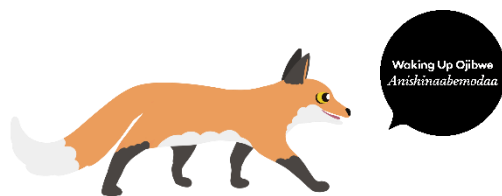


Anishinaabemowin Quick Reference Sheet

Pronouns - The Seven People		
Ojibwe	English	Denotation
Niin	I	1
Giin	You	2
Wiin	She or He	3
Niinawind	We/Us Exclusive	1p
Giinawind	We/Us Inclusive	2l
Giinawaa	You all	2p
Wiinawaa	Them	3p
Eko-niwing	4 th person	4
Eko-naaning	5 th person	5

Verb Types		
Shortform	Longform	Meaning
vii	Verb Inanimate Intransitive	An action by an inanimate subject
vai	Verb Animate Intransitive	An action by an animate subject
vti	Verb Transitive Inanimate	An action by an animate subject to an inanimate object
vta	Verb Transitive Animate	An action by an animate subject to an animate object



Anishinaabemowin Alphabet	
Vowels	Consonants
a aa	b p d t
i ii	j ch g k
o oo	z zh s sh
e	m n w y

Verb Forms	
Command Form	Used as a directive/imperative. Often used when ordering someone to do something. i.e. Namadabin!(Sit Down!)
A Form	Complete sentences or main clauses can be made from a single word in this form i.e. Nindayekoz (I'm tired).
B Form	These are incomplete phrases that cannot usually stand alone but are dependent upon the independent phrase in the sentence. Implied when/while/that/if/as i.e. Niwii-ayekoz onaagoshig (I will be tired when it is evening).
C Form	When a verb acts as a noun by changing the initial vowel into C form i.e. Wezaawaag (The one that is yellow).

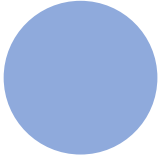
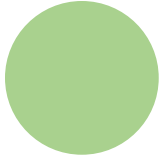
Personal Prefixes			
Beginning	Niin	Giin	Wiin
Consonant	Ni-	Gi-	O-
B	Nim-	Gi-	O-
D J G Z	Nin-	Gi-	O-
Vowel	Nind-	Gid-	Od-
O	Nindo-	Gido-	Odo-



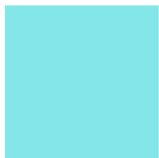
Letter Changes	
Consonant (gii-/wii-)	Vowel (C Form)
b > p	a, i > e
j > ch	aa > ayaa
d > t	e > aye
g > k	ii > aa
z > s	o > we
	oo > waa




Tense Markers		
gii-	past	did, was, were – wasn't, didn't
---	present	
wii-	future	will, want to - won't, will not
ga-	shall	A Form only
da-	shall	If o- then da becomes ga; oga-
daa-	Can, c/sh/would	A Form
ji-/da-	Shall, can, c/sh/would, in order to	B Form
ge-	Shall, can, c/sh/would	C Form




Verb Conjugation Charts

Colour & Shape Key

	vii A Form
	vii B Form

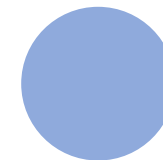
	vti Command Form
	vti A Form
	vti B Form

	vai Command Form
	vai A Form
	vai B Form

	vta Command Form
	vta A Form
	vta B Form

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A Form Conjugations



verb ends in a vowel

	Positive	Negative
Singular	_____.	Gaawiin _____ sinoon.
Plural	_____ wan.	Gaawiin _____ sinoonin.

verb ends in a 'n'

	Positive	Negative
Singular	_____.	Gaawiin _____ zinoon.
Plural	_____ oon.	Gaawiin _____ zinoonin.

