



# Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 17: Review VAI Pronouns & Tenses

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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

# Pronouns in Ojibwemowin

## Singular:

Niin - I, me

Giin - you

Wiin - he, she

## Plural:

Niinawind We (exclusive)

Giinawind We (inclusive)

Giinawaa You all

Wiinawaa They

Personal Pronouns	Singular Formula	Plural Formula
First Person (me)	<b>Ni</b> + verb <b>In</b> + verb <b>Nin</b> + verb <b>Nim</b> + verb <b>Nind</b> + verb	<b>Ni</b> + verb + <b>min</b> (exclusive) <b>Gi</b> + verb + <b>min</b> (inclusive)
Second Person (you)	<b>Gi</b> + verb <b>Gid</b> + verb	<b>Gi</b> + verb + <b>m</b> <b>Gid</b> + verb + <b>m</b>
Third Person (he/she)	verb	Verb + <b>wag</b> Verb + <b>oog</b>

## Pronouns in Ojibwemowin

### Actual

Niin-bakade.



Giin-bakade.



Niin-nibaa.



Giin-nibaa.



Niin-anokii.



Giin-anokii.



### Literal

Nimbakade.

Gibakade.

Ninibaa.

Ginibaa.

Nindanokii.

Gidanokii.

### Translation

I am hungry.

You are hungry.

I am sleeping.

You are sleeping.

I am working.

You are working.

Applying pronouns to 'bimose' - 'S/he is walking':

**Bimose.** She or he is walking.

**Nimbimose.** I am walking.

**Gibimose.** You are walking.

**Nimbimosemin.** We are walking (exclusive).

**Gibimosemin.** We are walking (inclusive).

**Gibimosem.** You all are walking.

**Bimosewag.** They are walking.

## Dropping the short vowels 'i' and 'o'

Some verbs end with the short vowels 'i' and 'o'.

When conjugating these verbs in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> person only, these short vowels are dropped.

Examples:

- ▶ Ayekozi.            He or she is tired.
- ▶ Nidayekoz.        I am tired.
- ▶ Gidayekoz.        You are tired.

Applying pronouns to ‘Ojibwemo.’ - ‘s/he speaks Ojibwe.’

Ojibwemo.

She or he is speaking Ojibwe.

Nindojobwem.

I am speaking Ojibwe.

Gidojobwem.

You are speaking Ojibwe.

Nindojobwemomin.

We are speaking Ojibwe (excl.).

Gidojobwemomin.

We are speaking Ojibwe (incl).

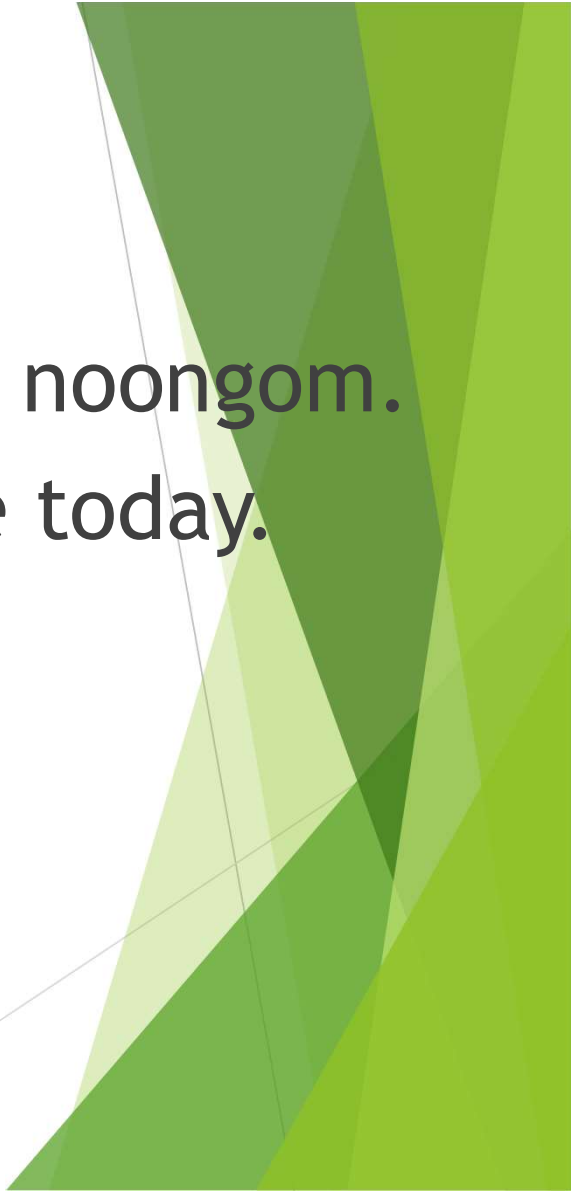
Gidojobwemom.

