

AONAD 30

AG LABHAIRT FAOIN AM ATÁ LE THEACHT | SPEAKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

USING THE PRESENT TENSE TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE

You can use the present tense followed by a **verbal noun** to talk about things that are going to happen in the future, in the same way you can in English. Here are some examples:

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| Tá mé ag bualachadh le Mark ag a naoi. | I'm meeting Mark at nine. |
| Tá Fiona ag teacht ar ais óna saoire amárach. | Fiona is coming back from her holidays tomorrow. |
| Tá mé ag imeacht arís amárach. | I'm leaving again tomorrow. |



Have a listen to some examples on the recording.

- An bhfuil tú ag iarraidh deoch eile?
- Níl, go raibh maith agat. Tá mé ag tiomáint go Dún na nGall i gceann uair a chloig.
- Tá Eibhlín ag teacht ar ais amárach.
- Is maith sin.
- Tá mé ag dul ag siopadóireacht i nDoire amárach, a Mháire.
An bhfuil rud ar bith de dhíth ort?
- Níl, go raibh maith agat.



1. Can you say the following in Irish?
 1. I'm going to the post office at two o'clock.
 2. I'm playing football tomorrow morning.
 3. I'm going to a play tomorrow night.
 4. He's leaving next week.
 5. She's going swimming at half past five.
 6. They're painting the house next weekend.

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THE FUTURE TENSE

Verbs that end in **-ann** or **-eann** in the present tense:

You replace the present tense endings with **-faidh** (after the broad vowels **a, o, and u**) or **-fidh** (after the slender vowels **i and e**).

ólann sé	he drinks
ólfaidh sé	he will drink
cuireann sí	she puts
cuirfidh sí	she will put

Verbs that ends in **-áíonn** or **-íonn** in the present tense:

You replace the present tense endings with **-óidh** (after the broad vowels **a, o, and u**) or **-eoidh** (after the slender vowels **i and e**).

ceannaíonn sí	she buys
ceannóidh sí	she will buy
imíonn siad	the go / leave
imeoidh siad	they will go / leave

THE IRREGULAR VERBS

Here are the future tense forms of some of the irregular verbs:

An rachaidh tú ...?	Will you go?
Rachaidh. / Ní rachaidh.	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
An mbeidh tú ...?	Will you be ...?
Beidh. / Ní bheidh.	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
An dtabharfaidh tú ...?	Will you give ...?
Tabharfaidh. / Ní thabharfaidh.	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
An bhfaighidh tú ...?	Will you get ...?
Gheobhaidh. / Ní bhfaighidh.	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
An bhfeicfidh tú ...?	Will you see ...?
Chífidh. / Ní fheicfidh.	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
An ndéanfaidh ...?	Will you do / make ...?
Déanfaidh. / Ní dhéanfaidh.	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.
An ndéarfaidh tú ...?	Will you say / tell?
Déarfaidh. / Ní dhéarfaidh.	Yes, I will. / No, I won't.

It is not necessary to use personal pronouns—**mé, tú, sé, sí**, etc—when answering a question:

An rachaidh Bríd leat?	Will Bríd go with you?
Rachaidh. / Ní rachaidh.	Yes, she will. / No, she won't.

OFFERING TO DO SOMEONE A FAVOUR

The future tense is used when offering to do someone a favour.

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| An gcuirfidh mé an t-im sa chuisneoir duit? | Will I put the butter in the fridge for you? |
| An rachaidh mé go dtí an otharlann leat? | Will I go to the hospital with you? |
| An dtabharfaidh mé síob duit? | Will I give you a lift? |

ASKING SOMEONE TO DO YOU A FAVOUR

The future tense is also used when asking someone to do *you* a favour.

