

# AONAD 13

## AN TEAGHLACH 2 | THE FAMILY 2

### FAMILY MEMBERS AND RELATIVES

Let's do a recap on some of the words we've already covered that relate to the family before moving on to some new ones.

<b>athair</b>	father
<b>máthar</b>	mother
<b>mac</b>	son
<b>iníon</b>	daughter
<b>fear céile</b>	husband
<b>bean chéile</b>	wife

Here's some more vocabulary to do with family and relatives:

<b>deartháir</b>	brother
<b>deirfiúr</b>	sister
<b>tuismitheoirí</b>	parents
<b>máthair mhór</b>	
or	
<b>seanmháthair</b>	grandmother
<b>athair mór</b>	
or	
<b>seanathair</b>	grandfather
<b>aintín</b>	aunt
<b>uncail</b>	uncle
<b>col ceathair</b>	cousin
<b>col ceathracha</b>	cousins

### INTRODUCING FAMILY MEMBERS AND RELATIVES

You also learnt earlier how to introduce some family members, such as your parents and your children. Let's have a look now at how you introduce other family members.

<b>Seo ...</b>	This is ...
<b>m'athair mór</b>	my grandfather
<b>mo mháthair mhór</b>	my grandmother
<b>mo chuid deartháireacha</b>	my brothers

mo chuid deirfiúracha	my sisters
m'uncail	my uncle
m'aintín	my aunt
mo chuid col ceathracha	my cousins



Listen to some people introducing family members and relatives.

—Seo mo chuid deartháireacha, Niall agus Cathal, agus seo mo dheirfiúr, Sally.

—Seo m'Aintín Máire agus m'Uncail Tim agus mo chuid col ceathracha Simon agus Julie.

—Seo mo mháthair agus mo chuid deirfiúracha, Peigí, Nóra, agus Máire.

—Cad é mar atá sibh?

### Faisnéis

**Mo chuid** is used instead of **mo** by itself when —an unspecified or indefinite mass or quantity is being referred to:

mo chuid airgid	my money
mo chuid gruaige	my hair

—an unspecified number of people is being referred to:

mo chuid deirfiúracha	my sisters
mo chuid col ceathracha	my cousins.



1. You'll hear people introducing family members and relatives. Try to say the introduction before they do.

1. These are my brothers Tomás and Liam and my sister Isabelle.
2. This is my Aunt Máirín and my cousins Jim and Frank.
3. This is my grandmother and my grandfather.
4. This is my mother and my Uncle Jeff.
5. These are my sisters Emer and Deirdre.
6. This is my husband, Finbarr, and my son Gavin.

## INTRODUCING YOURSELF AND OTHERS

This is how you introduce yourself and others collectively:

<b>Is muidne* ...</b>	We're ...
<b>Is muidne deirfiúracha John.</b>	We're John's sisters.
<b>Is muidne deartháireacha Laura.</b>	We're Laura's brothers.

\* In Ulster Irish this word usually has three syllables in everyday speech: **muid-in-ne**.

## ASKING ABOUT AGE

**Cad é an aois atá tú?**

or

**Cén aois atá tú?**

What age are you?

**Cad é an aois atá sé?**

What age is he?

Aois	
<b>bliain (d'aois)</b>	one year (old)
<b>dhá bhliain</b>	two years
<b>trí bliana</b>	three years
<b>ceithre bliana</b>	four years
<b>cúig bliana</b>	five years
<b>sé bliana</b>	six years
<b>seacht mbliana</b>	seven years
<b>ocht mbliana</b>	eight years
<b>naoi mbliana</b>	nine years
<b>deich mbliana</b>	ten years

You learnt earlier (Aonad 4 and Aonad 6) that the numbers 2–6 cause a **séimhiú** in words beginning with a consonant and the numbers 7–10 cause an **urú**. **Bliain**, however, is irregular and doesn't follow all the usual rules. Keep this pattern in mind:

1 year	2 years	3–6 years	7–10 years
<b>bliain</b>	<b>dhá <u>b</u>hliain</b>	<b>... bliana</b>	<b>... <u>m</u>bliana</b>



Have a listen to some people talking about age.  
Look out for

**chóir a bheith**

**almost**

and

**go leith**

**and a half**

—Cad é an aois atá do dheartháir?

—Tá sé seacht mbliana.

—Cén aois atá na páistí?

—Tá Deirbhile ceithre bliana agus tá Cian chóir a bheith bliain d'aois.

—Cad é an aois atá do mhac?

—Tá sé ocht mbliana.

—Agus d'iníon?

—Tá sí sé bliana go leith.



2. Imagine that you're married with three children: Sorchá, aged four, Niall, aged five, and Niamh, aged seven. Sorchá is in the nursery and the other two are at primary school. You've just moved to a new area, and you're chatting to the nurse in the local health centre. See if you can answer her questions.

1. **An bhfuil páistí agat?**

2. **C'ainm atá orthu?**

3. **Cad é an aois atá siad?**

4. **An bhfuil an triúr acu ar an bhunscoil?**

### ASKING WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

**Cá bhfuil sé ina chónaí anois?**

Where does he live now?

**Cá bhfuil sí ina cónaí anois?**

Where does she live now?

**Cá bhfuil siad ina gcónaí anois?**

Where do they live now?

## Faisnéis

CÓNAÍLIVE

Tá mé i mo <u>chónaí</u>	I live
Tá tú i do <u>chónaí</u>	You live
Tá sé ina <u>chónaí</u>	He lives
Tá sí ina <u>cónaí</u>	She lives
Tá muid inár <u>gcónaí</u>	We live
Tá sibh in bhur <u>gcónaí</u>	You live
Tá siad ina <u>gcónaí</u>	They live



3. You'll be asked where various people are now and also where they work. Give the appropriate answer in each case.

**1. —Cá bhfuil Marion agus John anois?**

Say, 'They live in Belfast.'

**—Agus cá bhfuil siad ag obair?**

Say, 'Marion works in a shoe shop and John is unemployed at the moment.'

**2. —Cá bhfuil Séamas Holmes anois?**

Say, 'He lives in Dublin and he works in a supermarket.'

**3. —An bhfuil Vera ina cónaí in Aontroim anois?**

Say, 'No, she lives in Enniskillen.'

**—Agus cad é an post atá aici?**

Say, 'She works in a restaurant.'

#### 4. Tú féin!

Can you now say where various members of your family live and where they work?