

## AONAD 23

### AG IARRAIDH CEADA AGUS GARANNA | ASKING FOR PERMISSION AND FAVOURS

#### ASKING FOR PERMISSION

An dtig liom ...	May I ...
an fón a úsáid?	use the phone?
caitheamh?	smoke?
an fhuinneog a oscailt?	open the window?
a dhul chuig an scannán anocht?	go to the film tonight?

#### GIVING AND REFUSING PERMISSION

Thig.	You may.
Thig, cinnte.	You may indeed.
Ní thig.	You may not.

If you want to add emphasis to this and say a very definite 'no' you can use **leat**, or **libh** if you're addressing more than one person.

Ní thig leat!	You may not!
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Have a listen to some of the above phrases on the recording. Look out for:

rófhuar	too cold
rómhall	too late
páirceáil	park

–Gabh mo leithscéal. An dtig liom an fón a úsáid?

–Thig, cinnte.

–An dtig liom an fhuinneog a oscailt?

–Ní thig. Tá sé rófhuar.

–A Mhamaí, an dtig liom amharc ar an teilifís? Tá scannán maith ar siúl.

–Ní thig. Tá sé rómhall.

- An dtig liom páirceáil anseo?
- Tá brón orm, ní thig. Ach thig leat páirceáil thall ansin.
- Go raibh maith agat.

### Faisnéis

Pay special attention to **word order** in the phrases you've learnt so far in this unit. In some instances it differs from the English:

**An dtig liom    an fhuinneog    a oscailt?**  
                     May I                      the window                      open?



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

1. Excuse me. May I park here?
2. May I open the window?
3. You may.
4. You may indeed.
5. You may not.

### ASKING FOR FAVOURS AND MAKING REQUESTS

In units 9 and 19 you learnt how to ask children and friends to do various things, such as to open a door or to hurry up. Let's look at more polite ways of asking for favours and making requests.

**An dtiocfadh leat ...**

**an doras a dhruid?**

**scairtigh ar Bhríd?**

**an litir seo a chur sa phost domh?**

**na soithí a ní?**

Could you ...

close the door?

call Bríd?

post this letter for me?

wash the dishes?



Have a listen to some people making requests.

- **An dtiocfadh leat an carr a ní domh, le do thoil?**
- **Cinnte. Níl mé gnóthach.**
- **An dtiocfadh leat an seomra suí a ghlanadh, le do thoil?**
- **Ní thig liom. Tá mé ag dul ag siopadóireacht le Yvonne anois.**
- Beidh mé ar ais i gceann uair an chloig. Ceart go leor?**
- **Ceart go leor.**
- **An dtiocfadh leat a dhul go dtí an siopa domh?**
- **Maith go leor. Cad é atá de dhíth ort?**



2. Imagine that you're a harassed parent. What would you say in the following situations? You're addressing one person unless otherwise stated.

1. The kitchen door is open and you want your son to close it.
2. The boys' bedroom is in a mess and you want them to clean it up.
3. You're weighed down with groceries and you can't open the door.
4. Áine's dinner is ready and you want your son to call her.
5. You're spring-cleaning and you want your children to wash the windows (**na fuinneogaí**).

### MORE POLITE FORMS

**Ar mhiste leat ...**

**páipéar nuachta a fháil domh?**

**an chistin a ghlanadh?**

**cuidiú liom an tábla seo a bhogadh?**

Would you mind ...

getting a newspaper for me?

cleaning the kitchen?

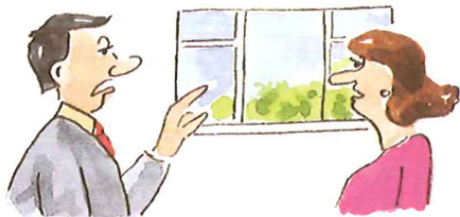
helping me to move this table?



3. Can you say the following in Irish?

1. Would you mind cleaning the car?
2. Could you clean the kitchen?
3. Would you mind going to the post office for me?
4. Could you help me to move this chair?
5. Would you mind opening the window?

4. Unjumble the phrase beneath each picture below. The question marks have been omitted – you put them in!



1. oscailt a mhiste Ar leat fhuinneog an

2. linn a imirt An dtig peil



3. leat An folctha dtiocfadh an ghlanadh a seomra

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### ASKING TO SEE OR SPEAK TO SOMEONE

An dtig liom labhairt le ...?

May I speak to ...?

An dtig liom labhairt le Séamas?

May I speak to Séamas?

An dtig liom labhairt leis an bhainisteoir?

May I speak to the manager?

An dtig liom ... a fheiceáil?

May I see ...?

An dtig liom an dochtúir a fheiceáil?

May I see the doctor?

Again you can say **Thig** or **Ní thig** in answer to these questions.

### GIVING SOMEONE A REASON WHY THEY CAN'T SEE OR SPEAK TO SOMEONE

Tá sé / sí ...

He / She is....

as baile

away

ar shiúl go dtí an banc

gone to the bank

Níl sé / sí ...

san oifig

anseo faoi láthair

ag obair inniu

He / She isn't ...

in the office

here at the moment

at work today



Have a listen to some of these phrases on the recording.

–Gabh mo leithscéal. An dtig liom labhairt le Macdara Ó Gríofa?

–Níl Macdara ag obair inniu. Beidh sé anseo amárach.

–Ceart go leor.

–An dtig liom an dochtúir a fheiceáil?

–Thig, cinnte. Ar mhiste leat suí síos tamall? Tá sé gnóthach faoi láthair.



5. Imagine that you're answering the phone and dealing with visitors in an office. Give the reasons below why people are not available.

1. I'm sorry, she's not here at the moment. She's gone to the bank.
2. John's not working today. He's on holiday.
3. I'm sorry, Gráinne's gone to the post office. Could I help you?



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

1. May I park here?
2. You may, certainly.
3. Could you go to the shop for me?
4. Would you mind opening the door for me?
5. May I speak to Mark?
6. May I see the manager?