



Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 18: Review: VAI Plurals

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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

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

VAI 1st Person Plural - We's

Unlike the English language, there are two types of 'we':

- ▶ **We (exclusive)**, which excludes the person that you are talking to.
- ▶ **We (inclusive)**, which includes the person that you are talking to.

Examples in English?



VAI 1st Person Plural - We's

For We (exclusive), we begin with the 'niin' pronoun and attach the 'min' ending to the verb.

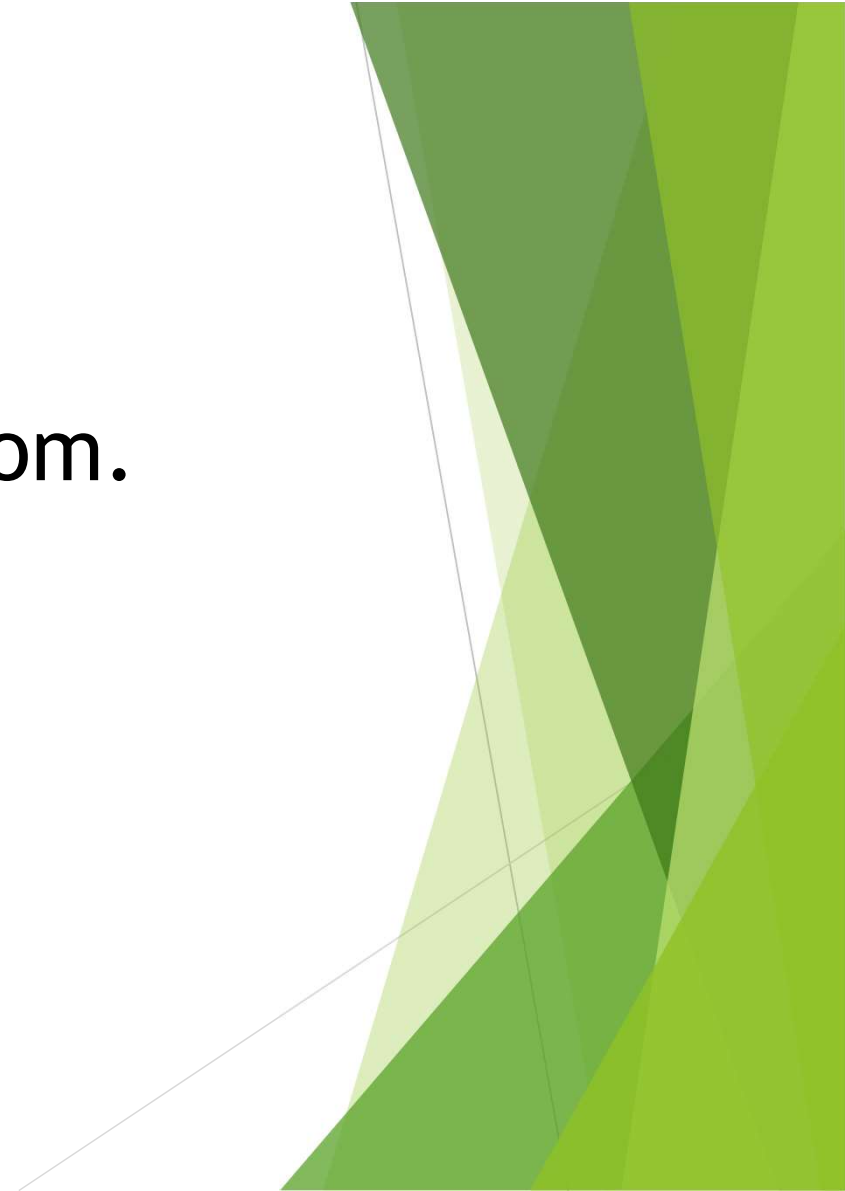
▶ Nindojibwemomin. 'We speak Ojibwe language.'

For We (inclusive), we begin with the 'giin' pronoun and attach the 'min' ending to the verb.

▶ Gidojibwemomin. 'We speak the Ojibwe language.'

Nindayekozimin noongom.

We are tired today.



Ingii-ayekozimin bijiinaago.

We were tired yesterday.

Gidayekozimin niibowa.

We are very tired.



Giga-ayekozimin waabang.
We will be tired tomorrow.



Gigii-ayekozimin niibowa bijiinaago.
We were very tired yesterday.

VAI 1st Person Plural: We ‘endam’ words

For We (exclusive), we begin with the ‘niin’ pronoun, change short ‘a’ to a long ‘aa,’ and attach the ‘min’ ending to the verb.

▶ Niminwendaamin. ‘We are happy.’



For We (inclusive), we begin with the ‘giin’ pronoun, change short ‘a’ to a long ‘aa,’ and attach the ‘min’ ending to the verb.

▶ Giminwendaamin. ‘We are happy.’



VAI 1st Person Plural: We 'endam' words

- ▶ Ningashkendaamin. We are sad.
- ▶ Nindinendaamin. We are thinking.
- ▶ Ninjiikendaamin. We are glad.

Ingii-gashkendaamin bijiinaago.

We were sad yesterday.



