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Cò dha a tha an goireas seo

Who is this resource for

Tha an goireas seo ag amas air teaghlaichean a tha airson Gàidhlig a dhèanamh na phrìomh chànan no air fear de prìomh chànan na dachaigh, ge brith dè an ìre aig a bheil iad.

This resource is designed for families who wish to make Gaelic the primary language or one of the key languages spoken at home, regardless of their current proficiency level.

Mar a chleachdar an goireas seo

How to use this resource

Tha an leabhar-abairtean seo air a shèorsachadh a rèir chuspairean eadar-dhealaichte air am faigh thu lorg sa chlàr-innse. Ma bhruthas tu orra, bheir iad dhan earrainn iomchaidh thu.

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Ainmean Nigheanan: an Tuiseal Gairmeach

Girls' Names: Calling children by name

You may be curious about why the name 'Màiri' is occasionally written or said as 'a Mhàiri.' This occurs when we directly address someone by their name, we need to use what is known as the vocative case. Here are some examples below:

An Tuiseal Bunasach Basic Case	An Tuiseal Gairmeach Vocative Case
Anna	Anna!
Eilidh	Eilidh!
Iseabail	Iseabail!
Cairistiona	a Chairistiona!
Doileag	a Dhoileag!
Maighread	a Mhaighread!
Màiri	a Mhàiri
Mòrag	a Mhòrag!
Oighrig	Oighrig!
Peigi	a Pheigi!
Raonaid	a Raonaid!

Ainmean Bhalach: an Tuiseal Gairmeach

Boys' Names: Calling children by name



An Tuiseal Bunasach Basic Case	An Tuiseal Gairmeach Vocative Case
Ailean	Ailein!
Calum	a Chaluum!
Cailean	a Chailein!
Dòmhnall	a Dhòmhnail!
Donnchadh	a Dhonnchaidh!
Eòghann	Eòghainn!
Fionnlagh	Fhionnlaigh!
Iain	Iain!
Lachlann	a Lachlainn!
Murchadh	a Mhurchaidh!
Niall	a Nèill!
Pàdraig	a Phàdraig!



Ruairidh	a Ruairidh!
Seòras	a Sheòrais!
Seumas	a Sheumais!
Somhairle	a Shomhairle!
Tormod	a Thormoid!



It's not only names that can be used in the vocative case; other nouns, like 'gràdh' (love), can also be placed in this case to convey terms of endearment:

balach	a bhalaich! (lad)
caraid	a charaid! (friend)
gaol	a ghaoil! (love)
gille	ille! (lad)
gràdh	a ghràidh! (love)
tasgadh	a thasgaidh (treasure)

A' bruidhinn ri cloinn aig a' chròileagan

Speaking to children at Gaelic Parent & Toddlers

Gàidhlig	Beurla
a ghràidh	darling, sweetheart, love, petal
a ghaoil	darling, sweetheart, love, petal
a luaidh	darling, sweetheart, love, petal
m' eudail	darling, sweetheart, love, petal
seadh?	yes?
uill?	well?
dè?	what?
Ciamar a tha thu?	How are you?
Ciamar a tha sibh?	How are you? (to more than one)
Tha gu math	Well/fine/good
A bheil thu gu math?	Are you well?
A bheil thu ceart gu leòr?	Are you alright?

Tha	Yes (only in response to 'a bheil')
Chan eil	No (only in response to 'a bheil')
Dè do naidheachd?	What's your news?
A bheil naidheachd agad dhomh?	Do you have any news for me?
Dè tha dol?	What's doing?
'S mise...	I'm...
'S e...an t-ainm a th' ormsa	My name is...
'S mise mamaidh Màiri.	I'm Màiri's mummy.
'S mise dadaidh Màiri.	I'm Màiri's daddy.
Cò thusa?	Who are you?
Dè an t-ainm a th' ort?	What's your name?
An tusa Seumas?	Are you Seumas?
'S e ainm snog a tha sin.	That's a lovely name.
Seo...	Here's...
Can halò ri...	Say hello to...

Fàilte!	Welcome!
Cò tha ag iarraidh greim-bìdh?	Who wants a snack?
Tha sinn a' dol a shuidhe sìos a-nis.	We're going to sit down now.
Tha sinn a' dol a ghabhail greim-bìdh a-nis.	We're going to have snack now.
Sin e a bhalaich, suidh aig a' bhòrd.	That's it wee man, sit at the table.
Thig a-steach!	Come in!
Tioraidh!	Cheerio!
Mar sin leat!	Goodbye!
Chì mi a-rithist thu!	I'll see you later!
Chì mi a-màireach thu!	I'll see you tomorrow!
Chì mi a-nochd thu!	I'll see you tonight!
Chì mi a dh'aithghearr thu!	I'll see you soon!
Cha bhi mi fada.	I won't be long.
Na bi fada!	Don't be long!



Beusan Manners

Tapadh leat	Thank you
Tapadh leibh	Thank you (formal/plural)
Taig	Thanks
Taig mhòr	Big thanks
Mòran taig	Many thanks
Ceud taig	A hundred thanks
Gu robh math agad	Thank you (In some Argyll & Inner Hebridean Dialects)
Mas e do thoil e	Please (informal/singular)
Mas e ur toil e	Please (formal/plural)
B' àill leat?	Pardon?
B' àill leibh?	Pardon? (formal/plural)
Gabh mo leisgeul	Excuse me
Gabhaibh mo leisgeul	Excuse me (to more than one)
Tha mi duilich.	I'm sorry
Dè chanas tu?	What do you say?



A' moladh na cloinne Praising children

Gàidhlig	Beurla
Tha sin math!	That's good!
Tha sin uabhasach math!	That's very good!
Tha sin math gu leòr.	That's good enough.
Math dha-rìribh!	Excellent!
Glè mhath!	Very good/alright!
Tha sin nas fheàrr.	That's better.
Tha sin tòrr nas fheàrr!	That's a lot better!
Sin e.	That's it.
Sin agad e.	There you have it.
Rinn thu e!	You did it!
Rinn thu a' chùis/an gnothach!	You managed!
Tha e deiseil.	It's ready/finished.



Tha e ullamh.	It's finished.
Tha e ceart.	It's right.
Tha sin ceart.	That's right.
Tha e ceart agad.	You've got it right
Tha e ceart gu leòr.	It's alright.
Tha e ceart a-nise.	It's right now.
Chan eil e ceart.	It's not right.
Chan eil sin buileach ceart.	That's not quite right.
Tha e ceàrr.	That's wrong.
Feuch a-rithist!	Try again!
Siuthad!	On you go!
balach math	good boy
nighean mhath	good girl
'S e balach math a th' annad.	You're a good boy.
'S e nighean mhath a th' annad.	You're a good girl.

Nuair a bhios a' chlann ri mì-mhodh

Checking children



Sguir!	Stop!
Sguiribh!	Stop! (to more than one)
Sguir a bhreabadh do bhràthar!	Stop kicking your brother!
Stad!	Stop! (motion)
Stadaibh!	Stop! (motion + to more than one)
Na dèan sin!	Don't do that!
Fàg sin!	Leave that!
Cuir sin sìos!	Put that down!
Cuir an sin e	Put it there
Cuir an seo e	Put it here
Leig às sin/e!	Let that/it go!
Fuirich/fan!	wait
Fuirich/fan mionaid!	wait a minute
Fuirich air falbh bhon teine!	Keep away from the fire!
Teann às an rathad orm!	Get out of my way!



Dè idir/fo ghrian a tha thu a' dèanamh?

What on earth are you doing?

Tha thu gus mo liathachadh!

You're gonna turn me grey!

Tuitidh tu!

You'll fall!

Brisidh tu e!

You'll break it!

Nì thu cron.

You'll do harm/damage.

Leònaidh tu thu fhèin!

You'll injure yourself!

Goirtichidh tu thu fhèin!

You'll hurt yourself!

Feuch nach tuit thu

See you don't fall

Feuch nach bris thu sin

Try not to break that

Na bris sin!

Don't break that!

Na leòn thu fhèin!

Don't injure yourself!

Na goirtich thu fhèin!

Don't hurt yourself!

Bi modhail!

Behave!

Bi na do bhalach math!

Be a good boy!

Bi na do nighinn mhath!

Be a good girl!

Gabh air do shocair!	Take it easy!
Gabhaibh air ur socair!	Take it easy! (to more than one)
Abair glaothraich!	What a racket!
Ist!	Wheesht!
Istibh!	Wheesht! (to more than one)
Bi sàmhach!	Be quiet!
Bithibh sàmhach!	Be quiet! (to more than one)
Na can an còrr!	Don't say anymore!
Tha sin gu leòr!	That's enough!
Thoir an aire!	Be careful!
Bi faiceallach	Be careful
Tha thu a' ruith air salachar!	You're running on muck! (i.e. you're skating on thin ice!)
Thuirt mi riut gun sin a dhèanamh!	I told you not to do that!

