

AONAD 6

AG ORDÚ DEOCHANNA | ORDERING DRINKS

ASKING SOMEONE WHAT THEY WANT

Cad é ba mhaith leat?	What would you like?
Cad é ba mhaith leatsa?	What would you like?
Cad é ba mhaith libh?	What would you like? (when speaking to more than one person)

You can use the following when addressing a friend or family member:

Cad é atá de dhíth ort?	What do you want?
Cad é atá de dhíth oraibh?	What do you want? (when speaking to more than one person)

SAYING WHAT YOU WANT

Ba mhaith liom ...	I'd like ...
Ba mhaith liom cupa tae.	I'd like a cup of tea.

When responding to the question **Cad é ba mhaith leat?** you can drop **Ba mhaith liom** and simply say the name of the thing you want.

Deochanna

caife	coffee
caife dubh	black coffee
caife bán	white coffee
tae	tea
tae láidir	strong tea
tae lag	weak tea
sú oráiste	orange juice
uisce	water

BEING COURTEOUS

... le do thoil.	... please.
Go raibh maith agat.	Thank you.
Maith thú.	Thanks.
Tá fáilte romhat.	You're welcome.
Tá fáilte romhaibh.	You're welcome (when speaking to more than one person)



Listen to these examples.

- Cad é ba mhaith leat?
- Caife dubh agus sú oraiste, le do thoil ... Go raibh maith agat.
- Cad é ba mhaith leat?
- Caife bán, le do thoil.
- Cad é ba mhaith leat?
- Tae lag, le do thoil ... Go raibh maith agat.
- Tá fáilte romhat.

ASKING SOMEONE IF THEY TAKE MILK OR SUGAR

An dtógann tú bainne?	Do you take milk?
An dtógann tú siúcra?	Do you take sugar?
Tógaim.	I do.
Ní thógaim.	I don't.



1. Can you now ask the following questions in Irish?

1. What would you like?
2. What would you like? (when speaking to more than one person)
3. What would **you** like?



2. Imagine you're in a café on several different occasions. Say what you want each time.

Waiter: **Cad é ba mhaith leat?**

Tell him you want a cup of black coffee.

Waiter: **Cad é ba mhaith leat?**

Tell him you want a cup of strong tea

Waiter: **Cad é ba mhaith leat?**

Tell him you want a cup of weak tea.

Waiter: **An dtógann tú siúcra?**

Tell him you don't.

Waiter: **Cad é ba mhaith leat?**

Tell him you want a white coffee.

If you're in company and the question **Cad é ba mhaith libh?** is being addressed to the group as a whole, you can use **domhsa** and **liomsa** to answer specifically for yourself:

Caife dubh domhsa.

A black coffee for me.

Ba mhaith liomsa tae le bainne.

I'd like tea with milk.



Listen to this example on the recording:

—**Cad é ba mhaith libh?**

—**Ba mhaith liomsa caife, le do thoil.**

—**Tae domhsa, le do thoil.**

BEING MORE PRECISE

cupa	a cup
muga	a mug
pota tae	a pot of tea
gloine uisce	a glass of water
pionta beorach	a pint of beer
leathphionta	half a pint
buidéal	a bottle



3. Imagine that you're out with friends on two different occasions. Order for yourself at the appropriate time.

Waiter: **Cad é ba mhaith libh?**

Friend: **Caife dubh agus gloine uisce domhsa, le do thoil.**

You ask for a pot of tea. Use **Ba mhaith liomsa ...**

Waiter: **Cad é ba mhaith libh?**

Friend: **Ba mhaith liomsa cupa caife, le do thoil.**

You ask for a glass of orange juice and pot of tea. Use **domhsa**.

Deochanna Drinks

beoir	beer
fíon bán	white wine
fíon dearg	red wine
uisce beatha	whiskey

ASKING SOMEONE IF THEY WANT A PARTICULAR THING

Ar mhaith leat ...?	Would you like ...?
Ar mhaith libh ...?	Would you like ...? (when speaking to more than one person)
pionta beorach	a pint of beer
deoch	a drink
uisce beatha	(a) whiskey
leac oighir	ice

GIVING YOUR REPLY

If you're asked the question **Ar mhaith leat ...?** you can answer in the following ways:

Ba mhaith.	Yes (I would).
Níor mhaith.	No (I wouldn't).