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| An bhfaighidh tú páipéar nuachta domh? | Will you get a newspaper for me? |
| An ndéarfaidh tú léi go raibh mé ag cur a tuairisce? | Will you tell her that I was asking for her? |
| An ndéanfaidh tú gar domh? | Will you do me a favour? |



Listen to some examples on the recording. Look out for the phrase **Níl mé ach ag magadh** (I'm only joking).

- Cá bhfuil tú ag dul, a Éamainn?
- Tá mé ag dul amach le Peigí.
- Ó, an ndéarfaidh tú léi go raibh mé ag cur a tuairisce?
- Déarfaidh, cinnte.

- A Chrístín, an ndéanfaidh tú gar domh?
- Ní dhéanfaidh. Tá mé ag imeachtanois.
- Á, a Christín!
- Níl mé ach ag magadh. Déanfaidh, cinnte.
- An gcuirfidh tú an litir seo sa phost domh?
- Maith go leor. Slán go fóill.

- An bhfaighidh tú na glasraí domh, a Pheadair? Tá siad istigh sa phrios sin.
- Gheobhaidh, cinnte.



2. You'll hear people being asked to do some favour. Try to ask each favour before the person on the recording does.

1. Dónall, will you do me a favour?
2. Caitlín, will you go to the post office for me?
3. Cathal, will you give me a lift?

In the next two examples you're offering to do someone a favour.

4. Louise, will I put the towels (**na tuáilli**) in the bathroom for you?
5. Will I get a newspaper for you?

ASKING ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS

An mbeidh tú sa bhaile amárach?

Beidh. / Ní bheidh.

Will you be at home tomorrow?

I will / I won't.

An bhfeicfidh mé amárach tú?

Chífidh. / Ní fheicfidh.

Will I see you tomorrow?

You will. / You won't.

An bhfaighidh tú seans a dhul chuig an dráma?

Gheobhaidh. / Ní bhfaighidh.

Will you get a chance to go to the play?

I will. / I won't.



Have a listen to people talking about future events.

—**An mbeidh tú saor tráthnóna amárach?**

—**Ní bheidh.** Beidh mé ag tabhairt aire do na páistí.

—**An bhfeicfidh tusa Aisling anocht?**

—**Chífidh.**

—**An ndéarfaidh tú léi scairt a chur orm?**

—**Déarfaidh,** cinnte.

—**An bhfaighidh tú seans a dhul go dtí an t-oillmhargadh inniu?**

—**Gheobhaidh,** ag am lóin.

—**Is maith sin.** Tá prátaí agus glasraí de dhíth orainn.



3. You'll hear people being asked about future events. Try to answer before they do.

—A Phádraig, an mbeidh tusa saor Dé Sathairn?

Say, 'Yes, I will.'

—An rachaidh tú go hInis Ceithleann liom?

Say, 'I will, surely.'

—Tá tusa ag obair le Deirdre, nach bhfuil?

Say, 'Yes, I am.'

—An bhfeicfidh tú amárach í?

Say, 'No, I'm not working tomorrow.'

—Tá sin ceart go leor. Cuirfidh mé scairt uirthi.

4. Can you write the following sentences in Irish?

1. Will you go to Derry with me on Friday?

2. Will he be at home this evening?

3. Will they see Dara at the weekend?

4. Will I get the newspaper?

5. Will you put the milk in the fridge?

SAYING WHEN SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN

We came across **i gceann** in Units 7 and 12. Here are some more examples.

i gceann cúpla lá	in a few days' time
i gceann seachtaine	in a week's time
i gceann coicíse	in a fortnight's time

If you want to be less specific you can use

amach anseo	sometime in the future
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Have a listen to some examples on the recording.

- Cad é mar atá Aodán? Chuala mé go bhfuil sé san otharlann.
- Tá sé i bhfad níos fearr. Beidh sé sa bhaile i gceann cúpla lá.
- Is maith sin.

- An bhfaighidh tú seans a dhul chuig an dráma ag an deireadh seachtaine?
- Ní bhfaighidh. Beidh mé ag obair.
- Is mór an trua sin.
- Á, chífidh mé amach anseo é.

