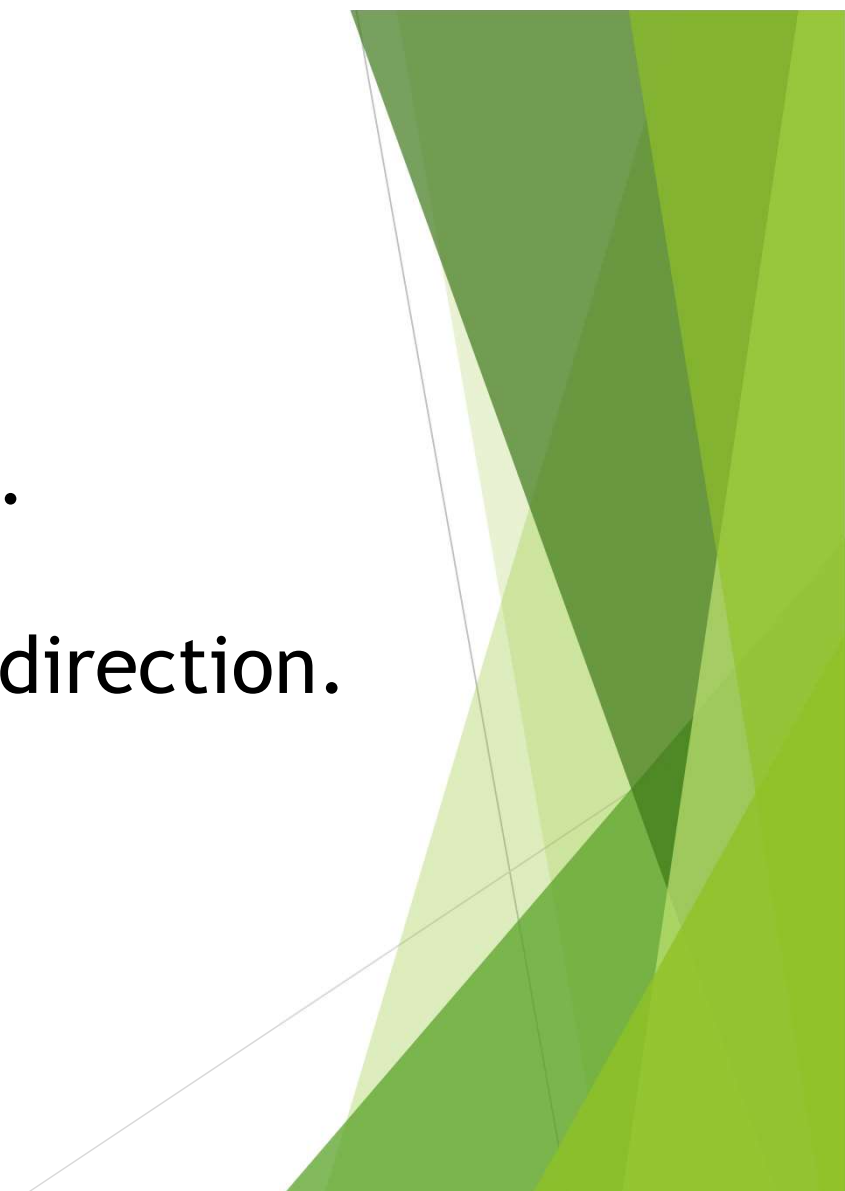
Miikawaadiziwag migiziwag.

The eagles are beautiful.



Nindizhaa iwedi akeyaa.

I am going over there in that direction.



Gi-maajaa na naagaj?

Are you leaving soon?

Nimaajaa noongom.

I am leaving now.



Gaawiin nimaajaasii noongom.

I am not leaving right now.

Nindizhichige noongom.

I am doing something right now.

“Bekaa. Bekaa,” gii-ikido Tom.

“Slowly. Slowly,” Tom said.

Phoebe agindaaso onzaam ozhibii'igewigamig.

Phoebe is reading too much at the office.

Ozhibii'igewigamig = office or “the place where we write.”

Nindinendam onzaam.

I think too much.



Ayaa

- ▶ He or she is (state or condition).
- ▶ He or she is here.

- ▶ Ex. Nindayaa omaa I am here.
Ni-mino-ayaa I am fine.
(good)

Nindinendam; mii dash Nindayaa.

