

# 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:

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

**kiya mâka êkwa - your turn now!**

<b>âkayâsîmowin</b>	<b>nêhiyawêwin</b>
Let's all go eat!	
You come brush your hair!	
You all go put on socks!	
Let's all go play!	
You come play!	
You all, come outside!	
Let's wash our faces well!	

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

<b>âkayâsîmowin</b>	<b>nêhiyawêwin</b>
You, please go put on a shirt!	
You all, go eat immediately!	
Let's all go get ready now!	
You, don't go play!	
Please you all, play nicely.	

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

<b>âkayâsîmowin</b>	<b>nêhiyawêwin</b>
Please you all, come eat later!	
Let's all go eat later!	
Please, don't you go play later!	
You all, get nicely dressed later!	
You, <u>come</u> brush your teeth <u>well</u> later	