



Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 24: Review of VAI and VII

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“Gego baapinenimaaken
awiya! Giishpin izhichigeyan,
giga-bi-azhe-giiwendaagon!”

“Don’t laugh at anyone. If you
do, it will come back on you.”

Eugene Stillarday





Pronouns

Me, I	Niin	Ni, Nin, Nind, Nim
You	Giin	Gi, Gid
Him/her	Wiin	<i>No pronoun in VAI.</i>
We (excl)	Niinawind	Ni ____ min
We (incl)	Giinawind	Gi ____ min
You all	Giinawaa	Gi ____ m
They	Wiinawaa	____ wag, oog



Review of Verb Types

Verb Animate Intransitive (VAI)

- ▶ VAIs always begin in 3rd person.
- ▶ Require pronouns.
- ▶ When conjugating VAIs in 1st and 2nd person singular, short vowels i and o at the end of verbs are dropped.
- ▶ **A form** (complete sentences) and **B form** (conjunct or incomplete sentences).



VAI Verb Type – dropping short vowels

➤ He/she is tired.

Ayekozi.

➤ **I am tired.**

Nindayekoz.

➤ **You are tired.**

Gidayekoz.

➤ Nindayekozimin.

We are tired (excl).

➤ Gidayekozimin.

We are tired (incl).

➤ Gidakekozim.

You all are tired.

➤ Ayekoziwag.

They are tired.



VAI Verb Type – Negations

1. Begin sentence with 'Gaawiin.'
2. Add 'sii' or 'siin' at the end of the VAI verb.

Gaawiin nimbakades**sii**. I am not hungry.

Gaawiin gidayekozis**siin**. You are not tired.

For 'endam' words, change the ending 'm' to an 'n' and add 'ziin.'

Gaawiin niminwendanziin. I am not happy.



VAI Verb Types - Conjunct

Conjunct phrases are incomplete sentences that are added to enhance with meaning of a complete sentence.

Niminwendam bimose**yaan**.

I am happy that **I** am walking.

Niminwendam bimose**waad**.

I am happy that **they** are walking.

VAI Verb Types - Conjunct

..when I am walking.

..bimose**yaan**.

..when you are walking.

..bimose**yan**.

..when s/he is walking.

..bimose**d**.

..when we are walking.

..bimose**yaang** (excl).

..when we are walking.

..bimose**yang** (incl).

..when you all are walking.

.. bimose**yeg**.

..when they are walking.

..bimose**waad**.

VAI Verb Type – Conjunct Negation

..when I am not walking.

..when you are not walking.

..when s/he is not walking.

..when we are not walking.

..when we are not walking.

..when you all are not walking.

..when they are not walking.

..bimose**siwaan**.

..bimose**siwan**.

..bimose**sig**.

..bimose**siwaang** (excl).

..bimose**siwang** (incl).

.. bimose**siweg**.

..bimose**sigwaa**.



VAI Verb Type – Conjunct Negation

I am not hungry. (no conjunct)

Nimbakadesii.

I am happy when I am not hungry.

Niminwendam bakades**siwaan.**

I am happy when they are not hungry.

Niminwendam bakades**sigwaa.**



VII Verb Type

“It is” verbs. No pronouns.

Weather verbs.

It is raining.

Gimiwan.

It is nasty weather.

Niiskaadad.

It is snowing.

Zoogipon.

It is a nice day.

Minogiizhigad.

Wenipanad.

It is easy.

Zanagad.

It is difficult.



VII Verb Type – Negation

Being sentence with 'Gaawiin' and verb ending is 'sinoon' or 'zinoon.'

- Gaawiin gimiwan**zinoon**.
- it is not raining.

If a verb ends with 'd', it is dropped.

- Gaawiin niiskaadas**sinoon**.
- It is not nasty weather.



VII Verb Type – Conjunct

Add a 'g' to the end of a VII verb to make it a conjunct.

- Niminwendam gimiwang**g**.
- I am happy when it is raining.

If VII ends with 'd,' change 'd' to 'k.'

- Niminwendam niiskaadak**k**.
- I am happy that there is nasty weather.



Preverbs

Preverbs are added to both VAI and VII verbs and nouns to enhance meaning.

- **Mino**-giizhigad. It is a **good** day.
- **Ani**-gimiwan. It is **beginning** to rain.
- **Maaji**-zoogipon. It is **beginning** to snow.
- **Gete**-anishinaabe. **Old time** Anishinaabe.
- **Gichi**-zaaga'igan. The **big** lake.
- **Gichi**-gami. Lake Superior.



Niiskaadad miinawaa ozhaashaa
agwajiing noongom.

It is nasty and slippery outside today.



Gaawiin niiskaadasinoon agwajiing noongom.

It is not nasty (weather) outside today.



Gaawiin nimirwendanziin niiskaadak agwajiing.

I am not happy when it is nasty weather outside.



Niminwendam minogiizhigak omaa noongom.

I am happy that it is a nice day here today.



Ningashkendaamin niiskaadak omaa
Mashkiiziibiing.

We are sad when it is nasty (weather)
here in Bad River.



Minwendamoog zoogipong omaa
Wiishkoonsing.

They are happy that it is snowing
here in Wisconsin.



Gimiwan niibowa iwedi Odaawaa
zaaga'iganing.

It is snowing hard over there in Lac
Courte Oreilles.

iwedi = over there



Jenny gashkendam niiskaadak iwedi
Gaa-miskwaabikaag.

Jenny is sad that the weather is nasty
over there in Red Cliff.

iwedi = over there



Dawn nishkaadizi zoogipong niibowa
agwajiing noongom.

Dawn is angry that it is snowing hard
outside today.



Gagwejim ina?