

VAI + O

Let's have a brief grammar review to help understand what we're going to talk about today:

Intransitive Verb: a verb that describes the action of a single noun.

Transitive Verb: a verb that describes the action of two nouns.

So far we have learned about Intransitive verbs: those that describe the actions of a single *animate* noun (VAI) and those that describe the actions of a single *inanimate* noun (VII). However, to complicate things slightly, some VAI verbs act differently when associated with an noun. These are noted in the dictionary as "VAI + O." While these verbs are intransitive, when associated with another noun they change slightly, almost like a transitive verb. The most common are:

Adaawe	S/he is buying something
Minikwe	S/he is drinking something

You can use these verbs just like any other VAI, but when a noun is associated with these two verbs, **-n** is added as a suffix in *singular* forms:

Indadaawe.	I am shopping.
Indadaawen gaapii.	I am buying coffee.
Giminikwen ina nibi?	Are you drinking water?
Adaawen doodooshaaboo.	He is buying milk.

In the plural forms, no suffix is necessary, regardless of whether the verb is associated with a noun:

Indadaawemin.	We (exclusive) are shopping.
Indadaawemin gaapii.	We (exclusive) are buying coffee.
Giminikwem ina nibi?	Are you (plural) drinking water?
Adaawewag doodooshaaboo.	They are buying milk.

Examples of tasty refreshing beverages (all are inanimate):

Aniibiishaaboo	Tea
Doodooshaaboo	Milk
Ishkodewaaboo	Liquor
Makademashkikiwaaboo/gaapii	Coffee
Nibi	Water