Tha thu mi-mhodhail!

You're (being)badly behaved!

Tha thu miosa!

You're (being) bad!

Tha thu crosta!

You're cheeky/naughty!

'S e peasan a th' annad!

You're a pest!

Air a neo...!

Or else...!

A' toirt cunntas air rudan Labelling and describing things

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Tha e beag.

It/he is small.

Tha i beag.

It/she is small.

Tha e beag bìodach.

It/he is teeny tiny.



Tha i beag bìodach.

It/she is teeny tiny.



Tha e mòr.

It/he is big.

Tha i mòr.

It/she is big.

Tha e uabhasach mòr.

It/he is really big.

Tha i uabhasach mòr.

It/she is really big.

Tha e molach.

It/he is fluffy.

Tha i molach.

It/she is fluffy.

coineanach molach

a fluffy rabbit

coineanach beag molach

a little fluffy rabbit

gleansach
shiny



cruinn
round

maoth/bog
soft



aotrom
light



tròim
heavy

a' cur fàilte air cèilichean welcoming visitors

Thig a-steach!

Come in!

Thigibh a-steach!

Come in! (to more than one)

'S fhada bhon uair sin!

Long time no see!

Thig a chèilidh!

Come and visit!

Thig a chèilidh uair sam bith!

Come and visit anytime!

an taigh

an sinneal
the chimney

am mullach
the roof

an uinneag
the window

an doras-aghaidh
the front door

an doras-cùil
the backdoor



the house

an seòmar-ionnlaid

dat. an t-seòmar-ionnlaid

gen. an t-seòmair-ionnlaid

an sgàthan
the mirror

na leacan
the tiles

an t-amar/
an tuba
the bathtub

am pàipear-tòin
the loo-roll

an sinc
the sink

am mat
the mat

an toidhleat
the toilet

the bathroom

A' dol dhan taigh-bheag/badan glan

Going to the toilet/changing nappies



A bheil thu feumach air bab/pù?	Do you need a poo?
A bheil thu feumach air dileag?	Do you need a wee?
A bheil thu nad èiginn? A bheil èiginn ort?	Are you desperate?
An do rinn thu an gnothach/a' chùis?	Did you manage?
Fuirich/fan gun glan mamaidh/dadaidh do thòin.	Wait till mummy/daddy wipes (cleans) your bum
Fluisig an toidhleat/sgiùrd am pana!	Flush the toilet!
Obh obh! An robh tubaist agad?/An do chaill thu do chacan/dhileag?	Oh dear! Did you have an accident?
Na gabh dragh, fuirich gun glan mamaidh/dadaidh thu.	Nevermind, wait till mummy/daddy cleans you up.
Nigh do làmhan!	Wash your hands!
Nighidh sinn do làmhan.	We'll wash your hands.
Sgol an siabhann dhìot!	Rinse of the soap!
Tiormaichidh sinn do làmhan.	We'll dry your hands.



A bheil do bhadan salach?

Have you filled your nappy?

A bheil do bhadan fliuch?

Is your nappy wet?

An cuir mi badan glan ort?

Will I put a clean nappy on you?

Fuirich gun cuir mamaidh/dadaidh
badan glan ort.

Wait till mummy/daddy puts a clean
nappy on you.

Casan suas!

Legs up!

Suathaidh/glanaidh mi do thòin.

I'll wipe your bum.

Tha sin nas fheàrr, nach eil?

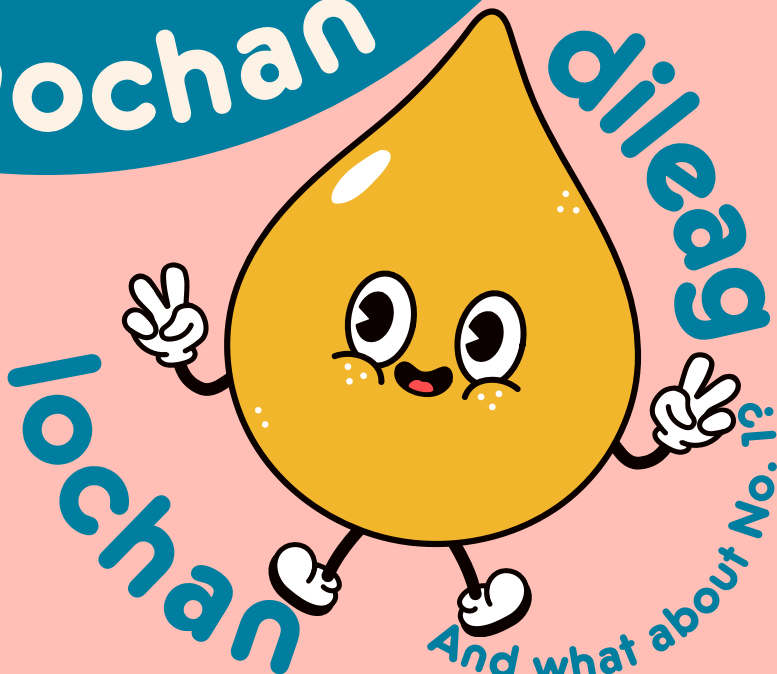
That's better, isn't it?



How do you say No. 2?



caochan





A-steach dhan tuba/a' bhath leat!

Into the bath with you!

An nigh mamaidh d' fhalt?

Will mummy wash your hair?

A bheil thu a' dèanamh splis splais?

Are you making a splish splash?

A bheil thu a' plubadaich?

Are you splashing about?

An cuir sinn an tunnag dhan a' bhùrn/dhan uisge?

Will we put the duck in the water?

O seall na suailichean/na tuinn a tha thu a' dèanamh!

Oh look at the waves you're making!

Obh obh! An deach sin na do shùilean, a ghràidh?

Oh dear! Did it go in your eyes, love?

Ud! Na bi 'g òl a' bhùrn/an uisg'!

Uh-uh! Don't drink the water!

Sin thu deiseil a-nis!

That's you finished now!

A-mach às an tuba/a' bhath leat!

Out of the bath with you!

Trobhad an seo gun tiormaich mi thu.

Come here till I dry you off.

Tha thu tioram a-nis!

You're dry now!





a' glanadh d' fhiacalan brushing your teeth

Glan d' fhiacalan!

Clean your teeth!

Càit a bheil a' bhruis-fhiacalan agad?

Where's your toothbrush?

Càit a bheil an stuth-fhiacalan?

Where's the toothpaste?

Sguir de chagnadh na bruis!

Stop chewing the brush!

Seall dhomh d' fhiacalan!

Let me see your teeth!

beagan a bharrachd

a wee bit more

sgol do bheil a-nis

rinse your mouth now

Flosaig d' fhiacalan!

Floss your teeth!

Sin e, eadar d' fhiacalan...

That's it, between your teeth

Dèan gàire dhomh

Smile for me

Feuch a-rithist!

Try again!

Tha sin nas fheàrr.

