

## Frequently Used Uninflected Words (Western Ojibwe)

This is a list of very common words that do not change form. Learning to spell these words by rote will help both in mastery of the NLIP orthography, and in fluency in writing. Sometimes these words are slightly changed or contracted in conversational speech. Learning the spelling of these words in their uncontracted form can be a great help in such cases.

<b>aa haaw</b>	Ok	<b>awenen igo</b>	whoever
<b>aabdig</b>	necessarily	<b>awenen</b>	who?
<b>aabiding</b>	once	<b>awi-, o-</b>	go over to
<b>aabita</b>	halfway	<b>awiya</b>	somebody, anybody
<b>aanapii</b>	when	<b>baamaa</b>	later
<b>aandi go</b>	wherever	<b>bakaan</b>	different
<b>aandi</b>	where	<b>bangii</b>	a little
<b>aaniin</b>	how	<b>bekaa</b>	wait! slow down!
<b>aanind</b>	some	<b>besho</b>	near, close by
<b>aano</b>	in vain	<b>bezhig</b>	one
<b>aapiji</b>	very, really	<b>bi-</b>	towards the speaker
<b>aazha</b>	already	<b>biinish</b>	until
<b>agaaming</b>	across the lake	<b>bijiinaago</b>	yesterday
<b>agaawaa</b>	hardly, barely	<b>bijiinag</b>	recently, soon
<b>agozhiing</b>	outside	<b>bizaan</b>	quiet! be still!
<b>ajina</b>	for a short time	<b>booshke</b>	even
<b>akawe</b>	first, first of all	<b>daa-</b>	could, should, would
<b>akina</b>	every, all	<b>daga</b>	please!, come on!
<b>amanj igo</b>	I wonder how	<b>dash, idash</b>	emphatic
<b>ambe daga</b>	come on!	<b>daso-</b>	so many times
<b>ani-</b>	going away from speaker	<b>dibi</b>	I don't know where...
<b>anishaa</b>	just for nothing	<b>dibikong</b>	last night
<b>anooj</b>	various	<b>dibishko</b>	just like...
<b>aanawi</b>	anyhow	<b>endogwen</b>	whether
<b>apane</b>	always	<b>enhya</b>	yes
<b>apii</b>	when, at the time that	<b>eta</b>	only
<b>ashi</b>	plus (used in counting)	<b>gaa ganage</b>	not at all
<b>awasinaago</b>	day before yesterday	<b>gaa mashi</b>	not yet
<b>awasiwaabang</b>	day after tomorrow	<b>gaa-</b>	past tense
<b>awegwen</b>	whoever	<b>gaawiin</b>	no, not

**gaawiin wiikaa** never  
**ganabaj** maybe  
**gaye** also, and  
**gegaa** almost, nearly  
**gegaa go** almost  
**geget** really  
**gego** don't  
**gegoo** something  
**geska** suddenly  
**geyaabi** yet  
**gigizheb** in the morning  
**gii-** past tense  
**giin** you  
**giinawaa** you (pl.)  
**giinawind** we (incl.)  
**giishpin** if  
**ginwenzh** for a long time  
**go, igo** emphatic  
**igiwe** those (anim.)  
**iidog** apparently  
**iinzan** so they say  
**inashke** look! behold!  
**ingoding** sometime  
**ingoji** somewhere  
**iniwe** those (inan.)  
**ishkwaaj** last, finally  
**iwe** that (inan.)  
**iwidi** there  
**izhi-** to, thus  
**maagizhaa** perhaps  
**megwaa** while  
**megwe** among  
**mewinza** long ago, already  
**mii iwe** that's it  
**mii minik** that's enough  
**mii** that is...

**miinawaa** again  
**na or ina** question marker  
**naanan** five  
**naasaab** the same  
**niibiwa** a lot  
**niin** I, me  
**niinawind** we, us (excl.)  
**niiwin** four  
**ningoding** sometime  
**ningoji** somewhere  
**nitam** first, turn  
**noongom** now, today  
**ogowe** these (anim.)  
**omaa** here  
**onji-** from, because  
**onowe** these (inan.)  
**onzaam** too, because  
**owe** this (inan.)  
**sa** emphatic  
**sha** emphatic  
**waabang** tomorrow  
**wegodogwen** whatever  
**wegonen** what?  
**weweni** carefully  
**wiikaa** late, seldom