Gekinoo’amaadidiwigamig
Ojibwemowin Lesson 4:
VAls and Tenses

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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 Kinew
Review of last week: VAI

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Waawaashkeshiwig bimibatoowag.
The deer are running.
Waaboozoo namadabi.
The rabbit is sitting.
Migiziwag bimisewag.
The eagles are flying.
Ikwewag baapiwag.
The women are laughing.
Nindayekozimin miinawaa.

We are tired again.
Minwendamoog.

They are happy.
Verb Tenses – past and future

gii – past tense
wii – future (want to)
ga/da – future (will)
Verb Tenses – past and future

There is a specific order to pronouns and tenses. The formula is:

Pronoun + tense + verb

In + gii + bakade

Ingii-bakade – I was hungry
Verb Tenses – past and future

Niin – 1st Person:

Ingii-bimose. I walked.
Niwii-bimose. I want to walk.
Inga-bimose. I am going to walk.
Verb Tenses – past and future

Giin – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Person:

Gigii-bimose. You walked.
Giwii-bimose. You want to walk.
Giga-bimose. You are going to walk.
Verb Tenses – past and future

Wiin – 3rd Person:

Gii-bimose. He walked.
Wii-bimose. She wants to walk.
Da-bimose. He is going to walk.
Verb Tenses – past and future

Giin – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Person plural

Gigii-bimosem. You all walked.
Giwii-bimosem. You all want to walk.
Giga-bimosem. You all are going to walk.
Verb Tenses – past and future

Wiin – 3rd Person plural

Gii-**bimose** wag.  They walked.
Wii-**bimose** wag.  They want to walk.
Da-**bimose** wag.  They are going to walk.
Rules to Remember when translating an Ojibwe word.

1: Identify the root word.
2: What tense is it?
3: What is the pronoun?

Start with the root word and work your way outward.
Ingii-bakade.

I was hungry.
Gigii-bimibatoo.

You ran.
Wii-niimiiwag.
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.
Gagwejim ina?
Miinabaashkiminasijiganibiitoosijiganibakwezhigan.

Miinan - blueberries

Baashkiminas – burst or smash berries.

Baashkiminasijigan – fruit preserves or pie filling.

Biitoosijigan – something in layers.

Bakwezhigan – something sliced or bread.