



Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 6: VAI Review

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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

Review of VAls Pronouns - Singular

3rd Person: Bakade. He/She is hungry.

2nd Person: Gibakade. You are hungry.

1st Person: Nimbakade. I am hungry.

Review of VAls Pronouns - Singular

3rd Person: Wiisini. He/She is eating.

2nd Person: Giwiisin. You are eating.

1st Person: Niwiisin. I am eating.

Important Rule: Drop “i” or “o”

- ▶ When using a VAI in singular form, drop the “i” or “o” when speaking in 1st or 2nd person.
- ▶ Keep the “i” or “o” when speaking in any other VAI form.

Review of VAI Pronouns - Plural

3 rd Person (plural):	Bakadewag.	They are hungry.
2 nd Person (plural):	Gibakadem.	You all are hungry.
1 st Person (we inclusive):	Gibakademin.	We are hungry.
1 st Person (we exclusive):	Nimbakademin.	We are hungry.

Review of VAI Pronouns - Plural

3 rd Person (plural):	Wiisiniwag.	They are eating.
2 nd Person (plural):	Giwiisinim.	You all are eating.
1 st Person (we inclusive):	Giwiisinimin.	We are eating.
1 st Person (we exclusive):	Niwiisinimin.	We are eating.

Important Rule: -wag or -oog for 3rd person plural ending

- ▶ If the VAI 3rd person ends with a vowel, use -wag at the end of the verb to pluralize.
Ex. **Ayekoziwag.** - They are tired.
- ▶ If the VAI ends with a consonant, use -oog at the end of the verb to pluralize.
Ex. **Minwendamoog** - They are happy.

Nagamo.

He/She is singing.

Nagamowag.

They are singing.

Ginagam.

You are singing.

Ginagamomin.

We (inclusive) are singing.

Ayekozi.

She/He is tired.

Nidayekoz.

I am tired.

Gidayekoz.

You are tired.

Gidayekozim.

You all are tired.

Bimibatoo.

She/He is running.

Gibimibatoo.

You are running.

Gibimibatoomin.

We (incl.) are running.

Bimibatoowag.

They are running.

Gibimibatoom.

You all are running.

Review of VAI verbs - Tenses

Nimbakade. I am hungry.

Ingii-bakade. I was hungry.

Niwii-bakade. I want to be hungry.

Inga-bakade. I will be hungry.

Review of VAI verbs - Tenses

Gigii-wiisin.

You ate.

Giga-wiisin.

You will eat.

Giwii-wiisinim.

You all want to eat.

Niwii-wiisin.

I want to eat.

Review of VAI verbs - Sentences

Gii-bimibattoo makwa. Noongom nibaa makwa.

The bear was running. Now, he is sleeping.

Bijiinaago migiziwag gii-bimisewag. Noongom namadabiwag.

Yesterday, the eagles were flying. Today, they are sitting.

Review of VAI verbs - Sentences

Inga-bimibattoo, aapiji miinawaa niwii-namadab.
I am going to run, but I really want to sit.

Review of VAI verbs - Sentences

Animikiig bimisewag ishpiming noongom.

Ojaanimiziwag. Nindojaanimiz. Gidojaanimiz ina?

The Thunderbirds are flying overhead right now.

They are nervous. I am nervous. Are you nervous?



Gagwejim ina?



The Thunderbirds

Animikii - Thunderbird

Animikiig - Thunderbirds

anim - to hit or strike
akii - earth, ground

Binesii - Thunderbird

Binesiiwag - Thunderbirds