Rene Decartes

I think; therefore I am.



Ingii-ayaa ozhibii'igewigamigong.

I was at the office.

Noongom nindayaa zaaga'iganing.

Now, I am at the lake.

Ni-mino-ayaa.

I am fine.

Gaawiin ni-mino-ayaasii.

I am not fine.



Da-mino-ayaa waabang.

She will be fine tomorrow.

Gaawiin gii-mino-ayaasii bijiinaago.

She was not fine yesterday.

Gagwejim ina?

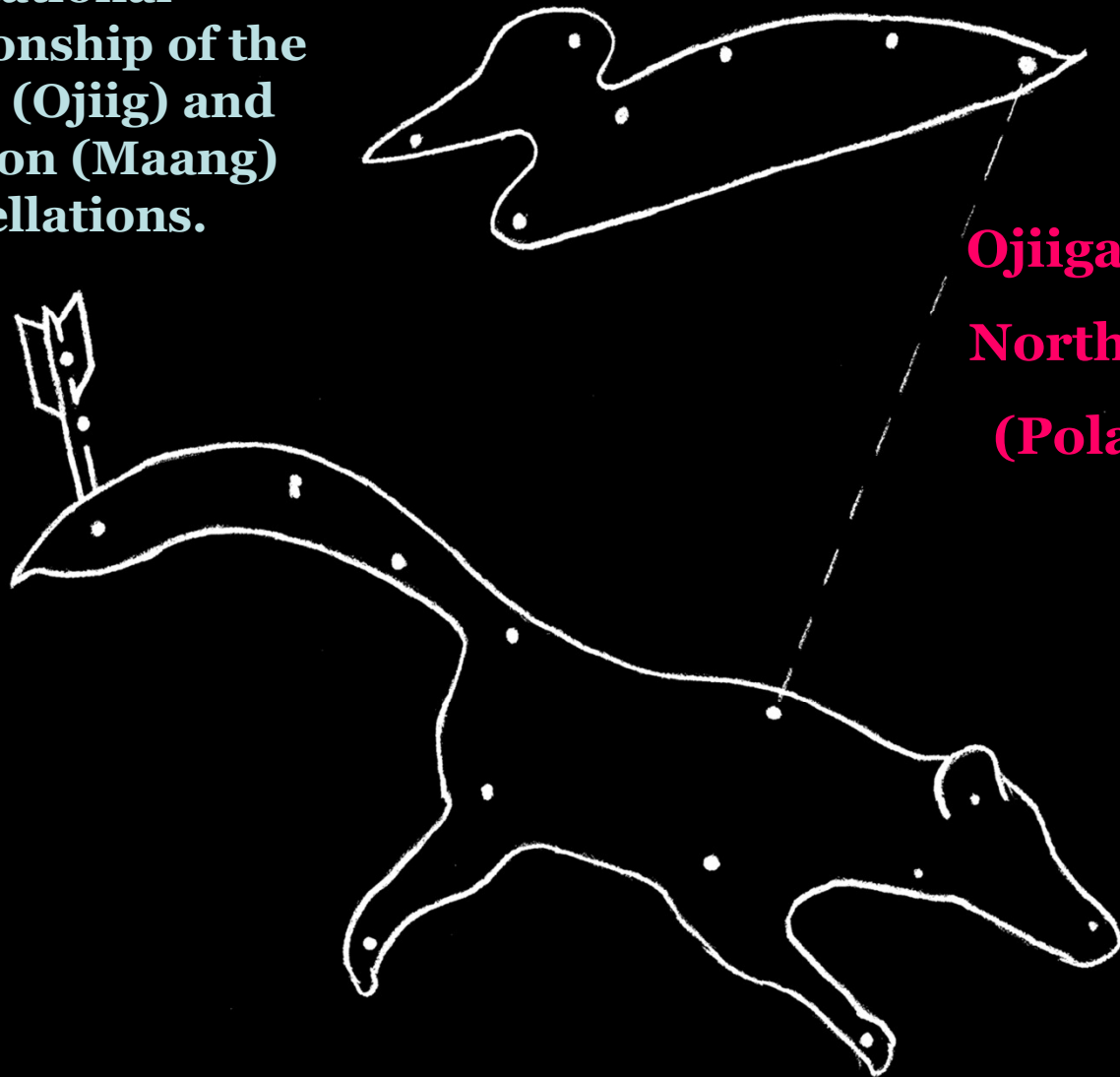


Ojiiganang



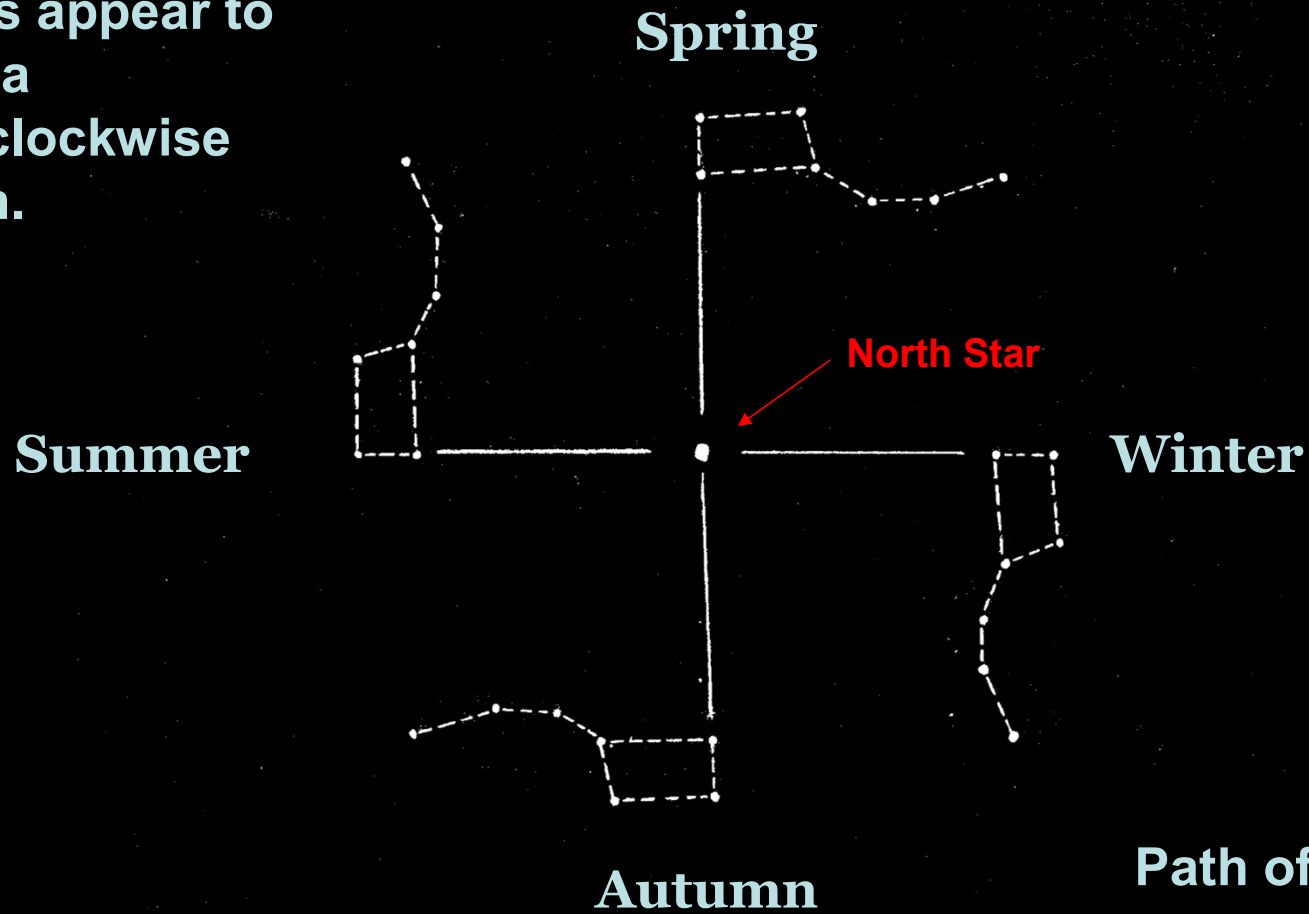
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**Orientational
Relationship of the
Fisher (Ojiig) and
the Loon (Maang)
Constellations.**



**Ojiiganang
North Star
(Polaris)**

The stars appear to move in a counterclockwise direction.



Path of the Big Dipper constellation throughout the year.