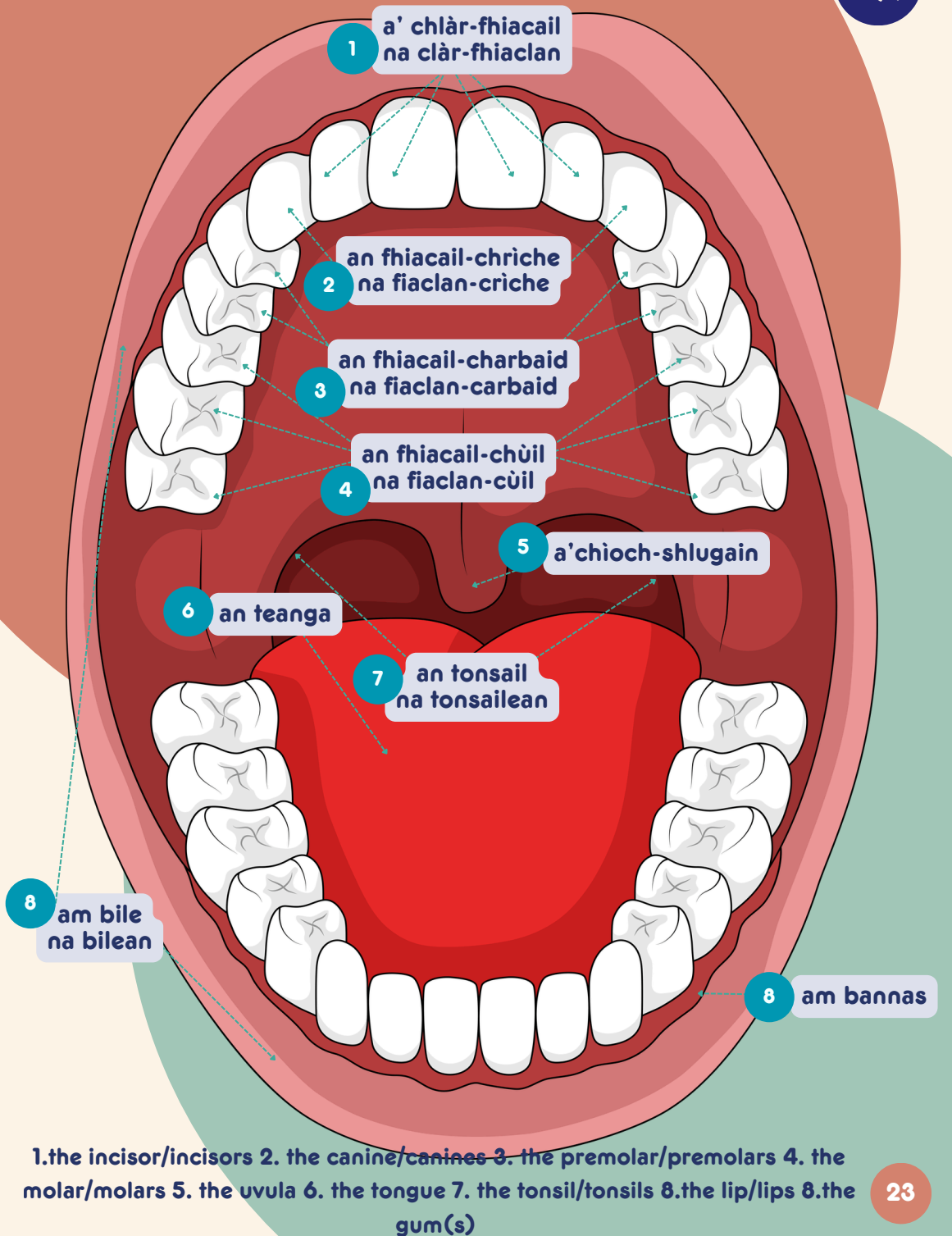
That's better!

Tha sin tòrr nas fheàrr!

That's a lot better!



am beul



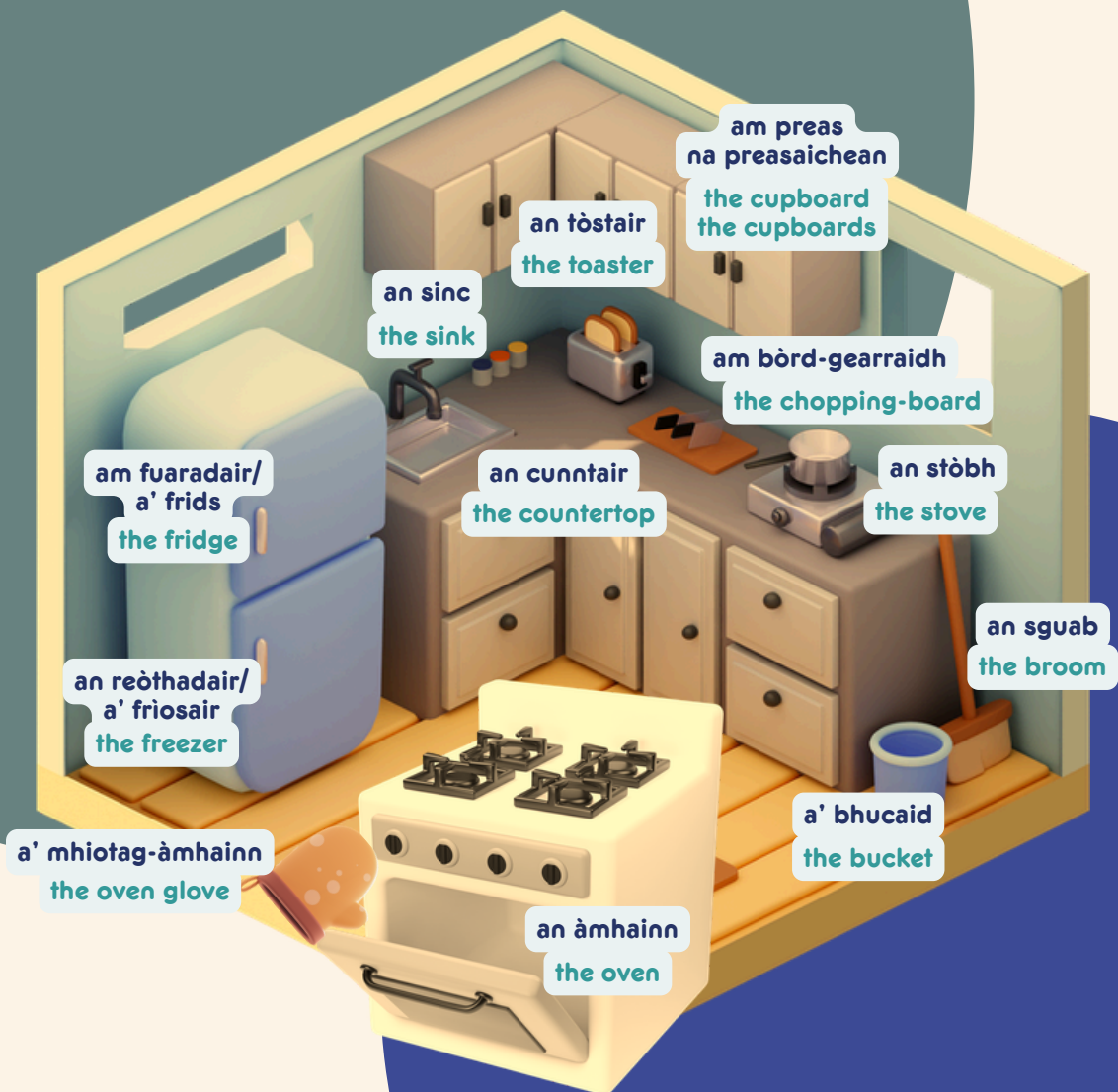
1.the incisor/incisors 2. the canine/canines 3. the premolar/premolars 4. the molar/molars 5. the uvula 6. the tongue 7. the tonsil/tonsils 8.the lip/lips 8.the gum(s)



an cidsin

dat. a' chidsin

gen. a' chidsin



the kitchen

a' còcaireachd 's a' seatadh a' bhùird

cooking & setting the table



cuir mun cuairt e

give it a stir

Tha mi ga chur mun cuairt.

I'm giving it a stir.

bruich e

cook it

Tha mi ga bhruich/chòcaireachd.

I'm cooking it.

praighig e!

fry it!

Tha mi ga phraighigeadh

I'm frying it

Na bean/boin ris!

Don't touch it!

Na bean/boin ris a sin!

Don't touch that!

Tha e teth, teth!

It's hot, hot!

Thèid do losgadh!

You'll burn yourself!

Fuirich gun cuir mi dhan àmhainn e.

Wait till I put it in the oven.

Feumaidh sinn leigeil leis
fuarachadh.

We need to let it cool down.

An seat sinn am bòrd?

Will we set the table?

Seataidh sinn am bòrd.

