



# Gikinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 19: VII Introduction

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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

## Verb Inanimate Intransitive (VII)

- ▶ VII refers to “It is ...”
- ▶ Verbs that express an action of inanimate (non-living) things.

Ex. Biidwewejiwan. The flow of a stream is heard.

Minweweyaashkaa. The waves sound good.

- ▶ Do not require pronouns. Yay!
- ▶ Use tense markers gii and wii (past and future).
- ▶ Can incorporate particle words just like VAls.

## Verb Inanimate Intransitive (VII)

Examples of VIIs:

Gimiwan.	It is raining.
Zoogipon.	It is snowing.
Wenipanad.	It is easy.
Zanagad.	It is difficult.
Izhinikaade.	It is called _____.

*\* Notice this word is related to izhinikaazo: S/he is called \_\_\_\_\_.*

## Verb Inanimate Intransitive (VII)

Use with particles:

- ▶ Gimiwan. It is raining.
- ▶ Gimiwan niibowa. It is raining hard.
- ▶ Gimiwan agwajjiing. It is raining outside.

Note: The particles are added, but never conjugated in the sentence.

## Verb Inanimate Intransitive (VII)

Initial Consonant Change. When using past or future tense markers (gii, wii) on VIIs, the first letter in the verb is changed accordingly:

b	becomes	p
d	becomes	t
j	becomes	ch
g	becomes	k
z	becomes	s

## Verb Inanimate Intransitive (VII)

Past tense marker:

- ▶ Gimiwan.
- ▶ Gii-kimiwan.
- ▶ Gii-kimiwan bijiinaago.

It is raining.

It rained.

It rained yesterday.

- ▶ Wii-kimiwan.

It will rain.

- ▶ Wii-kimiwan waabang.

It will rain tomorrow.

## Verb Inanimate Intransitive (VII)

- ▶ Gimiwan. It is raining.
- ▶ Zoogipon. It is snowing.
- ▶ Mizhakwad. It is a clear day.
- ▶ Gisinaa. It is cold.
- ▶ Noodin. It is windy.
- ▶ Gizhaate. It is hot (weather)
- ▶ Biiwan. It is a blizzard.





Zoogipon noongom.  
It is snowing today.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Wii-soogipon waabang.  
It will snow tomorrow.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Gii-soogipon bijiinaago.  
It snowed yesterday.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Gimiwan niibowa.  
It is raining hard.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Wii-kimiwan waabang.  
It will rain tomorrow.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Gii-kimiwan bijiinaago.  
It rained yesterday.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Niibowa gii-kimiwan bijiinaago.

It rained a lot yesterday.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Minogiizhigad noongom.

It is a nice day today.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.



Gii-minogiizhigad bijiinaago.

It was a nice day yesterday.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Wii-minogiizhigad waabang.  
It will be a nice day tomorrow.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Minogiizhigad noongom miinawaa  
wii-soogipon waabang.

It is a nice day today, but  
it will snow tomorrow.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Gisinaa niibowa agwaajiing.

It is very cold outside.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Gii-kisinaa noongom gii-bimoseyaan.

It was cold today while I was walking.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Wii-soogipon nibaayaang.

It will snow while we are sleeping.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Gii-kimiwan gii-bimibatooyaan.

It rained while I was running.

b - p  
d - t  
j - ch  
g - k  
z - s

Gimiwan - It is raining.  
Gisinaa - it is cold  
Minogiizhigad - It is a nice day.  
Zoogipon - It is snowing.

Gagwejim ina?

