Gekinoo’amaadidiwwigamig
Ojibwemowin Lesson 15: Greetings

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Giishpin ganawendan gidinwewininaan, gigaganawenimig 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 1st Person Plural: We

See Ojibwemowin Lesson 3 for complete review.

We exclusive:
Ni + verb + min
Ex. Nim\text{bakade}min - “we are hungry (excl).”

We inclusive:
Gi + verb + min
Ex. Gid\text{ayekozimin} - “We are tired (incl).”
1st Person Plural (we): ‘endam’ words

Root: Minwendam. She or he is happy.

We exclusive:
- Niminwendāamin. We are happy (excl).

We inclusive:
- Giminwendāamin. We are happy (incl).
**1st Person Plural (we): ‘endam’ words**

- **Gigashkendaamin.**
  Root: gashkendam
  We are sad (incl).

- **Nindinendaamin.**
  Root: inendam
  We are thinking (excl).

- **Gijiikendaamin.**
  Root: jiikendam
  We are happy (incl).

- **Nindagadendaamin.**
  Root: agadendam
  We are embarrassed (excl).
1st Person Plural (we): ‘endam’ words

In conjugating ‘endam’ words to ‘we’ form:
- Same formula applies to both inclusive and exclusive conjugations.
- The short ‘a’ changes to ‘aa’ in both inclusive and exclusive forms.

Niminwendaamin. We are happy (excl).
Niminwendaamin mawinzoyaang.
We are happy that we are berrypicking.
Niminwendaamin mawinzowaad.

We are happy that they are berrypicking.
Ingii-minwendaamin gii-mawinzowaad bijiinaago.
We were happy that they were berrypicking yesterday.
Ingii-mawinzomin bijiinaago.
We went berrypicking yesterday.
Ingii-minwendaamin gii-mawinzoyeg bijiinaago.
We were happy that you all went berrypicking yesterday.
Inga-minwendaamin wii-mawinzoyeg waabang.

We will be happy when you all go berrypicking tomorrow.
Giishpin mawinzoyeɡ waabang, inga-minwendaamin.

If you all go berrypicking tomorrow, we will be happy.

Giishpin = if
Waabang = tomorrow
Giishpin mawinzoyeg waabang, da-minwendamoog.

If you all go berrypicking tomorrow, they will be happy.
Giishpin mawinzowaad waabang, giga-minwendam.
If they go berrypicking tomorrow, you will be happy.
Giishpin mawinzoyaan waabang, da-minwendamoog.

If I go berrypicking tomorrow, they will be happy.
Gaawiin ingii-mawinzosiimin bijiinaago.

We did not pick berries yesterday.
Gaawiin gii-mawinzosiiwag bijiinaago.
They did not pick berries yesterday.

Yesterday, we picked berries. We were happy (that there were) lots of berries. Tanya was sad that she had to pick berries. All day we picked berries and we were very tired. We will pick berries again tomorrow. Tanya will be sick tomorrow, I think.
Gagwejim ina?
Next week: Wild Ricing Words

Manoominiike - S/he harvests rice
Bawa’am - S/he knocks rice
Bawishkam - S/he dances on the rice
Mimigoshkam - She dances on the rice
Gaapizige - S/he parches the rice
Nooshkaachige - S/he fans the rice
Gaandakii’ige - S/he pole a boat

Jiimaan - canoe (NI)
Bawa’iganaak - knocking stick (NA)
Gaandakii’iganaak - push pole (NI)
Nooshkaachinaagan - winnowing tray (NI)

Jigging = threshing = dancing on the rice
Fanning = winnowing