

# Gekinoo'amaadiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 27: Questions

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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



## Review of A Form and B Form

Nimbakade.  
(A Form)

I am hungry.

Nimbakade niibowa.  
(A Form) (Particle)

I am very hungry.

## Review of A Form and B Form

Nimbakade namadabiyaan.

(A Form)

(B Form)

I am hungry when I am sitting.

Namadabiyaan nimbakade.

(B Form)

(A Form)

When I am sitting, I am hungry.

## Review of A Form and B Form

Niminwendam.  
(A Form)

I am happy.

Niminwendam zoogipong.  
(A Form/VAI) (B Form/VII)

I am happy that it is  
snowing.

Niminwendam zoogipong agwajiing.  
(A Form/VAI) (B Form/VII) (Particle)

I am happy that  
it is snowing  
outside.

## Review of A Form and B Form

**Gashkendamoog niiskaadak noongom.**

**(A Form/VAI) (B Form/VII) (Particle)**

**Niiskaadad miinawaa ozhaashaa zoogipong agwajiing.**

**(A Form/VII) (Particle) (A Form/VII) (B Form/VII) (Particle)**

## Review of A Form and B Form

Niminwendam bimoseyaan niiskaadak agwajiing.

(A Form/VAI)

(B Form/VAI)

(B Form/VII)

(Particle)

I am happy that I am walking while its nasty outside.



## ‘Yes or No’ Questions

When asking a ‘yes or no’ question, the particle ‘na’ or ‘ina’ is used in the second position of the sentence.

**Gibakade na noongom?**

**Are you hungry right now?**

# Asking Questions in Ojibwemowin

Certain words are used to ask questions in Ojibwemowin:

- ▶ Aaniin/Aaniish? How or What?
- ▶ Aaniindi/Aandi Where?
- ▶ Aaniin apii? When?
- ▶ Awenen? Who?
- ▶ Aaniin dash? Why?
- ▶ Aaniish minik? How many?

# Asking Questions in Ojibwemowin

In asking a question, the question verbs are A Form which are accompanied by a B Form qualifier word:

**Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?**

(A Form) (PV) (B Form/VAI)

**How are you?**

izhi - specifically

ayaa = s/he is.

# Asking Questions in Ojibwemowin

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?

How am I?

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaad?

How is she/he?

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayayeg?

How are you all?

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaawaad?

How are they?

Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan noongom? Giwii-bimose na  
noongom?

How are you doing today? Do you want to walk today?

Aaniin ezhi-ayaawaad? Aakoziwag ina noongom?

How are they doing? Are they sick today?

Aaniin ezhi-ayaad Miles? Gashkendam ina  
niiskaadak agwajiing?

How is Miles doing?

Is he sad because it's nasty outside?

Aaniindi bimoseyan? Niwii-bimose miinawaa.

Where are you walking? I want to walk too.



Aaniin apii bimibatooyan zoogipong?

When are you going running in the snow?

Aaniin apii goshkoziwaad? Niwii-nagam enigok gigizheb.

When are they waking up? I want to sing loudly  
this morning.

Enigok = loudly

Aaniindi waawaashkeshi ayaad? Niibowa  
nimbakade.

Where is the deer? I am very hungry.

Aaniin ezhinikaazoyan?

What are you called/What is your name?

izhinikaazo = s/he is called \_\_\_\_.

# Introductory Conversation in Ojibwemowin

Jon: Boozhoo. Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?  
Hello. How are you?

Hannah: Ni-mino-ayaa. Giin dash?  
I am well. And you?

Jon: Ni-mino-ayaa. Miigwech.  
I am well. Thank you.

# Introductory Conversation in Ojibwemowin

Jon: Aaniin ezhinikaazoyan?  
What are you called?

Hannah: Hannah indizhinikaaz. Giin dash?  
Hannah is what I am called. And you?

Jon: Jon indishinikaaz.  
Jon is what I am called.

Gagwejim ina?

## Question: ayaa vs. aawi

- ▶ ayaa                   s/she is (state or condition)
- ▶ aawi                   s/he is (identity)
  
- ▶ Anishinaabewinini nindaaw. I am an Anishinaabe man.
  
- ▶ Nindayaa minobimaadiziyaan. I am in good health.
  
- ▶ Nindayaa omaa zoogipong. I am here in the snow.