

AONAD 18

AG DUL AR SAOIRE | GOING ON HOLIDAY

SAYING YOU'RE GOING ON HOLIDAY

Tá mé ag dul ar saoire.*

I'm going on holiday.

Tá muid ag dul ar saoire.*

We're going on holiday.

*Laethanta saoire is also used.

ASKING SOMEONE WHERE THEY'RE GOING

Cá háit?

Where?

Cá bhfuil tú ag dul?

Where are you going?

Cá háit a bhfuil tú ag dul ar saoire
i mbliana?

Where are you going on holiday this
year?

SAYING WHERE YOU'RE GOING

Tá mé ag dul thar lear.

I'm going abroad

Tá mé ag dul go dtí an Spáinn.

I'm going to Spain.

Countries

tír	a country
tíortha	countries
Éire/Éirinn	Ireland
Sasana	England
Albain	Scotland
an Bhreatain Bheag	Wales
an Fhrainc	France
an Ghearmáin	Germany
an Spáinn	Spain
an Iodáil	Italy
an Ghréig	Greece
Meiriceá	America

If you can't remember whether to put **go** or **go dtí** before the name of a place when saying 'to', go back to Aonad 7.



Listen to some people saying where they're going on holiday.

—Tá mé ag dul ar saoire Dé Luain, a Bhríd.

—Cá háit?

—Tá mé ag dul go dtí an Spáinn.

—Tá mé ag dul ar saoire.

—Ó, cá bhfuil tú ag dul?

—Go dtí an Ghearmáin.

—Cá háit a bhfuil tú ag dul ar saoire i mbliana?

—Tá mé féin agus Martina ag dul go hAlbain.



1. You'll hear people being asked where they're going on holiday.
Answer before they do.

1. To America.
2. To Wales.
3. I'm going to Germany.
4. To Greece and to Italy.

ASKING SOMEONE HOW LONG THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND SOMEWHERE

Cá fhad ... ?

How long ... ?

Cá fhad a bheas tú sa Fhrainc?

How long will you be in France?

SAYING HOW LONG YOU'LL BE SOMEWHERE

You've already learnt the following words:

seachtain

a week

coicís

a fortnight

mí

a month

Faisnéis

Have a look now at what happens when you place **ar feadh** ('for') in front of the above words:

ar feadh seachtaine	for a week
ar feadh coicise	for a fortnight
ar feadh míosa	for a month

Nouns that come after **ar feadh**, therefore, are usually placed in the *genitive case*.



2. You'll hear different people being asked where they are going on holiday and how long they'll be there. Try to answer before they do.

1. To England. For a fortnight.
2. To Scotland. For a week.
3. To France. For a month.

ASKING SOMEONE WHO'S GOING WITH THEM

Cé atá ag dul leat?

Who's going with you?

or

Cé atá ag dul libh?

(plural)

Here are some possible answers:

Mo chara.

My friend.

Mo chairde.

My friends

Tá mé ag dul liom féin.

or

Tá mé ag dul i m'aonar.

I'm going on my own.

ASKING ABOUT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

An bhfuil tú ag dul ...?

Are you going ...?

ar an eitleán

by plane

ar an bhád

by boat

ar an traein

by train

sa charr

by car



Listen to some more people discussing holidays.

- Cá bhfuil tú ag dul ar saoire i mbliana?
- Go dtí an Spáinn—an Costa del Sol.
- Ó, cé atá ag dul leat?
- Susan agus Mairéad. Beidh muid ansin ar feadh coicíse.
- Tá mé féin agus Máirín ag dul ar saoire.
- Ó, cá háit?
- Go dtí an Iodáil.
- Cá fhad a bheas sibh ansin?
- Trí seachtainí.
- Agus an bhfuil sibh ag dul ar an eitleán?
- Tá. Tá muid ag dul le hAer Lingus.



3. Vera and Kevin are going to spend three weeks in Grenoble in France. They're going by boat to Le Havre, then they're taking the train to Lyon and the bus to Grenoble.