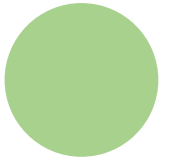
verb ends in a 'd'

	Positive	Negative
Singular	_____.	Gaawiin _____ sinoon.*
Plural	_____ oon.	Gaawiin _____ sinoonin.*

*drop the 'd' off the end of the verb

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B-form Conjugations



verb ends in a vowel

	Positive	Negative
Singular	_____g.	_____sinog.
Plural	_____g.	_____sinog.

verb ends in a 'n'

	Positive	Negative
Singular	_____g.	_____zinog.
Plural	_____g.	_____zinog.

verb ends in a 'd'

	Positive	Negative
Singular	_____k*.	_____sinog*.
Plural	_____k*.	_____sinog*.

*drop the 'd' off the end of the verb

vai

Command Conjugations



verb ends in a vowel

Person	Positive	Negative
You	_____n.	Gego _____ken.
You All	_____g.	Gego _____kegon.
Let's	_____daa.	Gego _____siidaa.

verb ends in a 'n'

Person	Positive	Negative
You	_____in.	Gego _____gen.
You All	_____ok.	Gego _____gegon.
Let's	_____daa.	Gego _____ziidaa.

verb ends in a 'm' >> 'm' drops off the verb

Person	Positive	Negative
You	_____n.	Gego _____ngen.
You All	_____mok.	Gego _____ngegon.
Let's	_____ndaa.	Gego _____nziidaa.

vai

A Form Conjugations



verb ends in a vowel

Person	Positive	Negative
I	Ni_____.*	Gaawiin ni_____sii.
You	Gi_____.*	Gaawiin gi_____sii.
S/he	_____.	Gaawiin _____sii.
We/Us Incl	Ni_____min.	Gaawiin ni_____siimin.
We/Us Excl	Gi_____min.	Gaawiin gi_____siimin.
You All	Gi_____m.	Gaawiin gi_____siim.
They	_____wag.	Gaawiin _____siiwag.

*Drop the short 'i' or 'o' off the end of the verb

verb ends in an 'n' or 'm'

Person	Positive	Negative
I	Ni_____.	Gaawiin ni_____zii.**
You	Gi_____.	Gaawiin gi_____zii.**
S/he	_____.	Gaawiin _____zii.**
We/Us Incl	Ni_____imin.	Gaawiin ni_____ziimin.**
We/Us Excl	Gi_____imin.	Gaawiin gi_____ziimin.**
You All	Gi_____im.	Gaawiin gi_____ziim.**
They	_____oog.	Gaawiin _____ziiwag.**

** -m changes to -n on the root verb

vai

B Form Conjugations



verb ends in a vowel

Person	Positive	Negative
I	_____yaan	_____siwaan
You	_____yin/yan	_____siwan
S/he	_____d	_____sig
We/Us Incl	_____yaang	_____siwaang
We/Us Excl	_____ying/yang	_____siwang
You All	_____yeg	_____siweg
They	_____waad	_____sigwaa

verb ends in an 'n' or 'm'

Person	Positive	Negative
I	_____aan	_____ziwaan*
You	_____an	_____ziwan*
S/he	_____g*	_____zig*
We/Us Incl	_____aang	_____ziwaang*
We/Us Excl	_____ing/ang	_____ziwang*
You All	_____eg	_____ziweg*
They	_____owaad	_____zigwaa*

* when verb ends in 'm', m changes to n

vti

Command Form Conjugations



verb ends in 'an'

Person	Positive	Negative
You	_____.	Gego _____gen.
You All	_____mok.*	Gego _____gegon.
Let's	_____daa.	Gego _____ziidaa.

*drop the 'n' from the end of the verb.

verb ends in 'oon' or 'in'

Person	Positive	Negative
You	_____.	Gego _____ken.*
You All	_____g.*	Gego _____kegon.*
Let's	_____daa.*	Gego _____siidaa.*

*drop the 'n' from the end of the verb.

vti

A Form Conjugations



verb ends in -an

Person	Positive	Negative
I	Ni_____.	Gaawiin ni_____zii.
You	Gi_____.	Gaawiin gi_____zii.
S/he	O_____.	Gaawiin o_____zii.
We/Us Incl	Ni_____min.*	Gaawiin ni_____ziimin.
We/Us Excl	Gi_____min.*	Gaawiin gi_____ziimin.
You All	Gi_____aawaa.	Gaawiin gi_____ziinaawaa.
They	O_____aawaa.	Gaawiin o_____ziinaawaa.