We'll set the table.



ag ithe aig a' bhòrd 's a' tabhann biadh eating at the table & offering food

Suidh aig a' bhòrd!	Sit at the table!
Suidhibh aig a' bhòrd!	Sit at the table! (to more than one)
Suidh dòigheil!	Sit (up) properly!
Am bu toigh/chaomh leat...?	Would you like...?
Am bu toigh/chaomh leibh?	Would you like...? (to more than one)
sùgh ubhail	apple juice
sùgh orains	orange juice
bainne	milk
Am bu toigh leat rudeigin ri ithe?	Would you like something to eat?
pìos tòst le im	a piece of toast with butter
le silidh	with jam
le Nutella	with Nutella
An toigh leat/an caomh leat...?	Do you like?
'S toigh l' /'s caomh	like (yes)



Cha toigh l'/cha chaomh	do not like (no)
'S toigh leam/'s caomh leam...	I like...
'S toigh leam brochan.	I like porridge.
Cha toigh/chaomh leam...	I don't like...
Cha toigh leam brochan.	I don't like porridge.
An gabh thu...?	Will you have...?
An gabh sibh...?	Will you have...?(to more than one)
Gabhaidh	Yes (only to 'an gabh?')
Cha ghabh	No (only to 'an gabh?')
An gabh thu pìos càise?	Will you have a piece of cheese?
deoch orains?	a drink of orange?
druthag b(h)ainne?	a drop of milk?
An gabh thu tuilleadh?	Will you have some more?
A bheil thu ag iarraidh tuilleadh?	Do you want some more?
Tha mi ag iarraidh tuilleadh.	I want some more.
Seo...	Here's...



an fhion-dhear the grape
na fion-dhearc the grapes



an t-sirist the cherry
na siristean the cherries

am banana the banana
na bananathan the bananas

rusg a' bhanana
the banana peel



brùithe
bruised



an liomaid the lemon
na liomaidean the lemons



an sùbh-làir the strawberry
na sùbhan-làir the strawberries



an dearc-choille the blueberry
na dearcan-coille the blueberries



an t-ubhal the apple
na h-ubhlan the apples



loibhte
rotten

an t-orainnsear the orange
na h-orainnsearan the oranges



clòimh-liath
mould



a' tabhann taic 's a' bruidhinn mu bhiadh loibhte
offering help & talking about gone-off food

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An gearr mi sin dhut?	Will I cut that for you?
Gearraidh	will cut (yes)
Cha gheàrr	will not cut (no)
Rùisg am banana!	Peel the banana!
An rùisg mi an t-orainnsear dhut?	Will I peel the orange for you?
Rùisgidh	will peel (yes)
Cha rùisg	will not peel (no)
Na ith am fear sin!	Don't eat that one!
Tha clòimh-liath air.	It's mouldy.
Tha e grod/loibhte.	It's rotten.
Tha e air seargadh.	It's dried out.
Na òl am bainne!	Don't drink the milk!
Tha e air a dhol a dholaidh.	It's off.
Tha samh neònach às.	It smells weird.
Chan ithinn sin, a ghràidh	I wouldn't eat that, pet.





Roimhearan Prepositions

os cionn
a' bhùird
above the
table



When a definite noun comes after a simple preposition such as 'air' (on) or 'fon' (under) it will go into the dative case. This means that 'am bòrd' becomes 'a' bhòrd'.

on the table
air a' bhòrd



When a definite noun comes after a compound preposition such as 'air cùlaibh' (behind) or 'ri taobh' (beside) it will go into the genitive case. This means that 'am bòrd' becomes 'a' bhùird'.

ri taobh
a' bhùird
beside
the table



air cùlaibh
a' bhùird
behind
the table



fon (a') bhòrd
under the table



beside
the table

air beulaibh a' bhùird
in front of the table



A' nighe nan soithichean

Doing the washing-up



Nigh na soithichean!	Wash the dishes!
Tha mi a' nighe nan soithichean.	I am washing the dishes.
Thoir sgolag bheag air!	Give it a quick rinse!
Thoir sgolag bheag air mus cuir thu dhan nigheadair-shoithichean e.	Give it a quick rinse before putting it in the dishwasher.
Cuir dhan t-sinc e!	Put it in the sink!
Balach math! Nighean mhath!	Good boy! Good girl!
Sgol an siabann dheth!	Rinse off the suds!
Tiormaich na soithichean!	Dry dishes!
Tha e a' tiormachadh nan soithichean.	He's drying the dishes.
Cleachd an searbhadair-shoithichean!	Use the dishtowel!
Sgròb am biadh far an truinnseir!	Scrape the food off the plate!
Tha a' ghlainne na smodal	The glass is smashed.
Bhris e na smodal.	It smashed to pieces.
Tha sgealb às a' chopan.	The cup's chipped.



na soithichean *the dishes*

an spàin
the spoon



an truinnsair
na truinnsairan
the plate
the plates



an copan
the cup



an seòmar- nigheadaireachd



the utility room

*You might hear people just using the English for these items. Go to [page 70](#) to learn more about why this might be here.



a' dèanamh na nigheadaireachd doing the laundry



A bheil seo glan no salach?	Is this clean or dirty?
Cuir dhan bhasgaid e.	Put in the wash-basket.
Cuir dhan inneal-nigheadaireachd e ma-thà.	Put it in the machine then.
smal	a stain
Tha smal air.	There's a stain on it.
Tha samh às/Tha fàileadh às.	It smells.
Tha e làn poll/puill	It's caked in mud.
Fuirich gun iarnaig mi sin.	Wait till I iron that.
Croch (an-àird)' an nigheadaireachd	Hang up the washing
Taing airson an nigheadaireachd a chrochadh (an-àird').	Thank you for hanging up the washing.
An toireadh tu an nigheadaireachd a-steach dhomh?	Could you take the washing in please?



an seòmar-suidhe

dat. an t-seòmar-shuidhe

gen. an t-seòmair-shuidhe



the living room

a' coimhead an teilidh watching the telly



Dè choimheadas sinn?	What will we watch?
An coimhead sinn fiolm?	Will we watch a movie?
...an ath-eapasod?	...the next episode?
...cartùn?	...a cartoon?
Dè thachair?	What happened?
Dè thachair san eapasod mu dheireadh?	What happened in the last episode?
Inns dhomh dè thachair	Tell me what happened
A bheil thu ag iarraidh plaide?	Do you want a blanket?
A bheil thu ag iarraidh grèim?	Do you want a snack?
Direach aon eapasod eile!	Just one more episode!
An cuir thu am fuaim sìos?	Can you put the volume down?
An cuir thu am fuaim suas?	Can you put the volume up?
Cuir an teilidh dheth!	Turn off the TV!





a' cluich a-staigh playing indoors

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An dèan sinn...?	Will we make/do a...?
...cèic?	a cake?
...danns'?	...a dance?
...dealbh?	...a picture?
A bheil thu ag iarraidh cluich?	Do you want to play?
Thalla a chluich leis...	Go and play with...
...na dèideagan	...the toys
...na dolaichean	...the dolls
...na teadaidhean	...the teddies
...leis a' phutaidh/an taois	...the playdough
Dèan mar seo e.	Do it like this.
seall, mar seo	look, like this
Dè tha sin?	What's that?
'S e...a th' ann.	It's a...
Dè tha thu a' dèanamh?	What are you doing/ making?



an seòmar-cadail

dat. an t-seòmar-chadail

gen. an t-seòmair-chadail

an uinneag
na h-uinneagan
the window
the windows

am preas-aodaich
the wardrobe

dorsan a' phreas-aodaich
the wardrobe doors

a' chathair-oifis
the swivel chair

an deasg/
am bòrd-sgrìobhaidh
the desk

an cleoc
the clock

an leabaidh
the bed

a' chluasag
na cluasagan
the pillow
the pillows

an duvet
the duvet

am bobhstair
the mattress

the bedroom



àm cadail 's ag èirigh bedtime & getting up



Tha thu sgith, a ghràidh!	You're tired, love!
Eil thu 'g iarraidh a dhol bà-bà?	Do you want to go beddie-byes?
Trobhad gum faigh mi do phaidseamas ort.	Come here till I get your jammies on you.
A-steach dhan leabaidh leat!	Into bed with you!
Greas ort is thalla dhan leabaidh!	Hurry up and get to bed!
Leughaidh mi stòiridh dhut	I'll read you a story
Tagh thusa leabhar!	You choose a book!
O seadh, tha am fear sin math.	Oh yes, that one's good.
Oidhche mhath, a ghràidh	Good night, love.
Fàgaidh mi an solas-oidhche air.	I'll leave the nightlight on.
Greas ort is èirich às do leabaidh!	Hurry up and get out of bed!
A-mach às an leabaidh leat!	Out of bed with you!
Bha i fada gun èirigh.	She had a long lie.



An robh moch-èirigh aice?	Did she have an early rise?
Obh obh, an robh trom-laighe agad, a ghràidh?	Oh dear, did you have a bad dream, love?
Dè tha ceàrr, a ghaoil?	What's the matter, love?
Eil thu 'g iarraidh cudail bho mhamaidh/dhadaidh?	Do you want a cuddle from mummy/daddy?
O, tha thu nad dhùisg!	Oh, you're awake!
Suas dha mamaidh/dadaidh!	Up to mummy/daddy!
Madainn mhath, a ghaoil	Good morning, love
Eil stòiridhean agad, a ghaoil?	You telling stories, love?

ionnsaich tàladh learn a lullaby

Cò leis tha 'n crodh Druimfhionn ud thall?
Cò leis tha 'n crodh Druimfhionn ud thall?
Cò leis tha 'n crodh Druimfhionn ud thall?
Cò leis tha 'n crodh Druimfhionn ud thall?

Leam fhìn, a ghaoil.
Leat fhèin, a ghràidh.
Leam fhìn, a ghaoil.
Leat fhèin, a ghràidh.