Fill in the blanks in Vera's conversation with a friend, then listen to the recording to check if you're correct.

- Cá bhfuil tú ag dul ar _____ i mbliana?
- Go _____ an Fhrainc—Grenoble.
- Cé atá ag dul _____?
- Mo chara Kevin. Beidh muid ansin ar feadh _____ seachtainí.
- Go deas! An bhfuil sibh ag dul _____ an eitleán?
- Níl. Tá muid ag dul ar _____ go Le Harve, ar an traein go Lyon, agus ansin ar an _____ go Grenoble.

ASKING SOMEONE WHERE THEY'LL BE STAYING

Cá háit a mbeidh tú ag fanacht?

Where will you be staying?

Cá háit a mbeidh sibh ag fanacht?

(plural)

SAYING WHERE YOU'LL BE STAYING

Beidh mé ag fanacht ...

in óstán

i dteach lóistín

i mbrú

i gcarbhán

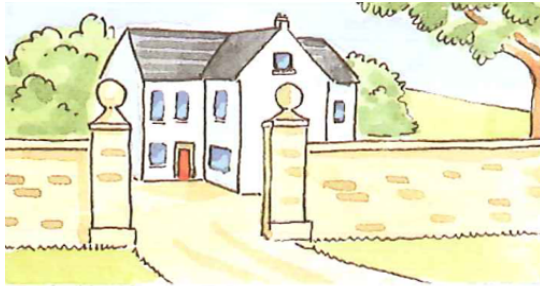
I'll be staying ...

in a hotel

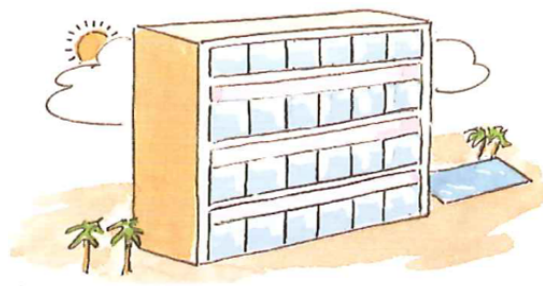
ina guesthouse

in a hostel

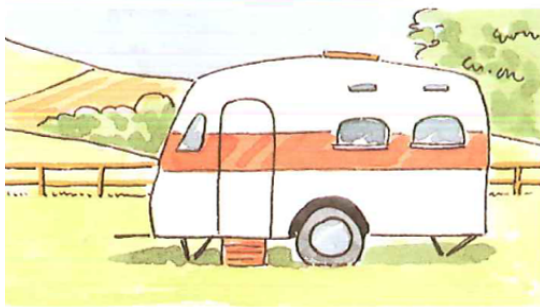
in a caravan



Teach lóistín



Óstán



Carbhán



Brú



4. Try saying the following in Irish now:

1. Who's going with you?
2. I'm going by plane.
3. I'm going by car and boat.
4. I'll be staying in a guesthouse.
5. We'll be staying in a caravan.

ASKING SOMEONE IF THEY'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOMETHING

An bhfuil tú ag súil go mór leis?

Are you looking forward to it?

SAYING YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOMETHING

Tá mé ag súil go mór leis.

I'm looking forward to it.

In reply to a question **An bhfuil tú ag súil go mór leis?** You can simply say **Tá** or **Níl**.



5. You meet a friend several days before you're due to go on holiday. Answer her questions.

—Cá bhfuil tú ag dul ar saoire i mbliana?

Say, 'I'm going to Italy.'

—Á! Cé atá ag dul leat?

Say, 'My friends Micheál and Úna.'

—Cá fhad a bheas sibh ansin?

Say, 'We'll be there for a fortnight.'

—Cá háit a mbeidh sibh ag fanacht?

Say, 'In a hotel. I'm really looking forward to it'.

DESCRIBING ACCOMMODATION

seomra singil

a single room

seomra dúbailte

a double room

seomra le cithfholcadán

a room with a shower



6. Listen to some people talking to a guesthouse owner, and write down what kinds of rooms they're looking for.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____