

# Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 5: VAls and Particles

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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 Kineew

Waawaashkeshiwag bimibatoowag.

The deer are running.

Waaboozoo namadabi.

The rabbit is sitting.



Migiziwag bimisewag.

The eagles are flying.

Ikwewag baapiwag.

The women are laughing.

Nidayekozimin miinawaa.

We are tired again.

The background features a dark grey area on the left and a vibrant green area on the right, separated by a diagonal line. The green area is composed of various shades and overlapping geometric shapes, creating a dynamic, abstract pattern.

Minwendamoog.

They are happy.





Ingii-bakade.

I was hungry.

The background features a dark grey area on the left and a green area on the right, separated by a diagonal line. The green area is composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in various shades of green, creating a layered, abstract effect.

Gigii-bimibattoo.

You ran.

The background features a dark grey area on the left and a series of overlapping, semi-transparent green triangles on the right, creating a modern, geometric aesthetic.

Wii-niimiwag.

They want to dance.

Gii-goshkozi.

He woke up.



Giwii-nibaa na?

Do you want to sleep?

Niwii-gawashim.

I want to lie down to sleep.



Gigii-ayekozim.

You all were tired.

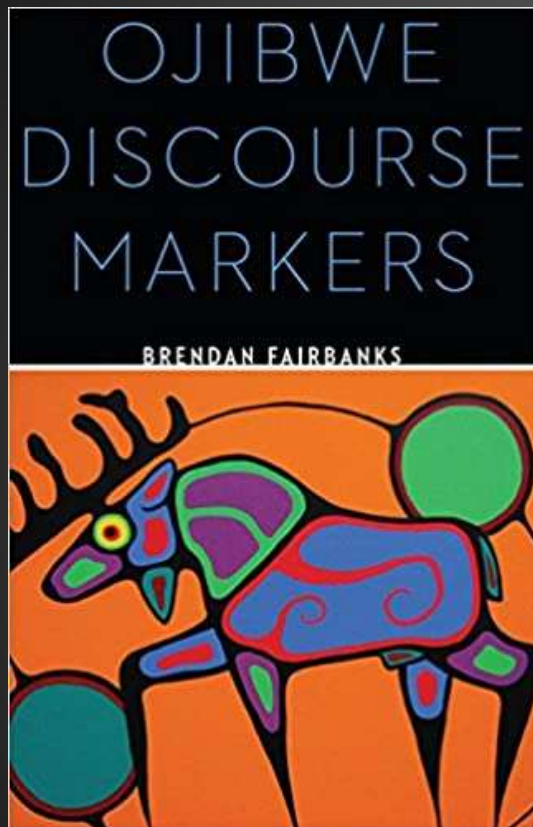
Da-nibaawag.

They are going to sleep.



## Particles in Ojibwemowin

- ▶ A particle is a word that has a grammatical function, but does not fit into the common parts of speech: verb, noun, adjectives, adverbs, etc.
- ▶ A particle never changes, is not conjugated.
- ▶ Particles add more meaning to the notion or idea being articulated.



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Ojibwe discourse markers are  
particles.

## Examples of particles in Ojibwemowin

Noongom - now, today

Bijiinaago - yesterday

Waabang - tomorrow

Omaa - here

Imaa - there

Miinawaa - and, but, again

Ganabaj - maybe

Waasa - far away

Beshu - near, close

Iwedi - over there

Wayiiba - soon

Akeyaa - in that direction

Gezika - suddenly

Ishpiming - above, universe

Niibowa - a lot, very much

Ingii-bakade bijiinaago.

I was hungry yesterday.

Gigii-bimibattoo waasa.

You ran really far.

Wii-niimiwag waabang.

They want to dance tomorrow.

Gezika gii-goshkozi.

Suddenly, he woke up.

Giwii-nibaa na iwedi?

Do you want to sleep over there?



Niwii-gawashim noongom.

I want to lie down to sleep now.

Gigii-ayekozim bijiinaago.

You all were tired yesterday.

Da-nibaawag wayiiba.

They are going to sleep soon.

Waawaashkeshiwag bimibatoowag akeyaa.

The deer are running in that direction.

Waaboozoo namadabi beshu.

The rabbit is sitting near.

Migiziwag bimisewag ishipiming.

The eagles are flying above.

Ikwewag baapiwag niibowa.

The women are laughing a lot.

Nidayekozimin miinawaa.

We are tired again.



Minwendamoog iwedi.

They are happy over there.

Gagwejim ina?