

# Gekinoo'amaadiiwagamig Ojibwemowin Lesson 33: Should, Would, Could

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Giishpin gaye diindiisi noondaagozid  
biboong, dibaajimo wii-ani-  
aabawaag.

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And, if you hear the bluejay calling in  
the winter, he's telling us that it will  
start warming up.



# Quick Review: Tense Markers

- ▶ Nimbakade. I am hungry.
- ▶ Ingii-bakade. I was hungry.
- ▶ Niwii-bakade. I want to be hungry. (future - intentive)
- ▶ Inga-bakade. I will be hungry. (future - affirmative)
- ▶ Da-bakade. He will be hungry. (da- used in 3<sup>rd</sup> person only)

# Quick Review: Tense Markers

If a VAI verb ends with a short vowel i or o, that vowel is dropped only in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> person.

- ▶ Wiisini.            She is eating.
- ▶ Ingii-wiisin.        I ate.
- ▶ Niwii-wiisin.        I want to eat.
- ▶ Giga-wiisin.        You will eat.
- ▶ Giwii-wiisin.        You want to eat.
- ▶ Gigii-wiisin.        You ate.

# Daa - Conditional Tense Marker

- ▶ Daa - is a conditional tense marker that indicates should, could, would, or can.
- ▶ Indaa-bakade:

In - daa - bakade.

I should be hungry.

## Daa - Conditional Tense Marker

- ▶ Daa-wiisini. She should eat.
- ▶ Indaa-wiisin. I should eat.
- ▶ Gidaa-wiisin. You should eat.
- ▶ Daa-wiisiniwag. They should eat.
- ▶ Gidaa-wiisinimin. We should eat (incl.)
- ▶ Gidaa-wiisinim. You all should eat.

## Daa - Conditional-Past Tense Marker

- ▶ Should have, would have, could have
- ▶ Conditional past tense marker includes the conditional 'daa' and past tense 'gii'
- ▶ Indaagii-bakade.

In - daa - gii - bakade.

I should have been hungry.

## Daa - Conditional-Past Tense Marker

- ▶ Indaa-nibaa. I should be sleeping.
- ▶ Indaagii-nibaa. I should have slept.
  
- ▶ Gidaa-nibaa. You should be sleeping.
- ▶ Gidaagii-nibaa. You should have slept.
  
- ▶ Indaagii-wiisin. I should have ate.
- ▶ Gidaagii-wiisin. You should have ate.

# Daa - Conditional-Past Tense Marker

How would you say:

- ▶ She should have slept.
- ▶ They should have slept.
- ▶ You all should have slept.
- ▶ We should have slept.

Daagii-nibaa.

Daagii-nibaawag.

Gidaagii-nibaam.

Gidaagii-nibaamin.

Indaa-bakade owe gigzheb.  
I should be hungry this morning.

Indaa-goshkoz noongom.

I should wake up now.

Indaagii-wiisin. Nimbakade niibowa noongom.

I should have ate. I am very hungry now.

Out of the Blue quiz question:

What is the difference between:  
'Niminwendaan' and 'Niminwendam?'

Niminwendam = I am happy. (VAI)

Niminwendaan = I like it. (VTI)

Gidaagii-wiisin bijiinaago. Gidayekoz noongom.

You should have ate yesterday. You are tired now.

Niwaabandaan iwe waakaa'igan iwedi.  
Indaa-bimose akeyaa.

I see that house over there.

I should walk in that direction.

Gidaa-minwendam. Niibowa gigii-wiisin.

You should be happy.      You ate a lot.

Indaagii-gashkendam miinawaa dash  
gaawiin ingii-ayaasii.

I should have been sad, but I was not.

Indaagii-minwendam bimibatooyaan.

I should have been happy while I was running.

Indaagii-nishkaadiz niibowa, miinawaa  
gaawiin ingii-ayaasii.

I should have been really angry, but I was not.

Indaa-wiindamaage aakoziyaan niibowa.  
I should tell someone that I am very sick.

“You betchya” nimirwendaan ikidoyaan.

“You betchya” is what I like to say.

Indaagii-agindaas mazina'igan wayiiba.

I should have read the report sooner.

Niwaabandaan ani-niiskaadak agwajiing.  
Indaagii-maajaa wayiiba.

I see that the weather is getting nasty outside.  
I should have left sooner.

Gagwejim ina?