'S ann leinn tha 'n crodh Druimfhionn ud thall.



Here are some more examples of lullabies and other Gaelic children's songs on the [Gaelic4Parents](https://www.gaelic4parents.com) website.



A' cur umad 's a' bruidhinn mu aodach

Getting dressed & talking about clothing



Fuirich gun dùin mi do bharrailean/bhallairean*.	Wait till I tie your laces.
Fuirich gum fosgail mi do bharrailean/bhallairean*.	Wait till I untie your laces.
Tha do bharrailean/bhallairean* fosgailte/fuasgailte.	Your laces have come undone.
Sin e, slaod an strap tarsainn.	That's it, pull the strap over.
Fuirich gun dùin mi do sheacaid.	Wait till I fasten up your jacket.
Fuirich gum fosgail mi do sheacaid	Wait till I unfasten your jacket.
O shiorraidh! Na bhid an siop do smiogaid?	Oh dear! Did the zip catch your chin?
Na cheangail mi sin ro theann/thight?	Did I tie that too tight?
Tha do bhriogais a' tuiteam!	Your trousers are falling down!
Cuir do làmh tron mhuinchill/mhuilcheann	Put your hand through the sleeve
Trobhad gun cuir mamaidh do lèine a-steach	Come over here so mummy/daddy can tuck your shirt it.
O thi tha do làmh glacte sa mhuinchill/mhuilcheann!	Oh dear, you're hand's stuck in the sleeve!

*This is an example of metathesis in spoken Gaelic, whereby a consonant has been transposed - a phenomenon common amongst lots of languages. Other examples of this in Gaelic include, but are not limited to, 'amhairc' to 'amhraic' (to look), 'tacsas' to 'facas' (support).

Nach tu tha luaisgeanach!

You're so wriggly!

Seas stòlda!

Stand up (properly)!

Sguir a luasganaich!

Stop wriggling!

Fuirich aig fois!

Stay still!

**Tha mi air a chur ort an taobh
ceàrr/caoin air ascaoin!**

I've put it on inside-out!

**Tha mi air do gheansaidh a chur ort
an taobh ceàrr!**

I've put your jumper on inside-out.

**O fliop! Tha mi air a chur ort earball
gu aghaidh!**

**Oh dear! I've put it on you back-to-
front!**

**Tha do gheansaidh ort earball gu
aghaidh!**

**You've got your jumper on back to
front!**

Mamaidh ghòrach! Dadaidh gòrach!

Silly mummy! Silly daddy!

**Tha do bhrògan air am
milleadh/sgròbadh.**

Your shoes are all scuffed.

Tha sracadh air do mhuilcheann.

Your sleeve is torn.

**Tha faitheam a' tighinn bho bhonn
do sheacaid.**

**The bottom of your jacket's all
frayed.**

Tha molagan air do gheansaidh.

Your jumper's all bobbly/oosie.

**Fuirich gum faigh mi na molagan
dheth.**

Wait till I get the bobbles/oos off.

riochdairean sealbhach possessive pronouns

When talking about family members, items of clothing & parts of the body, we must use words like mo 'my' do 'your' for expressing possession. When the person or the thing we are naming begins with a consonant, it is lenited after mo 'my' do 'your' and a 'his' and 'their' becomes 'am' before b, f, m, p.

	shoes	hat
my	mo bhrògan	m' ad
your	do bhrògan	d' ad
his	a bhrògan	ad
her	a brògan	a h-ad
our	ar brògan	ar n-adan
your (f/pl)	ur brògan	ur n-ad(an)
their	am brògan	an adan



Try to apply the same process to these parts of the body:

	foot	throat
my	mo c_as	m_ amhaich
your	do c_as	d_ amhaich



na drathais
the underpants



na stocainnen
the socks



a' bhrìogais the trousers



an spaidhir
the fly

am mogan the trouser-leg
na mogannan the trouser-legs

an leine-the t-shirt



am muilcheann
the sleeve

na muilcheannan
the sleeves

an t-seacaid
the jacket

an cochall
the hood



an sìop
the zip

a' phòcaid the pocket
na pòcaidean the pockets

an ad the hat



a' bhròg the shoe



am barrall the lace
na barraillean the laces

an teanga
the tongue

am bonn
na buinn
the sole
the soles

an t-sàil
na sàilean
the heel
the heels

am bann-dùirn the cuff
na bannan-dùirn the cuffs

an crios
the belt



am bucall
the buckle

A' cuideachadh 's a' sgioblachadh

Helping & tidying



Cuidich mi!	Help me
An cuidich thu mi?	Will/can you help me?
A' cuideachadh mamaidh	Helping mummy
A' cuideachadh dadaidh	Helping daddy
An sgioblaich thu an seòmar agad?	Will you tidy your room?
Sgioblaich an seòmar agad!	Tidy your room!
Tha an seòmar agad na bhùrach uabhasach.	Your room's a terrible mess
An hùbhraig mi an seòmar agad?	Will I Hoover your room?
Hùbhraig an seòmar agad!	Hoover your room!
An dèan thu fàbhar dhomh?	Will/can you do me a favour?
Tha obair agam dhut.	I've got a job for you.
Tha feum agam ort.	I need you.
Thoir/bheir dhomh sin!	Give me that
Thoir/bheir leat sin!	Take that with you
An toir thu thugam...?	Will/can you bring me...?





A' dol a-mach Coming and going

Trobhad!	Come on!
Trobhadaibh!	Come on! (to more than one)
Trobhad a-nall (an seo)!	Come over here!
Trobhad a-mach!	Come outside!
Trobhad a-steach!	Come inside!
Thig an seo!	Come here!
Thalla	Go/go away
Theirig	Go
Thalla/theirig a-mach!	Go outside!
Thalla/theirig a-null an siud!	Go over there!
A-mach à seo!	Out of here!
Thèid sinn a-mach.	We'll go out(side).
An tèid sinn a-mach?	Will we go out(side)?
Thèid	Yes (only to 'an tèid?')
Cha tèid	No (only to 'an tèid?')

Thèid sinn tarsainn an rathaid.

We'll cross the road.

An tèid sinn dhan a' bhùth?

Will we go to the shop?

Fuirich ris a' bhodach-uaine!

Wait for the green-man!

Feumaidh sinn fuireach ris a'
bhodach-uaine.

We have to wait for the green man.

Cùm air a' chabhsair!

Stay on the pavement!

Cùm greim air mo làimh!

Keep hold of my hand!

Cùm grèim air mo làimh mus tèid
sinn tarsainn an rathaid!

Keep hold of my hand before we
cross the road!

Sguir a shlaodadh do chasan!

Stop dragging your feet!

Sguir a shlaodadh do chasan no
millidh tu do bhrògan!

Stop dragging your feet or you'll
scuff your shoes!



na solais-trafaig





Dùin an doras! Shut the door!

Dùin an doras!

Close the door!

Fosgail an doras!

Open the door!

Na dùin an doras!

Don't close the door!

Na fosgail an doras!

Don't open the door!

Dùin an uinneag!

Close the window

Fosgail an uinneag!

Open the window!

Na dùin an uinneag!

Don't close the window!

Na fosgail an uinneag!

Don't open the window!

Glas an doras!

Lock the door!

Na glas an doras!

Don't lock the door!

a' ghlas-chrochaidh



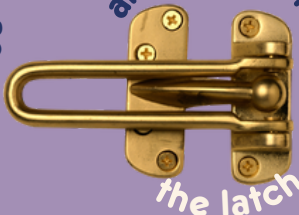
the padlock



the keys
the keys

frèam an dorais
the doorframe

an claimhean



the latch

an ursainn
the jamb



an dorais
the doorhandle

a' cluich a-muigh playing outdoors

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An tèid sinn a-mach?

Will we go outside?

An tèid sinn a-mach a
cluich ball-coise?

Will we go out and play football?

Thalla a-mach!

Go outside!

Thig a-mach!

Come outside!

Beir air a' bhall!

Catch the ball!

Beir air!

Catch it!

Breab am ball!

Kick the ball!

Tilg am ball!

Throw the ball!

Bunsaig am ball!

Bounce the ball!

Thugamsa!

To me!

A bheil thu ag iarraidh a dhol air a'
bhaidhg/an rothair?

Do you want to go on the bike?

...air an tractor?

...on the tractor?

air an traidhsagal/tri-rothair

...on the tricycle?



aig a' phàirc at the park



A bheil thu ag iarraidh a dhol...?

Do you want to go...?

...sìos?

...down?(away from speaker)

...sìos an slaighd?

...down the slide?

...suas

...up?(away from speaker)

...suas an t-àradh?

...up the ladder?

...air an dreallaig?

...on the swing?

