



# Gekinoo' amaadiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 42: VTI-2 Group

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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

# Groups of VTI-1 and VTI-2

## VTI-1 that end in 'an:'

Minwendan – Like it

Noondan – Hear it

Bizindan – Listen to it

Agindan – read/count it

Mikwendan – Remember it

Gikendan – Know it

## VTI-2 that end in 'oon:'

Ozhitoon – Make it

Aabajitoon – Use it

Aton – Place it down

Bimiwidoon – Carry it

Maawanjitoon – Gather it

Zaagitoon – Love it

# Conjugating VTI-2 Verbs – A Form

Unlike the VTI-1 verbs that require changing the short vowel ending to a long vowel ending, VTI-2 do not require any alteration.

Pronoun and tense conjugations are the same.

- ▶ Aabajitoon.      Use it.
- ▶ Nindaabajitoon.      I use it.
- ▶ Gidaabajitoon.      You use it.

# VTI-2 Conjugations – A Form

Ozhitoon.

Make it.

Nidozhitoon.

I make it.

Gidozhitoon.

You make it.

Odozhitoon.

He or she makes it.

Nidozhitoomin.

We make it (ex).

Gidozhitoomin.

We make it (in).

Gidozhitoonaaawaa.

You all make it.

Odozhitoonaaawaa.

They make it.

**Nindo-zhitoon**      owe      jiimaan.

*I am making      this      canoe.*

**Ingii-ozhitoon**      owe      jiimaan.

*I made      this      canoe.*




Nindo**zhito**omin    owe    jiimaan.

*We are making    this    canoe.*

Odo**zhito**onaawaa    owe    jiimaan.

*They are making    this    canoe.*



Nimanaajitoon Ojibwemowin.  
I respect the Ojibwe language.

Manaajitoon = respect it.





Nimanaajitoomin Ojibwemowin.  
We respect the Ojibwe language.

Manaajitoon = respect it.



Gidaa-manaajitoonaawaa Ojibwemowin.  
You all should respect the Ojibwe language.

Manaajitoon = respect it.



Niibowa omanaajitoon Ojibwemowin.

He respects the Ojibwe language very much.

Manaajitoon = respect it.



Ingii-ozhitoon iwe jiimaan niibing.  
I made that canoe in the summer.

Ozhitoon = Make it.



Gigii-ozhitoon ina i' iwe jiimaan?

Did you make that canoe?

Ozhitoon = Make it.



Ogii-ozhitoonaawaa ina jiimaan iwidi?

Did they make the canoe over there?

Ozhitoon = Make it.



Nindozhitoomin jiimaan noongom.

We are making/building a canoe right now.

Ozhitoon = Make it.



Ninzaagitoon iwe waakaa'igan.

I love (it) that house.

Zaagitoon = Love it.





Gizaagitoon ina mitigo-waakaa'igan?

Do you love the log cabin?

Zaagitoon = Love it.



Gizaagitoonaawaa ina waakaa'igan ziibiing?

Do you all love the house on the river?

Zaagitoon = Love it.



Ninzaagitoomin giwaakaa'igan.  
Gigii-ozhitoon ina giin?

We love (it) your house. Did you build it?

Zaagitoon = Love it.



Wiigwaas nimaawanjitoon noongom.

I am gathering birchbark today.

Maawanjitoon = Gather it.



Niwii-maawanjitoon wiigwaas naagaj.  
I want to gather birchbark later on.

Maawanjitoon = Gather it.



Nimaawanjitoomin wiigwaas owe gigizheb.

We are gathering birchbark this morning.

Maawanjitoon = Gather it.



Ogii-maawanjitoonaawaa wiigwaas noongom.

They gathered birchbark today.

Maawanjitoon = Gather it.



Ingii-agoodoon iwe waawaashkeshi-wiiyaas.

I hung up that deer meat.

Agoodoon = Hang it up.





Gidaa-agoodoon waawaashkweshi-wiiyaas.

You should hang up the deer meat.

Agoodoon = Hang it up.



Inga-agoodoon mashkikii ji-baatemagak.  
I will hang up the medicine so that it can dry.

Agoodoon = Hang it up.

Baate = it dries



Inga-bimiwidoon manoomin biindig.

I will carry the wild rice inside.

Bimiwidoon = Carry it.

Biindig = inside (PC)



Daga bimiwidoon manoomin biindig.

Please carry the wild rice inside.

Bimiwidoon = Carry it.

Gojitoon! Giwii-minwendaan!

Try it! You'll like it!

Ominwendaan!!! Hey, Mikey!

He likes it!!! Hey, Mikey!

Gojitoon = Try it.





Gagwejim ina?