

Gekinoo'amaadiwigamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 27: Questions

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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 A Form and B Form

Nimbakade.
(A Form)

I am hungry.

Nimbakade niibowa.
(A Form) (Particle)

I am very hungry.

Review of A Form and B Form

Nimbakade namadabiyaan.

(A Form)

(B Form)

I am hungry when I am sitting.

Namadabiyaan nimbakade.

(B Form)

(A Form)

When I am sitting, I am hungry.

Review of A Form and B Form

Niminwendam.
(A Form)

I am happy.

Niminwendam zoogipong.
(A Form/VAI) (B Form/VII)

I am happy that it is
snowing.

Niminwendam zoogipong agwajiing.
(A Form/VAI) (B Form/VII) (Particle)

I am happy that
it is snowing
outside.

Review of A Form and B Form

Gashkendamoog niiskaadak noongom.

(A Form/VAI) (B Form/VII) (Particle)

Niiskaadad miinawaa ozhaashaa zoogipong agwajiing.

(A Form/VII) (Particle) (A Form/VII) (B Form/VII) (Particle)

Review of A Form and B Form

Niminwendam bimoseyaan niiskaadak agwajiing.

(A Form/VAI)

(B Form/VAI)

(B Form/VII)

(Particle)

I am happy that I am walking while its nasty outside.

‘Yes or No’ Questions

When asking a ‘yes or no’ question, the particle ‘na’ or ‘ina’ is used in the second position of the sentence.

Gibakade na noongom?

Are you hungry right now?

Asking Questions in Ojibwemowin

Certain words are used to ask questions in Ojibwemowin:

- ▶ Aaniin/Aaniish? How or What?
- ▶ Aaniindi/Aandi Where?
- ▶ Aaniin apii? When?
- ▶ Awenen? Who?
- ▶ Aaniin dash? Why?
- ▶ Aaniish minik? How many?

Asking Questions in Ojibwemowin

In asking a question, the question verbs are A Form which are accompanied by a B Form qualifier word:

Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?

(A Form) (PV) (B Form/VAI)

How are you?

izhi - specifically

ayaa = s/he is.

Asking Questions in Ojibwemowin

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?

How am I?

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaad?

How is she/he?

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaayeg?

How are you all?

▶ Aaniin ezhi-ayaawaad?

How are they?

Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan noongom? Giwii-bimose na
noongom?

How are you doing today? Do you want to walk today?

Aaniin ezhi-ayaawaad? Aakoziwag ina noongom?

How are they doing? Are they sick today?

Aaniin ezhi-ayaad Miles? Gashkendam ina
niiskaadak agwajiing?

How is Miles doing?

Is he sad because it's nasty outside?

Aaniindi bimoseyan? Niwii-bimose miinawaa.

Where are you walking? I want to walk too.

Aaniin apii bimibatooyan zoogipong?

When are you going running in the snow?

Aaniin apii goshkoziwaad? Niwii-nagam enigok gigizheb.

When are they waking up? I want to sing loudly
this morning.

Enigok = loudly

Aaniindi waawaashkeshi ayaad? Niibowa
nimbakade.

Where is the deer? I am very hungry.

Aaniin ezhinikaazoyan?

What are you called/What is your name?

izhinikaazo = s/he is called ____.

Introductory Conversation in Ojibwemowin

Jon: Boozhoo. Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?
Hello. How are you?

Hannah: Ni-mino-ayaa. Giin dash?
I am well. And you?

Jon: Ni-mino-ayaa. Miigwech.
I am well. Thank you.

Introductory Conversation in Ojibwemowin

Jon: Aaniin ezhinikaazoyan?
What are you called?

Hannah: Hannah indizhinikaaz. Giin dash?
Hannah is what I am called. And you?

Jon: Jon indishinikaaz.
Jon is what I am called.

Gagwejim ina?

Question: ayaa vs. aawi

- ▶ ayaa s/she is (state or condition)
- ▶ aawi s/he is (identity)

- ▶ Anishinaabewinini nindaaw. I am an Anishinaabe man.

- ▶ Nindayaa minobimaadiziyaan. I am in good health.

- ▶ Nindayaa omaa zoogipong. I am here in the snow.