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 perfect weather! (65-75 F)

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

1. It's a blizzard   Biiwan
2. "   cloudy   Ningwaanakwad
3. "   cold   Gisinaa (weather: NOT I am cold)
4. "   foggy   Awan
5. "   hot   Gizhaate (weather: NOT I am hot)
6. "   lightening   Wawaasese
7. "   nice day   Mino-giizhigad
8. "   perfect (65-75 F) Mizhakwad
9. "   raining   Gimiwan
10. "   snowing   Zoogipon (verb: "goon" is snow on the ground)
11. "   starry, clear at night   Anangokaa
12. "   sunny   Waaseyaa
13. "   thundering   Animikiikaa
14. "   warm   Aabawaa (weather: NOT I am warm)
15. "   windy   Noodin

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

Gii-animikiikaa.   It was thundering.

Frequently Used Past Time Particles

Bijiinaago   Yesterday

Awasonaago   The day before yesterday

Dibikong   Last night

Zhebaa   This past morning

Gabe-dibik   All night

Gabe-giizhik   All day

In question form, 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.

Initial Consonant Change: *all* verbs (not just inanimate verbs) beginning in a soft consonant change to a hard consonant with past tense (gii-):

b – p   j – ch

d – t   g – k

z – s   zh – sh

Gimiwan.   It is raining.

Gii-*k*imiwan.   It was raining.

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		**Negative**
It's cold	Gisinaa	**Gaawiin** gisinaa**sinoon**
Dependent Form		
It's cold	Gisinaa**g**	Gisinaa**sinoog**
VII ending in –d		
Main Form		**Negative**
It's a nice day	Mino-giizhigad	**Gaawiin** mino-giizhiga**sinoon**
Dependent Form		
It's a nice day	Mino-giizhiga**k**	Mino-giizhiga**sinook**
VII ending in –n		
Main Form		**Negative**
It's windy	Noodin	**Gaawiin** noodin**zinoon**
Dependent Form		
It's windy	Noodin**g**	Noodin**zinoog**