- Chuala mé go bhfuil sibh ag dul ar saoire go dtí an Fhrainc.
Cá huair atá sibh ag imeacht?
- I gceann coicíse. Tá mé ag súil go mór leis.



5. Can you say the following in Irish?

1. I'll see you in a fortnight's time.
2. I'm going in a week's time.
3. I'll see them in few days' time.
4. They're coming home in a week's time.
5. I'd like to go to America sometime in the future.

USING THE WORD 'MÁ' TO TALK ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS

The probability of future events happening sometimes depends on other factors.

má bhíonn am agam	if I have the time
má bhíonn an lá go deas	if it's a nice day
má théann tú ...	if you go ...
má bhíonn lá saor agam	if I have a day off
má bhím saor	if I'm free



Have a listen to some examples on the recording.

—A Eilís, an rachaidh tú chuig scannán liom Dé hAoine?

—Rachaidh, cinnte, má bhím saor.

—Má théann tú go Béal Feirste Dé Luain, an dtabharfaidh tú síob domhsa?

—Tabharfaidh. Beidh mé ag imeacht thart fán hocht a chlog ar maidin.

—Ar mhaith leat a dhul ag snámh Dé hAoine?

—Ba mhaith, má bhíonn an lá go deas.



6. You'll hear people on the recording being asked about an event, about doing something or going somewhere in the near future. Try to answer before they do.

—A Sheáin, an ndéanfaidh tusa an tsíopadóireacht tráthnóna inniu?

Say, 'I will if I have the time.'

—An rachaidh muid ag snámh amárach?

Say, 'Yes, if it's a nice day.'

—Ar mhaith leat a theacht go Port Rois ag an deireadh seachtaine?

Say, 'I'd love to if I'm free.'

—An mbeidh Susan ag teacht abhaile an tseachtaín seo?

Say, 'She will if she has a day off.'

ASKING WHAT THE WEATHER WILL BE LIKE

Cad é an cineál aimsire a bheidh ann amárach? What will the weather be like tomorrow?

SAYING WHAT THE WEATHER WILL BE LIKE

Beidh sé gaofar.	It'll be windy.
Beidh sé fliuch.	It'll be wet.
Beidh sé tirim.	It'll be dry.
Beidh clocha sneachta ann.	There will be hailstones.
Beidh tintreach agus toirneach ann.	There will be thunder and lightning.

You can use the word **déarfainn** (I'd say) if you're not sure what the weather will be like.

Beidh fearthainn throm ann, déarfainn. It'll rain heavily, I'd say. (literally, There will be heavy rain in it, I'd say.)

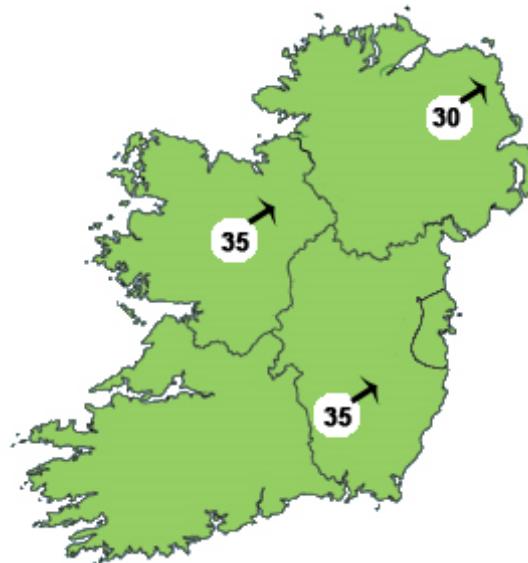
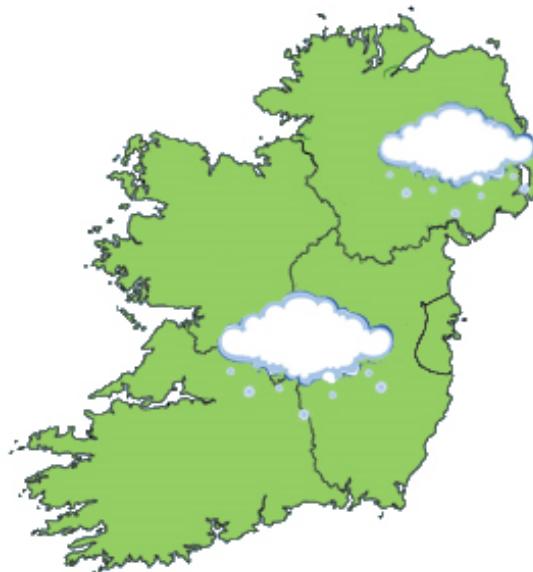


