

Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?

A next step in conversation can be to ask “Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan?” (How are you?):

Aaniin ezhi-ayaayan? How are you?
Nimino-ayaa. Giin dash? I am well. And you?

Aaniin ezhi-ayaad? How is s/he?
Mino-ayaa. S/he is well.

Here are 15 verbs to help us answer this. Remember, these verbs can be used in other contexts and are not the only verbs we can use to describe how we feel.

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| 1. S/he is angry or mad | Nishkaadizi |
| 2. “ bored | Biigiskaadendam |
| 3. “ cold | Giikaji |
| 4. “ energetic | Gwaashkwezi |
| 5. “ feels good | Mino-ayaa |
| 6. “ full | Debisinii |
| 7. “ happy | Minwendam |
| 8. “ headache | Dewikwe |
| 9. “ hot or has a fever | Gizhizo |
| 10. “ hungry | Bakade |
| 11. “ hurt or in pain | Wiisagendam |
| 12. “ sad or lonely | Gashkendam |
| 13. “ scared | Zegizi |
| 14. “ sick | Aakozi |
| 15. “ tired | Ayekozi |