You all are speaking Ojibwe.

Ojibwemowag.

They are speaking Ojibwe.





Giinawaa dash omaa gidojibwemom noongom.  
You all are speaking Ojibwe here today.

Nindojibwem noongom.  
I am speaking Ojibwe today.

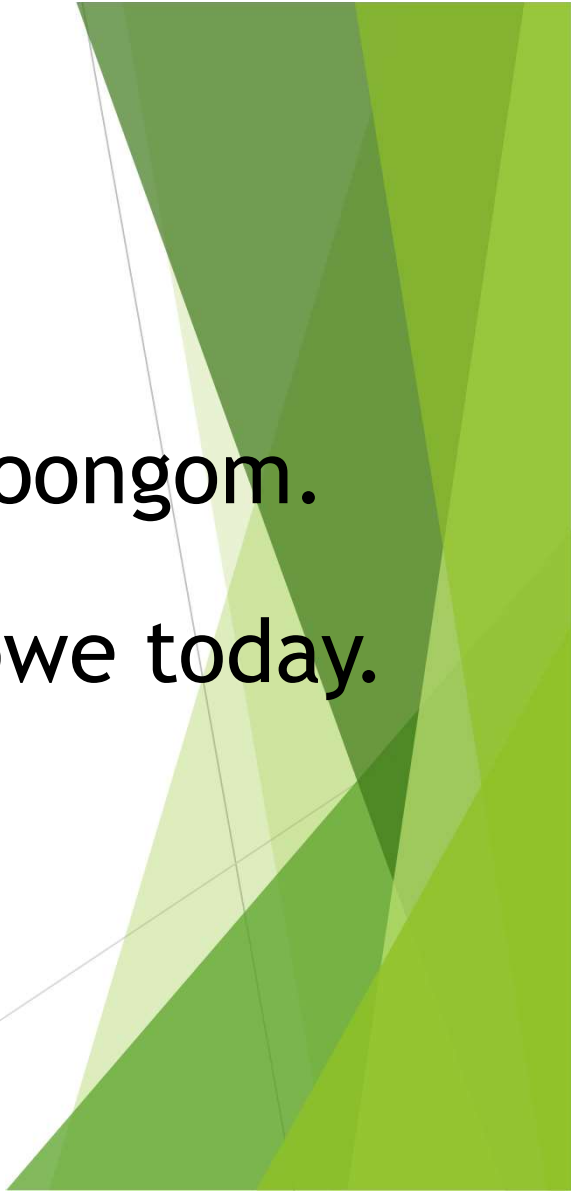


Gidojibwem noongom.  
You are speaking Ojibwe today.



Jenny ojibwemo noongom.  
Jenny is speaking Ojibwe today.





Jenny Hannah gaye ojibwemowag noongom.  
Jenny and Hannah are speaking Ojibwe today.

Giinawaa omaa gidojibwemom noongom.

You all are speaking Ojibwe here today.

Niinawind omaa nindojibwemomin noongom.

We are speaking Ojibwe here today.

Wiinawaa omaa ojibwemowag noongom.

They are speaking Ojibwe here today.



## Tense Markers in Ojibwemowin

Tense markers indicate past or future tenses for verbs. The markers are as follows:

- ▶ Past tense           gii-    “I did ...”
- ▶ Future intentive   wii-    “I want to ...”
- ▶ Future assertive   ga-    “I will ...” (used on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> person)
- da-    “I will ...” (used on 3<sup>rd</sup> person only)

## Tense Markers in Ojibwemowin

- ▶ **Nidayekoz.** I am tired.
- ▶ **Ingii-ayekoz.** I was tired.
- ▶ **Niwii-ayekoz.** I want to be tired.
- ▶ **Inga-ayekoz.** I will be tired.
  