Listen to these people saying what they think the weather will be like.

- Tá mé féin agus Aonghas ag dul ag snámh amárach, a Uncail Joe.
- An bhfuil a fhios agat cad é an cineál aimsire a bheidh ann?
- Ó, beidh tintreach agus toirneach agus clocha sneachta ann, déarfainn!
- Ach mí Lúnasa atá ann!
- Níl mé ach ag magadh. Beidh lá deas ann.
- A Mháire, cad é an cineál aimsire a bheidh ann Dé hAoine?
- Chuala mé ar an raidió go mbeidh fearthainn throm ann. Cad chuide?
- Tá Gearóidín ag pósadh Dé hAoine. Is mór an trua nach mbeidh lá deas ann.

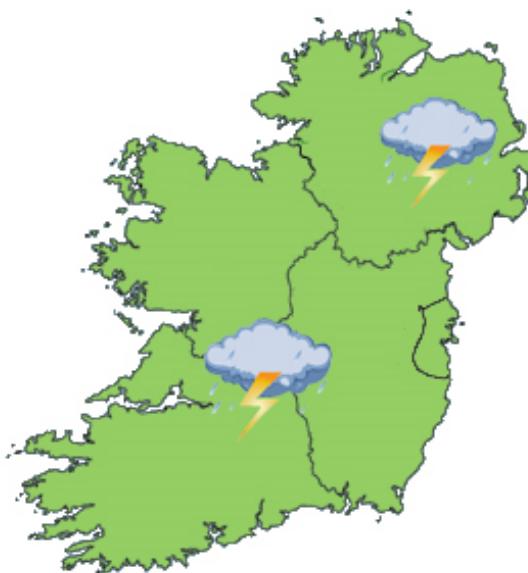
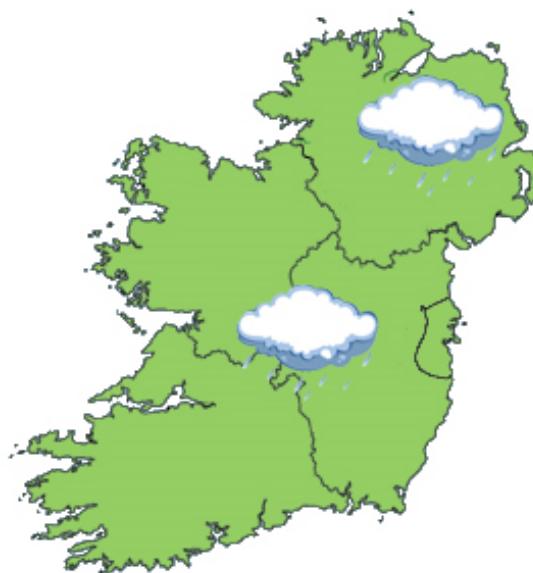
7. RÉAMHAISNÉIS NA HAIMSIRE | THE WEATHER FORECAST

Each picture represents what the weather will be like the following day. Write an appropriate description. The first one is done for you.



1. Beidh clocha sneachta ann.

2. _____



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