Ningashkendaamin noongom.

We are sad today.



Ingii-jiikendaamin gabe-giizhig.

We were happy all day.

Giga-minwendaamin waabang.

We will be happy tomorrow.

Ingii-inendaamin onzaam bijiinaago.
We were thinking too much yesterday.

VAI 2nd Person Plural: 'You all'

For 'you all,' begin with the 'giin' pronoun and attach the 'm' ending to the verb.

- ▶ Gidojibwemom. You all are speaking Ojibwe.
- ▶ Gidayekozim. You all are tired.
- ▶ Gibaapim. You all are laughing.

Gidayekozim noongom.
You all are tired today.



Gigii-ayekozim bijiinaago.
You all were tired yesterday.



Giga-ayekozim niibowa waabang.
You all will be very tired tomorrow.



Giga-ojibwemom waabang.
You all will speak Ojibwe tomorrow.



Gigii-ojibwemom bijiinaago.
You all spoke Ojibwe yesterday.



VAI 3rd Person Plural: 'They'

Remember that VAIs are already in 3rd person.

When using 'they,' add the 'wag' ending to the verb. Use the 'oog' endings for 'endam' words.

Ayekoziwag

They are tired.

Ojibwemowwag.

They are speaking Ojibwe.

Baapiwag.

They are laughing.

Minwendamoog.

They are happy.

Gii-ayekoziwag bijiinaago.

They were tired yesterday.



Gii-ojibwemowag bijiinaago.
They spoke Ojibwe yesterday.

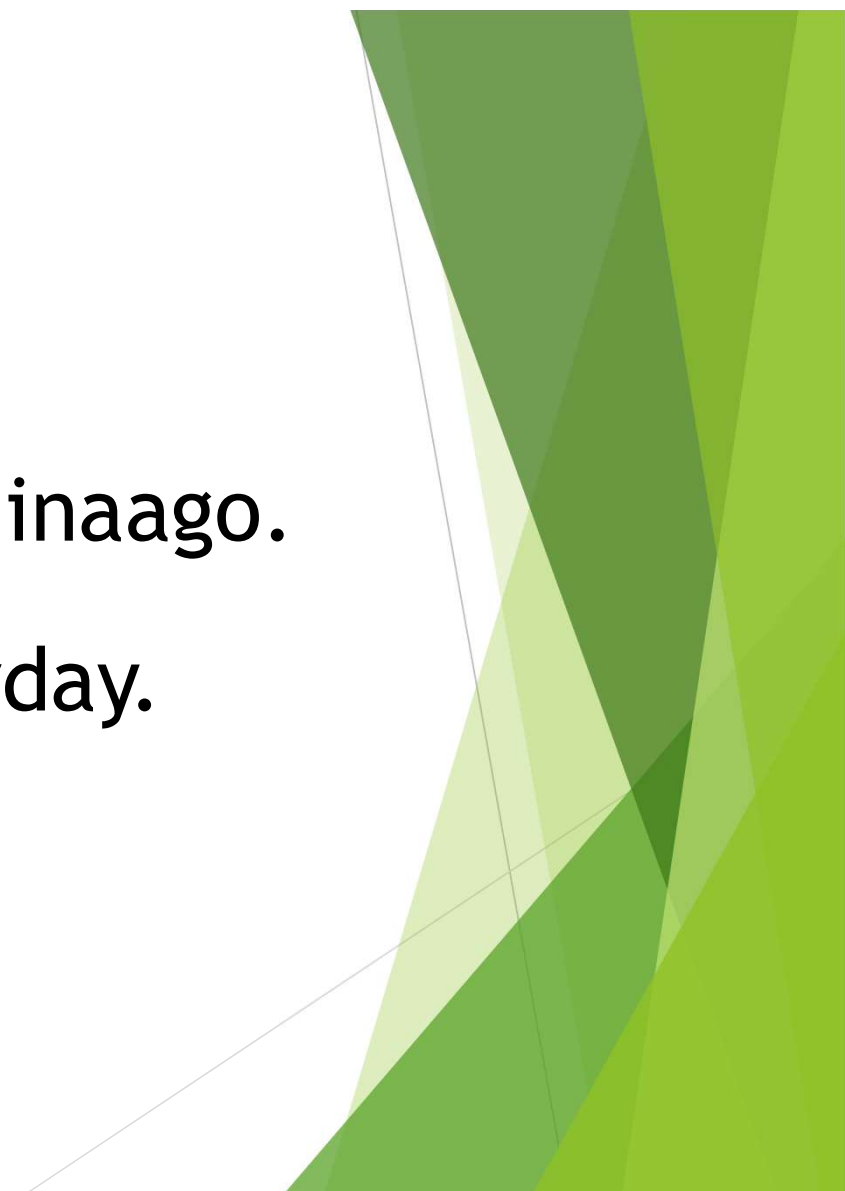


Da-ojibwemowag waabang.
They will speak Ojibwe tomorrow.



Gii-gashkendamoog bijiinaago.

They were sad yesterday.



Da-minwendamoog waabang.
They will be happy tomorrow.



Gagwejim ina?

