Gekinoo’amaadiiwin Ojibwemowin Lesson 12: B-form Verbs continued

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Giishpin ganawendan gidinwewininaan, giga-ganawenimigaadizookaan gaa-ganawendang Anishinaabemowin.

If you take care of the language, the spirit-keeper of the language will take care of you.

Tobasaanakwad Kinew
Niminwendam bimoseyaan.
I am happy when I am walking.
Niwii-bimose goshkoziyaan gigizheb.
I want to walk when I wake up in the morning.
Gaawiin inga-ayekozisii bimibatooyaan.
I will not be tired while I am running.
Niwii-bimose goshkozid gigizheb.

I want to walk when she wakes up in the morning.
Conjunctive phrases - B Form Tenses

The tense markers used on B-form verbs are:
- wii- future tense
- gii- past tense

Note: the tense markers ga/da are only used on A-form and NOT on B-form verbs.

Niminwendam gii-agindaasoyan mazina’igan.
I am happy that you read the book.
Niminwendam gii-bimoseyaan bijiinaago.

I am happy that I walked yesterday.
Niminwendam wii-bimibatood noongom.
I am happy that he will run today.
Niminwendam gii-bimibatood bijiinaago.

I am happy that he ran yesterday.
Ingii-minwendam bimoreyaan bijiinaago.

I was happy when I walked yesterday.

Some language scholars debate that: If the A-form sentence is past tense, the B-form is automatically assumed to be past tense if the speaker doesn’t specify otherwise. Others speakers say that a tense marker is required on every verb, both A and B forms.
Gii-minwendamoog gii-bimibatood bijiinaago. They were happy when he ran yesterday.
Niwii-bimosemin goshkoziyan gigizheb.

We want to walk when you wake up in the morning.
Goshkozin! Inga-bimosemin noongom.
Wake up! We are going walking now.
Conjunctive phrases - B Form Plural

To make a plural conjunctive phrase, certain endings are attached to the end of verbs to express persons.

- bakadeyeg when you all are hungry.
- bakadewaad when they are hungry.
Conjunctive phrases - B Form Plural

- Niminwendam bimibatoo **yeg**.
  - I am happy when you all run.

- Minwendam nibaa **yeg**.
  - She is happy when you all are sleeping.

- Niminwendam baapi **yeg**.
  - I am happy when you all are laughing.
Conjunctive phrases - B Form Plural

- Niminwendam bimibatoowaad.
  I am happy when they run.

- Minwendam nibaawaad.
  She is happy when they are sleeping.

- Niminwendam baapiwaad.
  I am happy when they are laughing.
Niminwendam namadabiyeg.
I am happy when you all are sitting.
Niminwendam nagamoyeg.
I am happy when you all are singing.
Minwendamoog wiisiniyeg.
They are happy when you all are eating.
Niminwendam wiisiniwaad.
I am happy when they are eating.
Niminwendam baapiwaad niibowa.
I am happy when they laugh a lot.
Ayekoziwag bimibatoowaad.
They are tired from running.
Ingii-wiisin niibowa nibaawaad.
I ate a lot while they are sleeping.
Ingii-nibaamin wiisiniwaad gakina gegoo.

We slept while they ate everything.
Niminwendam goshkozid gaye wiisiniwaad gigizheb.

I am happy that he is waking up and they are eating this morning.