

## Inanimate Intransitive Verbs (VII): Aaniin ezhiwebak agwajiing?

Another common step in basic conversation is to ask about the weather:

Person 1: Aaniin ezhiwebak agwajiing?                      What's it like outside?

Person 2: Mizhakwad!    It's clear, nice weather!

Here's 15 verbs to describe the weather. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Anangokaa      | It's starry                        |
| 2. Animikiikaa    | It's thundering                    |
| 3. Awan           | It's foggy                         |
| 4. Aabawaa        | It's warm (weather: NOT I am warm) |
| 5. Biiwan         | It's a blizzard                    |
| 6. Gimiwan        | It's raining                       |
| 7. Gisinaa        | It's cold (weather: NOT I am cold) |
| 8. Gizhaate       | It's hot (weather: NOT I am hot)   |
| 9. Mino-giizhigad | It's a nice day                    |
| 10. Mizhakwad     | It's clear, nice weather           |
| 11. Niiskaadad    | It's nasty, bad weather            |
| 12. Ningwaanakwad | It's cloudy                        |
| 13. Noodin        | It's windy                         |
| 14. Wawaasese     | It's lightening                    |
| 15. Zoogipon      | It's snowing                       |

The **gii-** prefix is used to indicate action that took place in the past:

**Gii-**animikiikaa.    It was thundering.

When asking a question about the past, the **gii-** prefix takes an initial vowel change (**gii-** becomes **gaa-**):

Person 1: Aaniin **gaa-**izhiwebak bijiinaago?                      What was it like yesterday?

Person 2: **Gii-**noodin.    It was windy.

### Frequently Used Past Time Particles

Bijiinaago	Yesterday
Awasonaago	The day before yesterday
Dibikong	Last night
Zhebaa	This past morning

## VII: Weather

Initial Consonant Change: all verbs beginning in a soft consonant change to a hard consonant with past tense (gii-):

b – p

d – t

g – k

j – ch

z – s

zh – sh

Weather verbs are Inanimate Intransitive Verbs (VII) meaning that a single inanimate thing is performing an action. Because they are inanimate, there's no first, second, or third person to conjugate these verbs. The following forms are *all* the ways to conjugate this class of verbs and apply to *all* VII, not just weather verbs.

### Main Form

It's cold                      Gisinaa

### Negative

**Gaawiin** gisinaasinoon

### Dependent Form

It's cold                      Gisinaag

Gisinaasinoog

### VII ending in –d

#### Main Form

It's a nice day                Mino-giizhigad

#### Negative

**Gaawiin** mino-giizhigasinoon

#### Dependent Form

It's a nice day                Mino-giizhigak

Mino-giizhigasinook

### VII ending in –n

#### Main Form

It's windy                      Noodin

#### Negative

**Gaawiin** noodinzinoon

#### Dependent Form

It's windy                      Nooding

Noodinzinoog