...nas àirde?

...higher?

A bheil thu ag iarraidh a thighinn..?

Do you want to come...?

...a-nuas?

...down? (towards speaker)

...a-nìos?

...up? (towards speaker)

Bi foighdinneach

Be patient!

Thusa a-nise

You now

Siuthad!

On you go!

Siuthadaibh!

On you go! (to more than one)

Feuch e!

Try it/give it a go!



at the park

gib
a' phàirc

an sèine
the chain

an t-àradh
the ladder

a' frèam-dìrich
the climbing frame

an dreallag
the swing

an t-sleamhnag
the slide

an làir-mhaide
the seesaw



peataichean pets

Tha e a' sliobadh a' choin.

He's patting the dog.

Tha e a' sliobadh a' chait.

He's patting the cat.

Na toir seòclaid dhan (a') chù!

Don't give the dog chocolate!

Na toir sin dhan (a') chat!

Don't give the cat that!

Tha an cù a' ruith sa ghàrradh.

The dog is running in the garden.

Tha an cat a' gabhail norraig.

The cat is having a nap.

Tha e a' coiseachd a' choin.

He's walking the dog.

Tha an cù air taod.

The dog is on a lead/leash.

Tha glas-ghuib air a' chù.

The dog is muzzled.

Na cuir dragh air a' chù!

Don't pester the dog!

Tha an cù...

The dog is...

a' comhardaich/a' tafainn

barking

a' dranndail

growling

Tha an cat...

The cat is...

a' miamhail

meowing

af af!



miamh!



Seall! Pointing things out



Seall!	Look!
Seallaibh!	Look!(to more than one)
Seall sin!	Look at that!
Seall seo!	Look at this!
Seall dhomh...	Show me...
Am faic thu...?	Do you see...?
...an coineanach?	...the rabbit?
...an fheòrag?	...the squirrel?
Chì	will see/do see (yes)
Chan fhaic	will not see/do not see (no)
Seall! 'S e coineanach a th' ann.	Look! It's a rabbit.
'S e cù a th' ann.	It's a dog.

Click on the video icon for more examples of pointing out different things when you're out and about!





a' gàirnealairachd

gardening



a' ràcadh
raking

an ràcan
the rake

an lus
na lusan
the plant
the plants

a' cur
planting

a' bhileag
na bileagan
the petal
the petals

am peile-frasaidh
the watering-can

ag uisg
watering

an fheansa
the fence

am flùr
na flùraichean
the flower
the flowers



a' gairnealairachd gardening



Tha mi a' dol a dh'uisgeachadh nan lusan sa ghàrradh.	I'm going to water the plants in the garden.
an tobha/na tobhaichean (m)	the gardenhoe/the gardenhoes
Tha e a' tobhadh nan luibhean.	He's hoeing the weeds.
a' cur nan sìol	planting the seeds
am feur (m)	the grass
air an fheur	on the grass
a' gearradh an fheòir	cutting the grass
an lomaire-feòir (m)	the lawnmower
a' challaid/na cailaidean (f)	the hedge/the hedges
a' sgioblachadh na callaid	trimming the hedge
an seada (m)	the shed
anns an t-seada	in the shed





acfhainn san t-seada tools in the shed



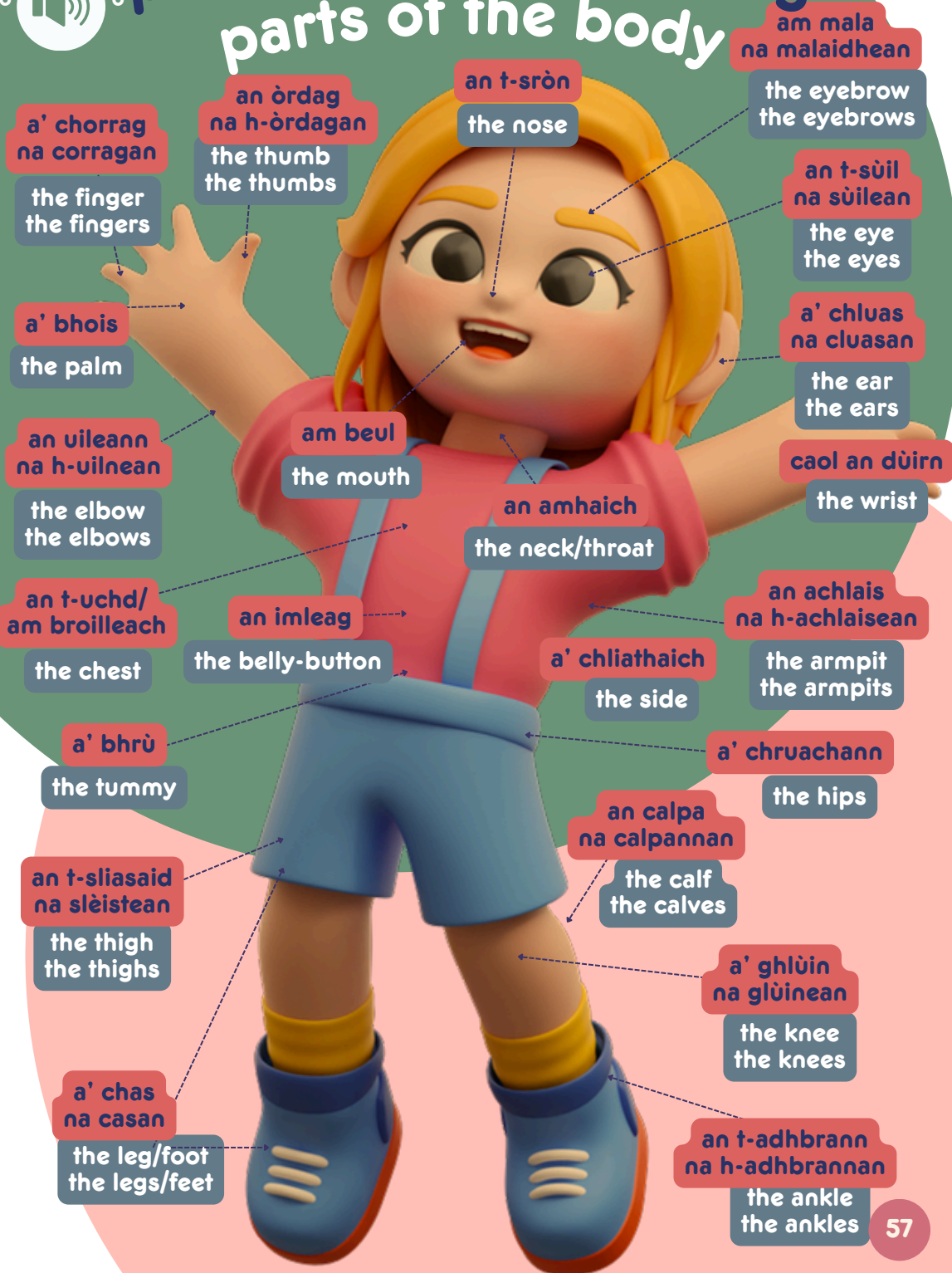
am minidh	the bradawl
an tuagh/an làmhag	the axe
an lann	the blade
a' bhruis/an sguab	the brush/broom
am peile/a' bhucaid	the bucket
an gilb	the chisel
an drile	the drill
an sgrìubha/na sgrìubhaichean	the screw/ the screws
an tarrag/na tarragan	the nail/the nails
an t-òrd	the hammer
an sàbh	the saw
an durcais	the pliers
an gràpa	the pitchfork
an t-àradh/am fàradh	the ladders





pàirtean den bhodhaig

parts of the body



pàirtean den cheann parts of the head





Leòin bheaga Minor-ish injuries

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Tha sùil dhubh aice.

She's got a blackeye.

Tha sùil dhubh aige.

He has a blackeye.

Sgròb e a ghliùn.

He's grazed his knee.

Sgròb i a glùin.

She's grazed her knee.

sgreab/scrub

scab

Tha sgreab air.

It's scabbed over.

Sguir a dh'obair air! Leig leis!

Stop picking it! Leave it be!

tachasach

Itchy

A bheil e tachasach?

Is it itchy?

Sguir ga thachas/thachais!

Stop itching/scratching it!

An d' fhuair d' òrdag snag?

Did you stave your thumb?

An deach d' anail asad?

Did you wind yourself?

