

Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 22: Preverbs and VIs

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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



Niminwendam mino-giizhigak.
I am happy that it is a good day.

Minwendamoog mino-giizhigak.

They are happy that it is a good day.

Giminwendaamin mino-giizhigak.

We are happy that it is a good day.

Ningashkendam niiskaadak agwajiing.

I am sad when it is nasty weather outside.

Gashkendamoog niiskaadak omaa noongom.

They are sad that it is nasty weather here today.

Gimiwan niibowa agwajiing noongom.

It is raining hard outside right now.

Ozhaashaa miinawaa gisinaa omaa noongom.

It is slippery and cold here today.

Wii-soogipon omaa waabang.

It will snow here tomorrow.

Gaawiin gii-soogiponzinoon gii-pimoseyaang
bijiinaago.

It did not snow when we walked yesterday.

Gaawiin gii-ozhaashaasinoon gii-pimoseyaang
bijiinaago.

It was not slippery when we walked yesterday.

Preverbs in Ojibwemowin

Preverbs are prefixes that add secondary meaning to a verb or noun.

Can be used on all verb types (VAI, VII, VTI and VTA).

- ▶ Mino-giizhigad. It is a good day.
- ▶ Maji-giizhigad. It is a bad day.
- ▶ Maaji-giizhigad. The start of the day.
- ▶ Ani-gimiwan. It is beginning to rain.

Preverbs in Ojibwemowin

- ▶ ani- start, begin
- ▶ mino- good, well, nice
- ▶ maji- bad
- ▶ maaji- start, begin
- ▶ dabwaa/jibwaa- before
- ▶ ishkwa- after
- ▶ izhi - specifically
- ▶ oshki- young, new
- ▶ gabe- throughout, all of, all-encompassing
- ▶ gichi- big, great

Preverbs in Ojibwemowin

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?

▶ Ni-mino-ayaa.

▶ Ani-gisinaa.

▶ Niwii-pimose dabwaa-gimiwang.

▶ Gabe-gikinoo'amaadiiwigamig.

How are you (specifically)?

I am fine.

It is beginning to get cold.

I want to walk before it rains.

College (all encompassing school)

Ozhaashaa ishkwa-zoogipong.

It is slippery after is snowed.

Ningashkendam dabwaa-gizhaateg.

I am sad before it is warm (outside).

Ani-zoogipon agwajiing noongom.
Niwii-nibaa gabe-giizhig.

It is starting to snow outside right
now. I want to sleep all day.

Ingii-goshkozimin ani-gimiwang agwajiing.

We woke up when it started raining outside.

Ani-ozhaashaa niiskaadak omaa noongom.

It's beginning to get slippery while the weather is nasty here right now.

Gagwejim ina?