

Telling Time & Counting
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<u>Numeral</u>	<u>Preverb</u>
1. Bezhig	Bezhigo-
2. Niizh	Niizho-
3. Niswi	Niso-
4. Niiwin	Niiyo-
5. Naanan	Naano-
6. Ningodwaaswi	Ningodwaaso-
7. Niizhwaaswi	Niizhwaaso-
8. Nishwaaswi	Nishwaaso-
9. Zhaangaswi	Zhaangaso-
10. Midaaswi	Midaaso-

Telling Time:

Verb: Diba'iganed *vii* it is a certain hour

Nouns: diba'igan *ni* hour; diba'iganan *ni-pl* hours; diba'igaans *ni* minute; diba'igaansan *ni-pl* minutes

Particle: ashi *pc* plus; aabita *pc* half

Preverbs: ishkwa- *pv* after; jibwaa- *pv* before

Sentence: Preverb + verb = It is a certain time.

Examples: Midaaso-diba'iganed. = It is ten o'clock.
Zhaangaso-diba'iganed ashi aabita. = It is half past nine.
Niso-diba'iganed ashi naanan diba'igaansan. = It is five after three.

Question: Aaniin endaso-diba'iganek? = What time is it?

Additional Usages: Numerical preverbs can be morphed onto other verb stems for telling the date, how many years old, how months old, etc.

Examples: Niizhgonagizi. = He is two days old.
Nisogiiziswagizi. = He is three months old.
Niiyobiboonagizi. = He is four years old.