

AONAD 21

AG TABHAIRT CUIRÍ | GIVING INVITATIONS

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Ar mhaith leat ...	Would you like ...
a dhul chuig dráma liom?	to go to a play with me?
a dhul ag rith?	to go running?
cluiche gailf a imirt?	to play a game of golf?
a theacht ag siopadóireacht liom?	to come shopping with me?
a theacht isteach?	to come in?
suí síos?	to sit down?

ACCEPTING AND REFUSING AN INVITATION

Ba mhaith.	I would.
Níor mhaith.	I wouldn't.
Ba bhreá liom.	I'd love to.
Cinnte. Níl mé gnóthach inniu.	Certainly. I'm not busy today.
Tá brón orm—ní thig liom.	I'm sorry—I can't.



Have a listen to some people accepting and refusing invitations.

- Ar mhaith leat a dhul chuig cluiche peile liom tráthnóna?
- Tá brón orm—ní thig liom.
- Cad chuige?
- Tá rang Fraincise agam.
- Ar mhaith leat suí síos tamall?
- Bá bhreá liom, ach caithfidh mé a dhul chuig cruinniú.
- Ar mhaith leat a dhul ag siopadóireacht liom?
- Ba mhaith, cinnte. Níl mé gnóthach inniu.

GIVING EXCUSES

Tá mé ag tabhairt aire do na páistí.	I'm looking after the children.
Tá mé ag cóiriú an chairr.	I'm repairing the car.
Tá mé ag péinteáil an tí.	I'm painting the house.
Tá mé róthuirseach.	I'm too tired.
Tá mé an-ghnóthach	I'm very busy.

Faisnéis

We already looked at the **genitive case** in Aonad 18. The genitive also comes after **verbal nouns**—that is, the Irish equivalents of those words that end in **—ing** in English:

an carr	the car
ag cóiriú an chairr	repairing the car
an teach	the house
ag glanadh an tí	cleaning the house

Look out for more examples of the genitive case in other units.



1. You'll hear people on the recording inviting friends to go somewhere or to do something. Reply to the invitations before each person does.

1. Certainly. I'm not busy today.
2. I can't. I have to go to the supermarket.
3. I'd love to.
4. I'd love to, but I'm looking after the children.
5. I can't. I'm repairing the car.

ASKING SOMEONE WHAT THEY'LL BE DOING

Before inviting someone to do something, you might ask first whether they will be free.

Cad é atá tú a dhéanamh ...	What are you doing ...
tráthnóna?	this evening?
san oíche amárach?	tomorrow night?
anocht?	tonight?

SAYING YOU'RE DOING NOTHING

Dadaí.	Nothing.
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Listen to these examples on the recording.

–Cad é atá tú a dhéanamh san oíche amárach?

–Dadaí.

–Ar mhaith leat a dhul chuig scannán?

–Cinnte. Cad é an ceann?

–Cad é atá tú a dhéanamh anocht?

–Dadaí. Cad chuige?

–Tá mise ag dul chuig an dráma. Ar mhaith leat a theacht liom?

–Ba bhreá liom.

FINDING OUT IF SOMEONE WILL BE FREE

An mbeidh tú saor maidin Dé
Domhnaigh?

Will you be free on Sunday morning?

An mbeidh tú gnóthach oíche
Shathairn?

Will you be busy on Saturday night?



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

1. What are you doing tonight?
2. What are you doing tomorrow night?
3. Will you be busy on Tuesday night?
4. Will you be free on Wednesday evening?
5. What are you doing on Thursday night?

ARRANGING TO MEET SOMEONE

Cá háit a mbuailfidh muid le chéile?

Where will we meet?

Fan go bhfeicfidh mé ...

Wait till I see ...

ARRANGING A PLACE TO MEET

Buailfidh mé leat ...	I'll meet you ...
in aice ...	beside ...
in aice leis an bhanc	beside the bank
taobh amuigh ...	outside ...
taobh amuigh den óstán	outside the hotel
sa bhialann	in the restaurant

Faisnéis

Note how **in aice leis an** and **taobh amuigh den** add a **séimhiú** to words beginning with a consonant (except **d, l, n, r, or s**):

an banc

in aice leis an **b**hanc

an caife

taobh amuigh den **c**haife



3. You'll hear people on the recording making arrangements to meet. Try to say the place before each person does.

1. Beside the restaurant.
2. Outside the supermarket.
3. Outside the pub.
4. Beside the chemist's shop.

ARRANGING A TIME

Cad é an t-am?

What time?

You already know how to say 1 to 12 o'clock, a quarter past, half past and a quarter to.

Buailfidh mé leat ag ...	I'll meet you at ...
ceathrú i ndiaidh a haon	a quarter past one
leath i ndiaidh a dó	half past two
ceathrú go dtí a trí	a quarter to three

Here are some of the times in between:

cúig bhomaite i ndiaidh ...	five past ...
deich mbomaite i ndiaidh ...	ten past ...
cúig bhomaite is fiche go dtí ...	twenty-five to ...

fiche bomaite go dtí ...
thart fá ...

twenty to ...
about ...



Listen to some friends making arrangements to meet.

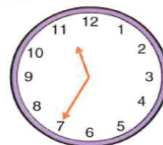
- Cá háit a mbuailfidh muid le chéile?
- Taobh amuigh den ionad siopadóireachta.
- Cad é an t-am?
- Thart fá fiche bomaite i ndiaidh a seacht.
- Go breá.
- Cad é an t-am a mbuailfidh muid le chéile?
- Thart fá deich mbomaite go dtí a cúig.
- Maith go leor.

4. Write the correct time in words beside each clock.

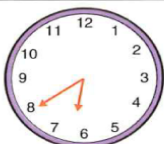
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5. Imagine that you bump into a friend after work and decide to invite her to go to a film with you.

Ask her what she's doing on Tuesday night.
-Dadaí. Cad chuige?

Ask her if she would like to go to a film.
-Cinnté. Cén scannán?

Say 'Tim Robbins's new film.'
-Ó, go breá. Cá háit a mbuailfidh muid le chéile?

Say, 'Outside the cinema at five to eight.'
-Maith go leor. Chífidh mé ansin tú.