

Animate Intransitive Verbs (VAI): Aaniin ezhichigeyan?

Here's 30 verbs to describe what people are doing. These verbs can be used in any context and any VAI can be used to answer this question.

1. Abwezo S/he is sweating
2. Anokii S/he is working
3. Ataage S/he is gambling
4. Bagizo S/he is bathing or swimming
5. Baapi S/he is laughing
6. Biizikonaye S/he is dressing
7. Dagoshin S/he arrives
8. Gaagiigido S/he is speaking
9. Giziiyaabide'o S/he is brushing their teeth
10. Giizhiitaa S/he finishes an activity
11. Giizikonaye S/he undresses
12. Goshkozi S/he is waking up
13. Gwaashkwani S/he is jumping
14. Jiibaakwe S/he is cooking
15. Jiichiigii S/he is scratching
16. Mawi S/he is crying
17. Maajitaa S/he is beginning an activity
18. Mindawe S/he pouts
19. Nagamo S/he is singing
20. Nibaa S/he is sleeping
21. Niimi S/he is dancing
22. Odamino S/he plays
23. Odaabii'iwe S/he is driving
24. Ojaanimizi S/he is busy
25. Ozhibii'ige S/he is writing
26. Wiisini S/he is eating
27. Zagaswaa S/he is smoking
28. Zaaga'am S/he is going outside or going to the bathroom
29. Zhaaganaashiimo S/he is speaking English
30. Zhoomiingweni S/he is smiling

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Prefix order

When constructing sentences using VAI or ANY verb types, bear in mind the order of prefixes:

1. Personal (such as ni-, gi-, o-)
2. Tense (such as gii-, wii-, da-/ga-/ji-, daa-, aano-)
3. Directional (such as ani-, bi-)
4. Relative (such as izhi-, onji-)
5. Preverbs (such as gichi-, nitaa-, ishkwa-, jibwaa-)

Shown are examples of frequently used prefixes, see the dictionary for the exact of classification of other prefixes.