Gekinoo’amaadidiwigamig
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 Stillday
## Pronouns

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<th>Niin</th>
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Review of Verb Types

Verb Animate Intransitive (VAI)

- VAI\textsuperscript{s} always begin in 3\textsuperscript{rd} person.
- Require pronouns.
- When conjugating VAI\textsuperscript{s} in 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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 ‘Gaawiiin.’
2. Add ‘sii’ or ‘siin’ at the end of the VAI verb.

Gaawiiin nimbakadesii. I am not hungry.
Gaawiiin gidayekozisiin. You are not tired.

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

Gaawiiin 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 bimoseyaan.
I am happy that I am walking.

Niminwendam bimosewaad.
I am happy that they are walking.
VAI Verb Types - Conjunct

..when I am walking.  ..bimoseyaan.
..when you are walking.  ..bimoseyan.
..when s/he is walking.  ..bimoosed.
..when we are walking.  ..bimoseyaang (excl).
..when we are walking.  ..bimoseyang (incl).
..when you all are walking.  ..bimoseyeg.
..when they are walking.  ..bimosewaad.
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 bakadesiwaan.

I am happy when they are not hungry.
Niminwendam bakadesigwaa.
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 ‘Gaawiiin’ and verb ending is ‘sinoon’ or ‘zinoon.’

- Gaawiiin gimiwan zinoon.
- It is not raining.

If a verb ends with ‘d’, it is dropped.

- Gaawiiin niiskaada 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 gimiwangg.
- I am happy when it is raining.

If VII ends with ‘d,’ change ‘d’ to ‘k.’

- Niminwendam niiskaadak.
- 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 agwajiiing noongom.

It is nasty and slippery outside today.
It is not nasty (weather) outside today.
Gaawiiin niminwendanziin 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.

iamedi = over there
Dawn is angry that it is snowing hard outside today.
Gagwejim ina?