

Animate Intransitive Verbs (VAI): Descriptions

Here's 30 verbs to describe an animate object. Remember, the "animate" category applies to people, animals, and plants, as well as items certain items such as a kettle (akik), gloves (minjikaawanag), and raspberries (misko-minag), that we may not think of as being "alive."

1. Agaji S/he is shy
2. Biinizi S/he is clean
3. Dakoozi S/he is short
4. Gagiibaadizi S/he is foolish or silly or naughty
5. Gikinoo'amaage S/he is teaching
6. Gimoodi S/he is stealing
7. Ginoozi S/he is tall
8. Gitimi S/he is lazy
9. Gizhewaadizi S/he is kind or generous
10. Giikiibingwashi S/he is sleepy
11. Giishkaabaagwe S/he is thirsty
12. Giiwanaadizi S/he is crazy
13. Giiwashkwe S/he is dizzy
14. Giiwashkwebii S/he is intoxicated
15. Giiwashkweyendam S/he is confused
16. Goopadizi S/he is worthless or useless
17. Goshkokaa S/he is surprised
18. Makadewizi S/he is black
19. Maanendam S/he is sad or depressed
20. Maazhimaagozi S/he smells bad
21. Minomaagozi S/he smells good
22. Miskozi S/he is red
23. Onizhishi S/he is pretty or beautiful
24. Ozaawizi S/he is yellow or brown or orange
25. Ozhaawashkozi S/he is blue or green
26. Waabishkizi S/he is white
27. Wiinino S/he is fat
28. Wiinizi S/he is dirty
29. Zhaagode'e S/he is cowardly
30. Zoongide'e S/he is brave