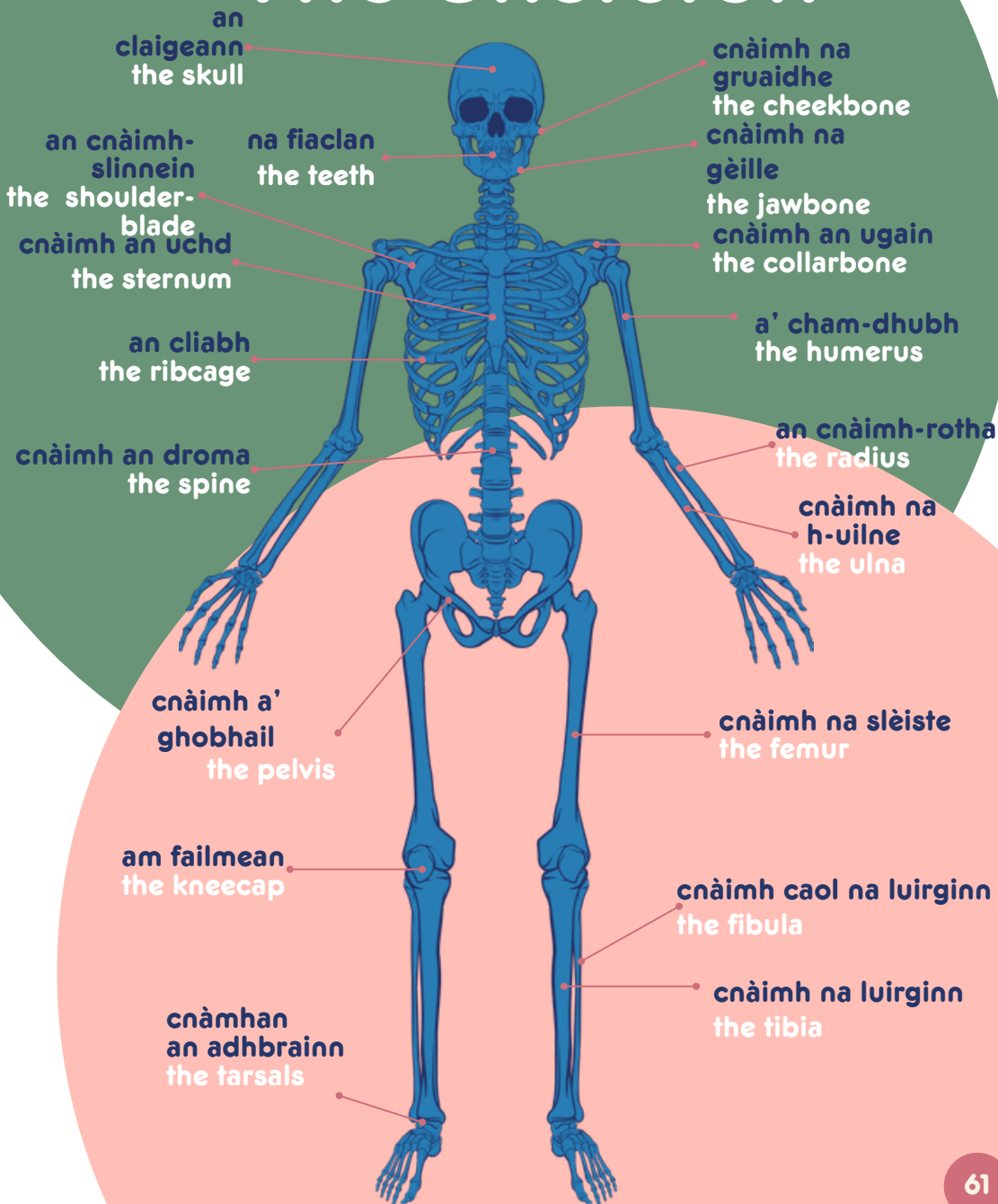
An deach d' anail asad
nuair a thuit thu?

Did you wind yourself
when you fell?

O murt! Tha droch chnap/phluc air do cheann.	Oh my! You've got a bad bump on your head.
cnap	bump/lump
Tha sgeilf/bioran na do chorraig.	There's a skelf/splinter in your finger.
Trobhad gun toir mi an sgeilf às do chorraig.	Come here so I can get the skelf/splinter out.
Cuiridh sinn Savlon/Germolene air.	We'll put some antiseptic cream on it.
Duilich, bidh seo goirt!	Sorry, this will sting/nip!
Chaidh a losgadh mu h-amhaich./ Tha losgadh na grèine mu h-amhaich.	She's sunburnt around her neck.
Tha thu a' call do chraicinn mu d' amhaich.	Your neck's peeling.
O murt! Tha d' ìne air a call!/Shrac thu d' ìne bho do chorraig!	Yuck! You've torn the nail right off!
pat	bruise
Carson a tha pat air do ghàirdean?	Why is your arm bruised?
Mura sguir thu dhe d' àbhachd, bidh ceannach agad air!	If you don't stop larking about, you pay for it!



An Cnàimhneach The Skeleton





Leòin mhòra Not so minor injuries



Bhris i a cas.	She broke her leg.
Bhris e a chas.	He broke his leg.
Bhris i a gàirdean.	She broke her arm.
Bhris e a ghàirdean.	He broke his arm.
Thàinig a corrag far uillt.	She dislocated her finger.
Thàinig a chorrag far uillt.	He dislocated his finger.
cas bhriste	a broken leg
gàirdean briste	a broken arm
corrag bhriste	a broken finger
adhbrann briste	a broken ankle
Tha a h-adhbrann briste.	Her ankle's broken.
Tha e a' sìleadh fala.	He's bleeding
Tha i a' sìleadh fala.	She's bleeding.
Tha a shròn a' leum.	His nose is bleeding.

Tinneasan Illnesses



Tha an cnatan/am fuachd air.

He's got the cold.

Tha an cnatan/am fuachd oirre.

She's got the cold.

Tha sruth às do shròin.

You've got a runny nose.

Tha e...

He is...

a' sreathartaich

sneezing

a' smiotadh

sniffing

a' casadaich

coughing

Bha an sgàirt air.

He had diarrhoea.

Bha an sgàirt oirre.

She had diarrhoea.

Bha e a' cur a-mach fad na h-oidhche.

He was vomiting all night.

Bha i a' diobhairt fad na h-oidhche.

She was vomiting all night.

Bha cur na mara air fad na slighe.

He had seasickness the whole way.

Tha fiabhras air.

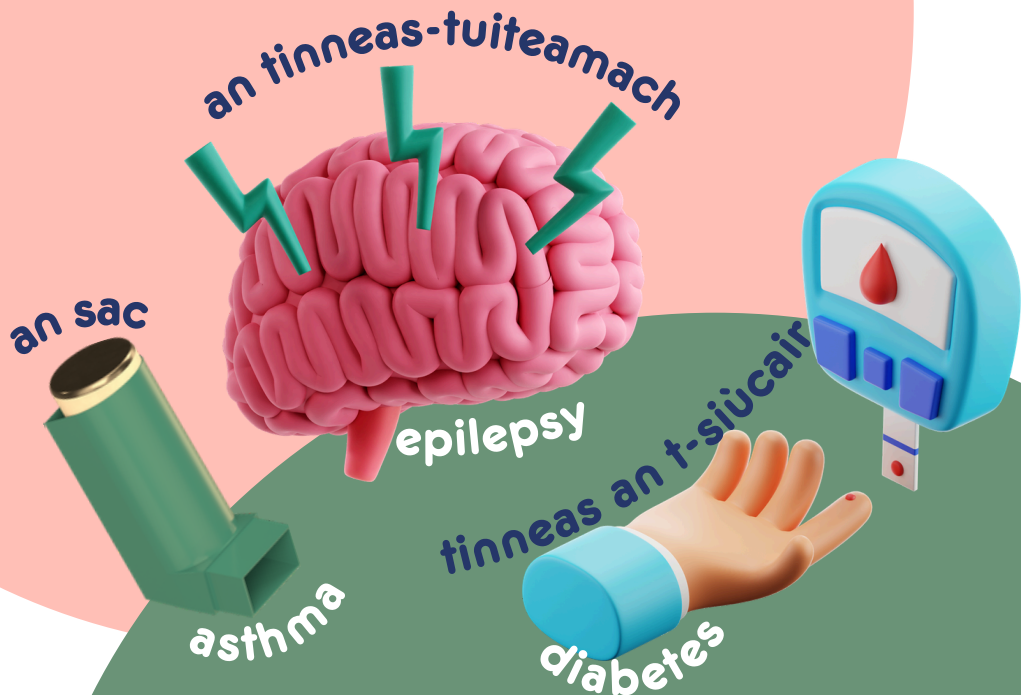
He has a fever.

Tha fiabhras oirre

She has a fever.

Tinneasan sior-bhuan

Chronic conditions



Tha an tinneas-tuiteamach air.

He has epilepsy.

Tha an tinneas-tuiteamach oirre.