SAYING YOU'D PREFER SOMETHING

B'fhearr liom ...

I'd prefer ...

B'fhearr liom gloine uisce.

I'd prefer a glass of water.



Listen to some examples on the recording. You'll hear people being offered a choice of drinks. In some cases they would prefer something else altogether. Look out for **nó** (or).

—**Ar mhaith leat fíon bán nó fíon dearg?**

—**Fíon bán, le do thoil.**

—**Ar mhaith leat uisce beatha?**

—**Níor mhaith. B'fhearr liom pionta beorach.**

—**Ar mhaith leat fíon dearg?**

—**B'fhearr liom gloine uisce, le do thoil.**

—**Ar mhaith leat leac oighir?**

—**Ba mhaith ... Go raibh maith agat.**

—**Ar mhaith leat buidéal beorach nó uisce beatha?**

—**B'fhearr liom sú oraíste, le do thoil.**

—**Cinnte.**

—**Go raibh maith agat.**

—**Tá fáilte romhat.**



You'll be offered drinks by four different people. See if you can give the specified answer.

Woman: **Ar mhaith leat caife?**

Say you'd prefer a cup of tea.

Man: **Ar mhaith leat gloine uisce beatha?**

Say, 'No, thank you'.

Woman: **Ar mhaith leat gloine beorach?**

Say you'd prefer a glass of orange juice.

Woman: **Ar mhaith leat leac oighir?**

Say you would.

5 Look at the answers given below and try to write suitable questions.

1 Person 1: _____

Person 2: **Cupa tae, le do thoil.**

Person 1: _____

Person 2: **Níor mhaith, go raibh maith agat.**

Person 1: _____

Person 2: **Ba mhaith liomsa gloine 'Coke'.**

Person 3: **Uisce beatha domhsa, le do thoil.**

Faisnéis

COUNTING THINGS

In Aonad 4 you learnt how to count up to six things. You saw how the numbers 2–6 cause a **séimhiú** in words beginning with a consonant (except **l, n, r** and **s**).

trí chaife sé ghloine
cúig phionta

The numbers 7–10 cause an **urú** in words beginning with a consonant (except **l, m, n, r**, and **s**) and in all words beginning with a vowel:

seacht mbuidéal naoi ngloine
ocht bpionta deich n-oráiste
but
seacht sú oráiste

6. Tick the correct answer in each case.

1. Seacht—

cupa ☐
gcupa ☐
chupa ☐

2. Trí—

ngloine ☐
ghloine ☐
gloine ☐

3. Dhá—

oráiste ☐
n-oráistí ☐
n-oráiste ☐

4. Ocht—

dheoch ☐
ndeoch ☐
deoch ☐



7. You're feeling in a generous mood again! Listen to the recording, and when you're asked **Cad é ba mhaith leat?** order the things listed below.

1. Seven pints of beer.
2. Two coffees and three cups of tea.
3. Five glasses of orange juice.
4. Nine bottles of beer.
5. Eight orange juices.

SAYING CHEERS!

Sláinte!

Cheers! (literally, Health!)

TELLING SOMEONE THAT A DRINK IS THEIRS

... duitse

Pionta beorach duitse.

Seo do ...

Seo do phionta.

... for **you**.

A pint of beer for you.

Here's your ...

Here's your pint.

Eolas Cultúrtha

TRADITIONAL TOASTS

Sláinte mhaith agat i bhfad ó bhrón

Good health to you, free from sorrow.

Sláinte do bheo agus trócaire do mharbh.

Health to the living and mercy on the dead.

Go mba fada a mhairfidh tú.

Long life to you.

Faisnéis

The word **duitse** means 'for you' or 'to you' and is made up of the following:

do (for / to) + **tú** (you) + **se** (which is used to add emphasis to **tú**).

Earlier we saw the word **domhsa**, which means 'for me' or 'to me' and is a combination of the following elements:

do (for / to) + **mé** (me) + **sa** (which is used to add emphasis to **mé**).

8. Unjumble this dialogue between a barman and a customer.

- Leac oighir?
- Cad é ba mhaith leat?
- Rud ar bith eile?
- Cad é mar atá tú?
- Pionta beorach, le do thoil.
- Go maith, go raibh maith agat.
- Le do thoil.
- Gloine 'Coke'.