To solve this puzzle, you need to make the following observations:

- All the verbs in the present tense end with -h, while verbs in the past tense end with -tok.
- The root forms of the verbs “see” and “sing” are piisa and taloowa; niyah and kayyah mean “to be fat” and “to be pregnant,” respectively.
- In the article that accompanies the puzzle, it states that verbs in which the subject has agency (“see” and “sing”) have different affixes than verbs in which the subject has no agency (“to be fat” and “to be pregnant”).
- The affix for “I” is li for “see” and “run,” but sa- for “to be fat.”
- The affix for “you” is ish- for “saw” and chi- for “to be pregnant.”
- There is no affix for the third person.
- The noun in a sentence comes first. If it is the object it has no affix, but if it is the subject it has the suffix -at.

1. He / she saw John.
   John piisatok.
   [John (object)] [“see” + tok]

2. I sang.
   Taloowalitok
   [“sing” + li + tok]

3. You’re singing.
   Ishtaloowah.

4. I’m pregnant.
   Sakayyah.

5. He / she saw the fat man.
   Hattak niyah piisatok.

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