

Aawi, Aawan (Is, Identifying)

State of Being verbs in English are considered irregular verbs including is, are, am, was, were, be, been... The verbs below make a statement of existence or identifying. They are intransitive verbs and can be formulated like the other VAI verbs you have learned.

Aawi (animate, singular) **Wenesh eyaawid?** What is it/that/she/he?

Miigwan aawi. It is a feather. *This* is a feather.

(this object is a feather, it exists as a feather, it is identified as a feather)

Gaazhak aawi wa. That is a cat.

Mshkikiinini gii'aawi. He was a doctor.

Mjikaawin wii'aawi maaba. This will be a mitten.

Kaawiin bineshiinh aawisii wa. That is not a bird.

Kwe na aawi wa? Is that *person* a woman?

Aawiwok (animate, plural) **Wenesh eyaawiwaad?** What are those/they?

Miigwanak aawiwok. They/*These* are feathers.

(these objects are feathers, they exist as feathers, they are identified as feathers)

Gaazhagok aawiwok gewe. Those are cats.

Mshkikiininiwok gii'aawiwok. They were doctors.

Mjikaawinak wii'aawiwok gwanda. These will be mittens.

Kaawiin bineshiinhak aawisiwok gewe. Those are not birds.

Kwewok na aawiwok gewe? Are those *people* women?

Aawan (inanimate, singular) **Wegnesh eyaawang?** What is it?

Wiikwaan aawan. It/*This* is a hat. (this object is a hat, exists as a hat)

Dopwin aawan wi. That is a table.

Pabwin gii'aawan. It was a chair. *This* was a chair.

Mkizin wii'aawan maanda. This will be a shoe.

Kaawiin jiimaan aawsino wi. (aawansino) That is not a canoe.

Mookmaan na aawan wi? Is that a knife?

Aawanoon (inanimate, plural) **Wegnesh eyaawangin?** What are those/they?

Wiikwaan aawanoon. They/*These* are hats. (these objects are hats, exist as hats)

Dopwinan aawanoon newe. Those are tables.

Pabwinan gii'aawanoon. *These* were chairs.

Mkizinan wii'aawanoon ninda. These will be shoes.

Kaawiin jiimaan aawansinoon newe. (aawansinoon) Those are not canoes.

Mookmaan na aawanoon newe? Are those knives?