- ▶ **Gidayekoz.** You are tired.
- ▶ **Gigii-ayekoz.** You were tired.
- ▶ **Giwii-ayekoz.** You want to be tired.
- ▶ **Giga-ayekoz.** You will be tired.

The tense marker attaches to the head of the verb, oftentimes between the pronoun and the verb.

## Tense Markers in Ojibwemowin

- ▶ Ayekozi. He is tired.
  - ▶ Gii-ayekozi. He was tired.
  - ▶ Wii-ayekozi. He wants to be tired.
  - ▶ Da-ayekozi. He will be tired.
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- ▶ Ayekoziwag. They are tired.
  - ▶ Gii-ayekoziwag. They were tired.
  - ▶ Wii-ayekoziwag. They want to be tired.
  - ▶ Da-ayekoziwag. They will be tired.



Ingii-ojibwem noongom.

I spoke Ojibwe today.



Inga-ojibwem noongom.

I will speak Ojibwe today.

Howah! Gigii-ojibwem noongom.

Wowza! You spoke Ojibwe today.

Gii-ojibwemowag noongom.

They spoke Ojibwe today.



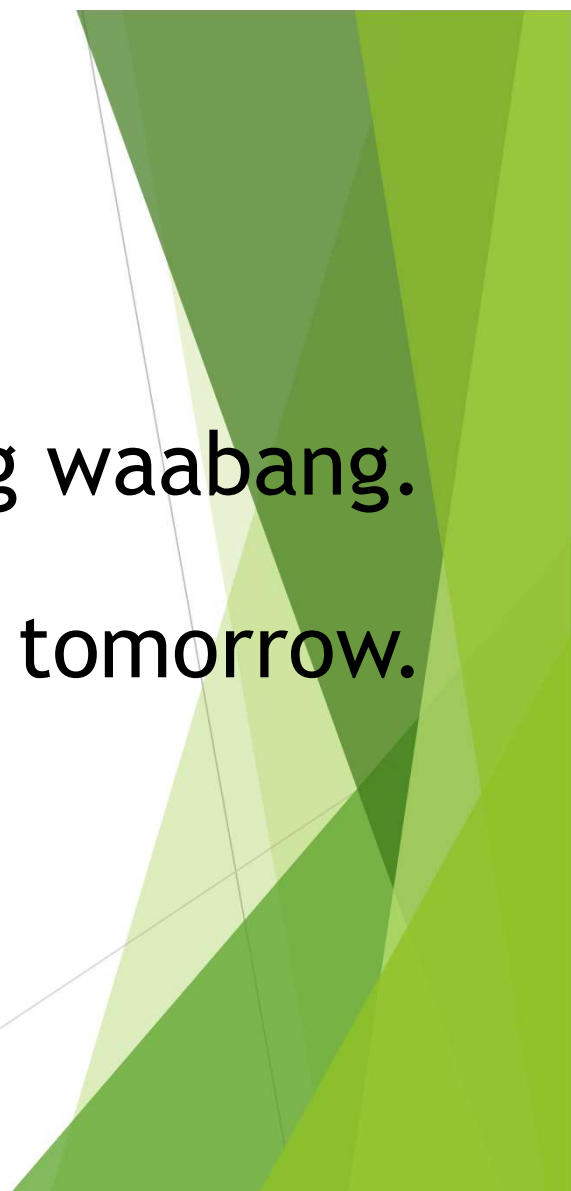
Jenny da-ojibwemo noongom.

Jenny will speak Ojibwe today.



Jenny Hannah gaye gii-ojibwemowag noongom.

Jenny and Hannah spoke Ojibwe today.



Jenny Hannah gaye da-ojibwemowag waabang.  
Jenny and Hannah will speak Ojibwe tomorrow.

Ingii-ojibwemomin noongom.

We spoke Ojibwe today.

Giga-ojibwemom noongom.  
You all will speak Ojibwe today.



# Gagwejim ina?

Miigwech bizindawiyeg omaa noongom.  
Thanks to you all for listening to me  
here today.