She has epilepsy.

Ghabh i breisleach.

She had a seizure.

Tha tinneas an t-siùcair orm.

I have diabetes.

Dh'fhàs e haidhpo.

He went hypo.

Chaidh i an laigse.

She passed out.

Na ciad-fathan Senses

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a' chlaiseachd

(the) hearing

am fradharc

(the) sight

a' chainnt

(the) speech

am blasadh

(the) taste

an suathadh

(the) touch

faireachdainn fàileadh

smell

Chaill e fhradharc.

He lost his sight.

Tha e dall.

He is blind.

Cha chluinn i sion.

She can't hear anything.

Tha i bodhar.

She is deaf.

Dè am fàileadh a tha sin?

What's that smell?

Dè an samh a tha sin?

What's that stench?

Chan fhairich mi fàileadh sam bith.

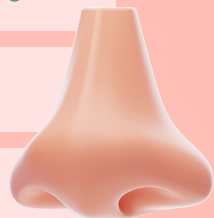
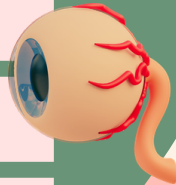
I can't smell anything.

Dè am blas a th' air?

What does it taste like?

Tha blas na meala air.

It tastes like honey.





buill na bodhaig the organs

an sgamhan/na sgamhain
the lung/the lungs



an eanchainn
the brain



an grùthan
the liver



an cridhe
the heart



an dubh-liath
the spleen



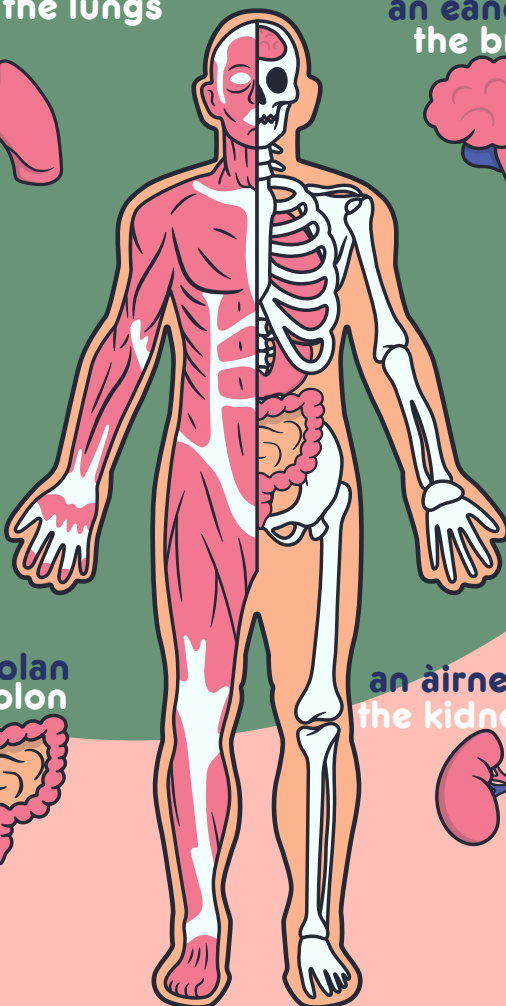
an stamag
the stomach



an caolan
the colon



an àirne/na h-àirnean
the kidney/the kidneys



ainmean nan corragan names of the fingers

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the cutesie names that
come with their own song

the more day-to-day names

Uilleam Òrdag
William Thumb

Calum Corrag
Calum Finger

Màiri Fhada
Long Mary

Mac an Aba
The Abbot's son

Lùdag Bheag
Little Hinge

an lùdag bheag
the pinkie

mac an aba
the ring finger

an gunna fada
the middle finger

a' cholbhag
the index finger

an òrdag
the thumb



Uilleam òrdag, Uilleam òrdag Cà' bheil thu?
Tha mi a' seo, tha mi seo Ciamar a tha thu?

Calum corrag, Calum corrag, Cà' bheil thu?
Tha mi a' seo, tha mi seo Ciamar a tha thu?

Màiri fhada, Màiri fhada Cà bheil thu?
Tha mi a' seo, tha mi seo Ciamar a tha thu?

Mac an Aba, Mac an Aba, Cà bheil thu?
Tha mi a' seo, tha mi seo Ciamar a tha thu?

Lùdag bheag, Lùdag bheag, Cà bheil thu?
Tha mi a' seo, tha mi seo Ciamar a tha thu?

Corragan air fad, Corragan air fad, Cà bheil sibh?
Tha sinn a' seo, tha sinn a' seo Ciamar a tha sibh?

Learn the tune and the
accompanying actions here:



leatromachd is breith

pregnancy & birth



Gàidhlig	Beurla
Tha i trom.	She's pregnant.
Tha dùil aice ri leanabh.	She's expecting.
Cuin a tha dùil agad ris an leanabh?	When are you due?
sa Mhàirt/san t-Sultain	in March/in September
'S e gille a bhios ann.	It'll be a boy.
'S e nighean a bhios ann.	It'll be a girl.
Tha dìthis leanabh ann.	It's twins.
Bhris a h-uisgeachan.	Her waters broke.
Chaidh i an saothair-chloinne.	She went into labour.
Rugadh gille beag dhi.	She had a wee boy.
Rugadh nighean bheag dhi.	She had a wee girl.
Bha a' bhean-ghlùine uabhasach taiceil.	The midwife was very supportive.

Prìomh bhun-bheachdan

Key Concepts

Scottish Gaelic can be quite a challenge for English speakers at first due to several unique grammatical concepts:

1. **VERB-SUBJECT-OBJECT (VSO) ORDER:** Unlike English, which typically follows a Subject-Verb-Object (SVO) order, Scottish Gaelic sentences often start with the verb. For example, "I see the dog" in English would be "Chì mi an cù" in Gaelic, which translates directly to "See I the dog."

SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT
I	see	the dog
VERB	SUBJECT	OBJECT
Chì (will see)	mi (i)	an cù (the dog)

2. **LENITION:** This is a process where the initial consonant of a word changes to a softer sound, often indicated by adding an 'h' after the consonant. For example, "an cat" (the cat) becomes "a c at" in certain grammatical contexts.
3. **MUTATIONS:** Similar to lenition, mutations involve changes to the initial consonant of a word based on grammatical context. These changes can be quite complex and are not present in English. For example "an seòmair-suidhe" (the living room) becomes "an t-seòmair-shuidhe" after certain prepositions.
4. **PREPOSITIONAL PRONOUNS:** In Gaelic, prepositions combine with pronouns to form a single word. For example, "with me" becomes "leam."
5. **CASE SYSTEM** Gaelic uses a case system to indicate the grammatical function of nouns in a sentence, which is different from the more simplified system in English.
6. **GENDERED NOUNS:** Like many other languages, Gaelic nouns have gender, which affects the form of the article and adjectives used with them.
7. **BROAD & SLENDER CONSONANTS:** Consonants can be either broad (accompanied by a, o, u) or slender (accompanied by e, i), and this distinction affects pronunciation and grammar.

8. NO SET WORDS FOR 'YES' & 'NO': In Scottish Gaelic, there aren't direct translations for "yes" and "no" as there are in English. Instead, responses are typically given by repeating the verb from the question. For example:

- - If someone asks, "Are you coming?" ("A bheil thu a' tighinn?"), you would respond with "Tha" (am/is/are) or "Chan eil" (am not/is not/are not).
- - For a question like "Did you hear it?" ("An cuala tu e?"), you would answer "Chuala" (did hear) or "Cha chuala" (did not hear)

Eadar a' Ghàidhlig 's a' Bheurla **"Don't they have a word for that?"**

There are several reasons why Scottish Gaelic speakers might use English words when speaking Gaelic:

- 1. LANGUAGE CONTACT:** English and Gaelic have been in close contact for centuries. This has led to a natural borrowing of words, especially for concepts or items that were introduced by English speakers.
- 2. BILINGUALISM:** Most Gaelic speakers are bilingual and fluent in both English and Gaelic. Switching between languages, known as code-switching, can happen naturally, especially if a word or phrase is more commonly used in English.
- 3. MODERN TERMINOLOGY:** Some modern terms, especially those related to technology, science, and popular culture, might not have a widely recognized Gaelic equivalent. In these cases, using the English term can be more practical and universally understood.
- 4. EASE OF COMMUNICATION:** Sometimes, an English word might be shorter or easier to pronounce than its Gaelic counterpart. This can make conversations flow more smoothly.
- 5. CULTURAL INFLUENCE:** English has a dominant cultural influence in many areas, including media, education, and business. This can lead to the incorporation of English words into everyday Gaelic speech.