*drop the 'n' from the end of the verb
Independent positive form > 'an' becomes 'aan'

verb ends in 'oon' or 'in'

Person	Positive	Negative
I	Ni_____.	Gaawiin ni_____sii.*
You	Gi_____.	Gaawiin gi_____sii.*
S/he	O_____.	Gaawiin o_____sii.*
We/Us Incl	Ni_____min.*	Gaawiin ni_____siimin.*
We/Us Excl	Gi_____min.*	Gaawiin gi_____siimin.*
You All	Gi_____aawaa.	Gaawiin gi_____siinaawaa.*
They	O_____aawaa.	Gaawiin o_____siinaawaa.*

*drop the 'n' from the end of the verb.

vti

B Form Conjugations



verb ends in -an

Person	Positive	Negative
I	_____aan*	_____ziwaan
You	_____an*	_____ziwan
S/he	_____g	_____zig
We/Us Incl	_____aang*	_____ziwaang
We/Us Excl	_____ang*	_____ziwang
You All	_____eg*	_____ziweg
They	_____owaad*	_____zigwaa

*'n' changes to 'm'

verb ends in 'oon' or 'in'

Person	Positive	Negative
I	_____yaan*	_____siwaan*
You	_____yin/yan*	_____siwan*
S/he	_____d*	_____sig*
We/Us Incl	_____yaang*	_____siwaang*
We/Us Excl	_____yang*	_____siwang*
You All	_____yeg*	_____siweg*
They	_____waad*	_____sigwaa*

*drop the 'n' from the end of the verb

vta

Command Form Conjugations*



relationship	Positive	Negative
you > me	_____ishin	Gego _____ishiken
you all > me	_____ishig	Gego _____ishikegon
you/you all > us	_____ishinaam	Gego _____ishikaangen
you > h/ (them)	_____	Gego _____aaken
you all >h/(them)	_____ik	Gego _____aakegon

*This is an abbreviated table that does not represent all possible command form conjugations.

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A Form Conjugations*



relationship	Positive	Negative
you > me	gi_____	Gaawiin gi_____isii
I > you	gi_____in	Gaawiin gi_____isinoon
I > h/(them)	ni_____aa(g)	Gaawiin ni_____aasii(g)
s/he (they) > me	ni_____ig(oog)	Gaawiin ni_____igosii(g)
you > h/(them)	gi_____aa(g)	Gaawiin gi_____aasii(g)
s/he (they) > you	gi_____ig(oog)	Gaawiin gi_____igosii(g)
h/ > 4	o_____aan	Gaawiin o_____aasii
4 > h/	o_____igoon	Gaawiin o_____igosii
them > 4	o_____aawaan	Gaawiin o_____aasiwaawaan
4 > they	o_____igowaan	Gaawiin o_____igosiiwaan

*This is an abbreviated table that does not represent all possible A form conjugations.

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B Form Conjugations*



relationship	Positive	Negative
you > me	_____iyan	_____isiwan
I > you	_____inaan	_____isinoonaan
I > h/(them)	_____ag(waa)	_____aasiwag(waa)
s/he (they) > me	_____id, iwaad	_____isig(waa)
you > h/(them)	_____ad(waa)	_____aasiwad(waa)
s/he (they) > you	_____ik(waa)	_____isinok(waa)
h/ > 4	_____aad	_____aasig
4 > h/	_____igod	_____igosig
them > 4	_____aawaad	_____aasigwaa
4 > they	_____igonid	_____igosigwaa

*This is an abbreviated table that does not represent all possible B form conjugations.