

# Gekinoo'amaadiiwigamig

## Ojibwemowin Lesson 61: VTA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Person to 3<sup>rd</sup> Person

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'Giishpin ganawendaman 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Person VTA

Unlike English, there are unique conjugations for each possible combination of subjects and objects. Here is the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> singular and plural conjugations:

Ni – waabam – aa.

I        see        her/him.

Ni – waabam – aag.

I        see    them.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> person to 3<sup>rd</sup> person Singular

Formula for conjugating 2<sup>nd</sup> person to 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular:

Gi - \_\_\_\_\_ - aa

- Giwaabamaa. You see him/her.
- Giganawenimaa. You take care of him/her.
- Giwiidookawaa. You help him/her.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> person to 3<sup>rd</sup> person Plural

Formula for conjugating 2<sup>nd</sup> person to 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural:

Gi - \_\_\_\_\_ - aag

- Giwaabamaaag.      You see them.
- Giganawenimaaag.      You take care of them.
- Giwiidookawaaag.      You help them.

Ginoondawaa na noodin?

Correct or incorrect?

Incorrect. Noodin is inanimate.

Ninganawenimaag makwa aakozid.

Correct or incorrect?

Incorrect. The VTA is plural and the object is singular (makwa).

Ingii-miigwechiwenimaa giizis zhebaa.

Correct or incorrect?

Correct. VTA is singular 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the object is animate.

giizis is animate.

zhebaa = this past morning



Gigii-noondawaa na nika zhebaa?  
Did you hear the goose this morning?



Ginoondawaag ina nikag bimisewaad ishpingim?

Do you hear the geese flying overhead?



Gigii-waabamaag ina nikag owe onaagoshig?

Did you see the geese this evening?



Gigii-bizindawaa na Marvin gaagiigidod bijiinaago?  
Did you listen to Marvin speaking yesterday?

gaagiigido = s/he speaks



Gigii-noondawaag ina ma'iinganag dibikong?

Did you hear the wolves last night?



Gigii-miigwechiwenimaa na ma'iingan bemosed noongom?  
Were you thankful for the wolf walking by today?





Gigii-ganawenimaag ina asiniig?  
Did you take care of the rocks?



Gigii-gagwejimaag ina manidoog  
dabwaa-manoominikeyan?

Did you ask the spirits before you harvested wild rice?

dabwaa = before





Gigii-anokiitawaa ina Marvin biboonong?

Did you work for Marvin last winter?

biboon = winter

biboong = in the winter

biboonong = last winter



Giga-bizindawaag ina ma'iinganag owe onaagoshig?

Are you going to listen to the wolves this evening?

Gigii-wiisodemaa ina Josephine-iban apii bemosed  
giiwitaagaam gichigamiing?

Did you walk with Josephine when she walked  
around Lake Superior?

apii = when

giiwitaagaam = around the lake



Gigii-minwenimaa ina miskomini-biitoosijigan?

Did you like the raspberry pie?



Gigii-ozhi'aag ina ingiw aagimag?  
Did you make those snowshoes?

ingiw = those



Nahaaw. Mii'iwe.

Gagwejim ina?