



Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 11: Conjunctive Phrases

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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

What is a conjunctive phrase?

- ▶ It is a phrase that does not express a complete thought and cannot stand alone.
- ▶ Used to form complex sentences based upon an initial idea.

“When you get to the office.”

- ▶ This phrase cannot stand alone; incomplete idea.

What is a Conjunctive phrase?

“When you get to the office, let’s visit.”

- ▶ This conjunctive phrase enhances the independent phrase: *“Let’s visit.”*

In Ojibwe language, we learn that:

- ▶ *“Let’s visit”* is called: **A Form**.
- ▶ *“When you get to the office,”* is called: **B Form**.

Conjunctive phrases - B Form

To make a conjunctive phrase, certain endings are attached to the ends of verbs to express persons.

- ▶ Bakadeyaan when I am hungry.
- ▶ Bakadeyan when you are hungry.
- ▶ Bakaded when he/she is hungry.

Note: The conjunct words “*when, if, while, as*” are not expressed as words in Ojibwemowin, but they are understood to be there.

Conjunctive phrases - B Form

- ▶ Nimbakade goshkoziyaan.
- ▶ I am hungry when I wake up.

- ▶ Niwii-nibaa aakoziyaan.
- ▶ I want to sleep when I am sick.

- ▶ Niwii-bimibattoo aakozid.
- ▶ I want to run while he is sick.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Conjunctive phrases - B Form

- ▶ Niminwendam ayayan omaa.
- ▶ I am happy when you are here.

- ▶ Giga-bakade wiisiniyaan.
- ▶ You will be hungry while I am eating.

- ▶ Giwii-minwendam anokiid.
- ▶ You will be happy when he is working.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Niwii-bimibattoo nibaayan.
I want to run when you are asleep.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Niwii-bimibattoo nibaad.
I want to run when she is asleep.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Niwii-nibaa bimibatooyaan.
I want to sleep when I am running.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Giwii-nibaa bimibatood.

You will want to sleep when he is running.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Apane ningoshkoz nagamoyan.

I always wake up when you are singing.

Apane = always

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Niwii-nagam nibaad.

I want to sing when he is sleeping.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Ningashkendam ayekoziyan.

I am sad when you are tired.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Ningashkendam ayekoqid.
I am sad when she is tired.

1 st person	-yaan
2 nd person	-yan
3 rd person	-d

Conjunctive phrases for “endam” words

- ▶ Remember that “endam” words end with a consonant, so the endings changed slightly:
- ▶ Minwendamaaan when he is happy.
- ▶ Minwendaman when you are happy.
- ▶ Minwendang when he or she is happy.

3rd person is the only drastic difference between “d” and “ng.”

Conjunctive phrases for “endam” words

- ▶ Niwii-nibaa inendamaaan.
- ▶ I want to sleep when I am thinking.

- ▶ Niwii-bimibattoo gashkendaman.
- ▶ I want to run when you are sad.

- ▶ Baapiwag minwendang.
- ▶ They laugh when he is happy.

1 st person:	-aan
2 nd person:	-an
3 rd person:	-ng

Niminwendam inendamaan.

I am happy when I am thinking.

1 st person:	-aan
2 nd person:	-an
3 rd person:	-ng

Nindojaanimiz inendaman.
I am anxious when you are thinking.

1 st person:	-aan
2 nd person:	-an
3 rd person:	-ng

Nindojaanimiz inendang.

I am anxious when she is thinking.

1 st person:	-aan
2 nd person:	-an
3 rd person:	-ng

Onzaam gidinendam gashkendaman.
You think too much when you are sad.

1 st person:	-yaan	-aan
2 nd person:	-yan	-an
3 rd person:	-d	-ng

Giminwendam na bimibatooyan?

Are you happy when you run?

1 st person:	-yaan	-aan
2 nd person:	-yan	-an
3 rd person:	-d	-ng

Gidayekoz na bimoseyan?

Are you tired while you are walking?

1 st person:	-yaan	-aan
2 nd person:	-yan	-an
3 rd person:	-d	-ng

Gagwejim ina?

