



# Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 25: Invitations (Commands)

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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



# Commands for VAIs

When addressing someone with a command with a VAI, add an 'n' to the end of the word.

➤ Bimose.                      S/he is walking.

➤ Bimosen!                      Walk!

➤ Wiisini.                      S/he is eating.

➤ Wiisinin!                      Eat!

For the 'endam' words, change 'm' to 'n':

➤ Minwendan!                      Be happy!



# Commands for VAIs: Plural

When addressing 2 or more with a command, add 'g' to the end of the VAI.

- Wiisinin!                      Eat! (1 person)
  - Wiisinig!                        Eat! (2 or more people)
  
  - Bimosen!                        Walk! (1 person)
  - Bimoseg!                        Walk! (2 or more people)
- For 'endam' words, add 'ok' at the end:
- Minwendamok!                You all be happy!



# Commands for VAIs: ‘Let’s do this...’

To make the command, “Let’s all ...”, add ‘daa’ at the end of a VAI:

- Wiisinidaa!                      Let’s eat!
- Bimosedaa!                      Let’s walk!
- Bimibatoodaa!                      Let’s run!

For ‘endam’ words, change the ‘m’ to ‘n’ and add ‘daa:’

- Minwendandaa!                      Let’s be happy.



## Commands for VAls: 'Don't ...'

To command someone to 'Don't do something,' the formula is:

**Gego** + verb + **ken** (1 person)

- **Gego** bimoseken!      Don't walk!
- **Gego** bimibatooken!      Don't run!
- **Gego** mawiken.      Don't cry!



## Commands for VAls: 'Don't ...'

- To command 2 or more people to don't do something, the formula is:

**Gego** + verb + **kegon**

- **Gego** bimose**kegon**!      You all don't walk!
- **Gego** bimibatoo**kegon**!      You all don't run!
- **Gego** mawike**kegon**!      You all don't cry!



## Commands VAls: 'Let's don't do this'

To command someone by saying, "Let's not do this..." the formula is:

**Gego** + verb + **siidaa**

**Gego** bimose**siidaa**.                      Let's not walk.

**Gego** bimibatoo**siidaa**.                      Let's not run.

**Gego** maw**siidaa**.                              Let's not cry.





# VAI Commands: Summary

- Bimose. S/he is walking.
- Bimosen. Walk!
- Bimoseg. You all walk!
- Bimosedaa. Let's walk.
  
- Gaawiin bimosesii. S/he is not walking.
- **Gego** bimoseken. Don't walk (1 person).
- **Gego** bimosekegon. You all don't walk.
- **Gego** bimosesiidaa. Let's not walk.

## VAI Commands: 'endam' words

- Minwendam. She is happy.
- Minwendan! Be happy!
- Minwendam**mok**! You all be happy!
- Minwendan**daa**! Let's be happy!
  
- Gaawiin minwendanziin. She is not happy.
- **Gego** minwendan**gen**. Don't be happy.
- **Gego** minwendan**gegon**. Don't you all be happy.
- **Gego** minwendan**ziidaa**. Let's not be happy.



Gego bimibatooken! Ozhaashaa  
agwajiing noongom.

Don't run! It's slippery outside right now.



Wiisinig! Gisinaa niibowa agwajiing.

You all eat! It is very cold outside.



Nibaan! Gidayekoz niibowa noongom.

Sleep! You are very tired right now.



Wiisinidaa! Niibowa nimbakade miinawaa.

Let's eat! I am very hungry again.



Gego bimoseken noongom.  
Niiskaadad miinawaa biiwan agwajiing.

Don't walk right now.

It's nasty and blizzardy outside.



Gego bimoseesidaa noongom.  
Onzaam gisinaa agwajiing.

Let's not walk today. It's too cold outside.





Gego ojaanimiziken! Minwendan!

Don't worry!

Be happy!



Goshkozin! Ani-zoogipon agwajiing.

Wake up! It's starting to snow outside.



Gego ayekozikegon noongom. Giga-  
mino-nibaam onaagoshig.

(You all) Don't be tired today.

You all will sleep well this evening.

Onaagoshig = in the evening.

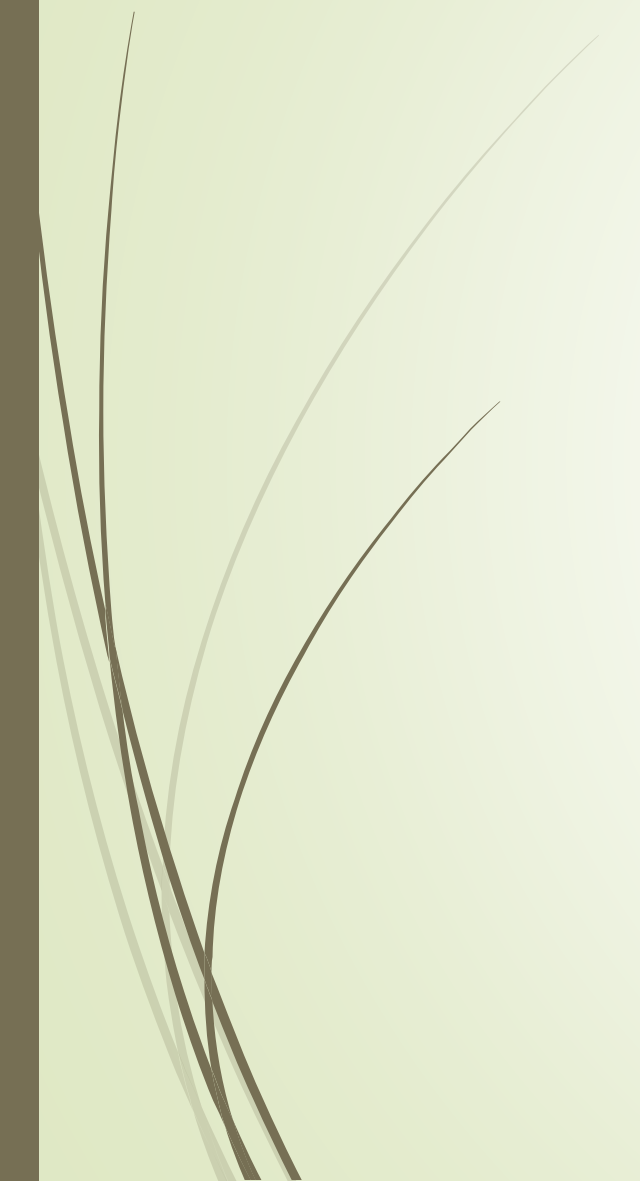



Gego maajaaken nishkaadiziyan!  
Memwech maajaan!

Don't go away mad!      Just go away!

Guns n Roses

Maajaa = leave, go away



Gagwejim ina?