

KEY

Module nîso: lesson 3

itôta: preverbs with imperatives (VAI)

pêyak: 1 using preverbs with imperatives (VAI)

tânisi kê-itôtaman: directions

Below you will be given the preverbs we've learned in this module, and asked to mix-and-match them with VAI imperatives to form sentences in nêhiyawêwin.

Remember your steps!

1. Remove the final letter from the 3s verb.
2. Use the following paradigm to form the VAI imperative:
 - a. 2s (you!), no ending, you're done!
 - b. 2p (you all!) -k ending
 - c. 2i (let us all!) -tân ending
3. Attach preverbs to the imperative verb with a hyphen. Preverbs will always come BEFORE the imperative verb.
4. Long vowels matter! If you are typing into this document, and struggling to insert the long vowels, copy and paste these spicy peppers: â ê î ô

Module 2 preverbs:

Preverb	Meaning
miyo-	good/beautiful/nice/well
pê-	come and do the action
nitawi-	go and do the action

Example:

âkayâsîmowin	nêhiyawêwin
You, come sit!	pê-api
Let's all go sit!	nitawi-apitân
You all sit nicely!	miyo-apik

âkayâsîmowin	nêhiyawêwin
Let's all go eat!	nitawi-mîcisotân
You come brush your hair!	pê-sîkaho
You all go put on socks!	nitawi-postasikanêk
Let's all go play!	nitawî-mêtawêtân
You come play!	pê-mêtawê
You all, come outside!	pê-wayawîk
Let's wash our faces well!	miyo-kâsîhkwêtân

Now make it a bit more complicated - add in particles like mahti (please), êkâwiya (don't), êkwa (now), and sêmâk (immediately).

âkayâsîmowin	nêhiyawêwin
You, please go put on a shirt!	mahti nitawi-postasâkê
You all, go eat immediately!	nitawi-mîcisok sêmâk
Let's all go get ready now!	nitawi-wawêyîtân
You, don't go play!	êkâwiya nitawi-mêtawê
Please you all, play nicely.	mahti miyo-mêtawêk

This time, let's add in some delayed imperatives! Remember that these have the meaning of "do the action later!"

âkayâsîmowin	nêhiyawêwin
Please you all, come eat later!	mahti pê-mîcisohkêk
Let's all go eat later!	nitawi-mîcisohkak
Please, don't you go play later!	mahti êkâwiya nitawi-mêtwêhkan
You all, get nicely dressed later!	miyo-postayiwiniisêhkêk
You, <u>come</u> brush your teeth <u>well</u> later	pê-miyo-kistâpihtêhohkan