

AONAD 5

AG CUR TUAIRIMÍ IN IÚL | EXPRESSING OPINIONS

SAYING THAT YOU LIKE SOMETHING

Is maith liom ...	I like ...
Is breá liom ... or	
Tá dúil mhór agam i(n)	I really like ...

SAYING THAT YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING

Ní maith liom ...	I don't like ...
Ní maith liom ... ar chor ar bith	I don't like ... at all.
Is fuath liom ...	I hate ...



Listen to some people expressing opinions on television programmes. Before listening to the recording, have a look at the vocabulary below.

cláracha	programmes
cláracha faisnéise	documentaries
cláracha spóirt	sports programmes
cláracha ceoil	music programmes
cláracha cainte	talk shows
cláracha dúlra	nature programmes

- Is maith liom cláracha faisnéise; 'Panorama', mar shampla.
- Is maith liom cláracha cainte agus cláracha ceoil, go háirithe 'Top of the Pops'. Ní maith liom cláracha spóirt.
- Is breá liom cláracha ceoil agus cláracha dúlra.
- Ní maith liom cláracha faisnéise ar chor ar bith.
- Is fuath liom cláracha cainte agus cláracha spóirt.



1. Can you say the following in Irish? Listen to the recording to see if you're correct.

1. I like nature programmes.
2. I don't like music programmes.
3. I really like documentaries.
4. I don't like chat shows.
5. I hate sports programmes.

2. Write a sentence on each of the programmes below, using the phrases you've learnt so far in this unit.

Top of the Pops

Eastenders

Match of the Day

Now You're Talking

Coronation Street

The Late Late Show

SAYING WHAT YOU LIKE DOING

When you talk about the things you like **doing** or actually participating in, as opposed to just liking, you can use the word **bheith**:

Is maith liom a bheith ...

ag garraíodóireacht

ag péinteáil

ag cócaireacht

ag iascaireacht

ag léamh

I like ...

gardening

painting

cooking

fishing

reading

Here are some other popular pastimes and activities.

Is maith liom ...

a dhul ag rith.

amharc ar an teilifís.

éisteacht le ceol.

a dhul ag snámh.

a dhul chuig scannáin.

a dhul chuig drámaí.

leadóg a imirt.

I like to ...

go running.

watch television.

listen to music.

go swimming.

go to films.

go to plays.

play tennis.



3. You'll hear different people saying what pastimes and activities they enjoy. Try to say each sentence before they do.

1. I like cooking.
2. I like to go swimming.
3. I like to go to plays.
4. I like to listen to music.
5. I like to fish.

ASKING SOMEONE WHETHER THEY LIKE SOMETHING

An maith leat ...? Do you like ...?

An maith libh ...? Do you like ...?
(when speaking to more than one person)

GIVING YOUR REPLY

When replying to the question **An maith leat ...?** there's no need to use **liom** when say yes or no.

An maith leat ceol clasaiceach?	Do you like classical music?
Is maith.	Yes.
Ní maith.	No.
Is breá liom é.	I really like it.
Ní maith liom ar chor ar bith é.	I don't like it at all.
Is fuath liom é.	I hate it.
Tá sé ceart go leor.	It's all right.

Having replied to the question **An maith leat ...?** you may wish to return the same question. You can do this in two ways:

An maith leatsa é?	Do you like it?
or	
An maith leat féin é?	Do you like it yourself?

Cineálacha Ceoil Types of Music

ceol traidisiúnta	traditional music
ceol clasaiceach	classical music
snagcheol	jazz
roc-cheol	rock music
popcheol	pop music



Listen to some people giving their opinions on different types of music.

—An maith leat ceol traidisiúnta?

—Is maith.

—An maith leat ceol clasaiceach?

—Ní maith liom ar chor ar bith é. An maith leatsa é?

—Is fuath liom é.

—An maith leat snagcheol?

—Is maith. An maith leat féin é?

—Is breá liom é.



4. See if you can say the following in Irish.

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| 1. Do you like traditional music? | 4. I hate it. |
| 2. I like classical music. | 5. I don't like it at all. |
| 3. I really like jazz. Do you like it? | 6. I really like it. |

SAYING THAT YOU PREFER SOMETHING

Is fearr liom ...

I prefer ...

Is maith liom snagcheol ach is fearr liom ceol traidisiúnta.

I like jazz but I prefer traditional music.



You'll hear people saying what kinds of food and drink they prefer. Before listening to the recording, have a look at the vocabulary below.

Bia agus Deoch Food and drink

feoil	meat
glasraí	vegetables
bia mara	seafood
sicín	chicken
fíon bán	white wine
fíon dearg	red wine

—A Eibhlín, an maith leat feoil?

—Is maith, ach is fearr liom bia mara. An maith leatsa bia mara?

—Tá sé ceart go leor.

—A Rónáin, an maith leat sicín?

—Ní maith.

—Agus an maith leat glasraí?

—Ní maith liom glasraí ar chor ar bith.

—A Liam, an maith leat fíon bán?

—Is maith, ach is fearr liom fíon dearg.

Faisnéis

All nouns in Irish are either **masculine** or **feminine**. The word **é**, **í** and **iad** are known as **pronouns** and are used to avoid repeating a noun, whether that noun represents a person or a thing.

é: 'him' or 'it' when referring to a masculine word.

í: 'her' or 'it' when referring to a feminine word.*

iad: 'them' in all cases.

ceol (masculine)

—An maith leat ceol?

—Is breá liom é.

leadóg (feminine)

—An maith leat leadóg?

—Is fuath liom í.*

*There is a growing tendency to use **é** all the time for 'it'.

Cláracha (plural)

—An maith leat cláracha ceoil?

—Is breá liom iad.

When the pronouns **é**, **í** and **iad** immediately follow the verb, the following forms are used:

sé: 'he' or 'it' when referring to a masculine word.

sí: 'she' or 'it' when referring to a feminine word.

siad: 'they' in all cases.

—An maith leat cláracha spóirt?

—Tá siad ceart go leor.

—An maith leat Julia Roberts?

— Tá sí ceart go leor.



5. Can you say the following in Irish?

1. I like meat but I prefer seafood.
2. I like red wine but I prefer white wine.
3. I don't like vegetables at all.
4. I hate chicken.

SAYING WHAT SOMETHING IS LIKE

Tá sé maith

It's good.

Tá sé an-mhaith.

It's very good.

Tá sé measartha maith.

It's reasonably good.

Níl sé rómhaith.

It's not too good.

Tá sé go dona.

It's very bad.

ASKING WHETHER SOMETHING IS ANY GOOD

An bhfuil ... maith?

Is ... good?

An bhfuil an fíon seo maith?

Is this wine good?

An bhfuil maith ar bith sa ...?

Is the ... any good?

An bhfuil maith ar bith sa bhialann sin?

Is that restaurant any good?



6. A new restaurant has recently opened and a reporter has called in to interview some of the customers for the purposes of writing a review. He's asking people **An bhfuil an bia maith?** (Is the food good?) Try to answer before each customer does.

1. It's not too good.
2. It's reasonably good.
3. It's very bad.
4. It's very good.

Na hUimhreacha 1–20

We'll have a recap on the numbers you've learnt already and add a few more.

0	a náid	11	a haon déag
1	a haon	12	a dó dhéag
2	a dó	13	a trí déag
3	a trí	14	a ceathair déag
4	a ceathair	15	a cúig déag
5	a cúig	16	a sé déag
6	a sé	17	a seacht déag
7	a seacht	18	a hocht déag
8	a hocht	19	a naoi déag
9	a naoi	20	fiche
10	a deich		



7 Tick the numbers you hear on the recording.

0	1	3	2
6	4	5	12
7	8	11	17
10	9	13	18
15	14	16	20