

AONAD 8

AG PLÉ POSTANNA | DISCUSSING JOBS

SAYING WHAT JOB YOU DO

Is ... mé.

or

... atá ionam.

Is feirmeoir mé.

Siopadóir atá ionam.

I'm a ...

I'm a farmer.

I'm a shopkeeper.

ASKING SOMEONE WHAT JOB YOU DO

Cad é an post atá agat?

What job do you do?

Cad é an tslí bheatha atá agat?

What do you do for a living?



Listen to people saying what they do for a living.

—Cad é an post atá agat?

—Is oibrí monarchan mé.

—Cad é an tslí bheatha atá agat?

—Banaltra atá ionam.

—Cad é an post atá agat?

—Dochtúir atá ionam.

—Cad é an tslí bheatha atá agat?

—Is tiománaí mé.

POSTANNA

JOBS

búistéir

butcher

meicneoir

mechanic

bean tí

housewife

múinteoir

teacher

rúnaí

secretary

oibrí monarchan

factory worker

banaltra

nurse

dochtúir

doctor

tiománaí

driver

bainisteoir

manager

freastalaí

waiter/shop assistant

tógálaí

builder



1. Imagine that you're the person being asked the question in each of the following.

1. **Cad é an tslí bheatha atá agat?**

Say, 'I'm a farmer.'

2. **Cad é an post atá agat?**

Say, 'I'm a mechanic.'

3. **Cad é an tslí bheatha atá agat?**

Say, 'I'm a nurse.'

ASKING SOMEONE WHERE THEY WORK

Cá bhfuil tú ag obair?

Where do you work?

SAYING WHERE YOU WORK

Tá mé ag obair ...

i monarcha

in oifig

i siopa

i mbunscoil

i meánscoil

in otharlann

in óstán

i gcaife

i mbialann

i ngaráiste

I work ...

in a factory

in an office

in a shop

in a primary school

in a secondary school

in a hospital

in a hotel

in a café

in a restaurant

in a garage



Listen to some people saying what they do and where they work.

Remember **i** before consonants
and **in** before vowels.

— Is bainisteoir mé. Tá mé ag obair i monarcha i mBéal Feirste.

— Is freastalaí mé. Tá mé ag obair in óstán i nDún na nGall.

— Dochtúir atá ionam. Tá mé ag obair in otharlann i Londain.

— Siopadóir atá ionam. Tá siopa bróg agam i nDoire.

SAYING WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS YOU HAVE

Tá siopa bróg agam.	I have a shoe shop.
Tá siopa leabhar agam.	I have a bookshop.
Tá bácús agam.	I have a bakery.
Tá teach lóistín agam.	I have a guesthouse.



2. See if you can now say the following in Irish. Check your answers on the recording.

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| 1. What do you do for a living? | 4. I have a bakery. |
| 2. I'm a butcher. | 5. Where do you work? |
| 3. I work in a garage. | 6. I work in a hospital. |

ASKING SOMEONE IF THEY LIKE THEIR JOB

An maith leat ... do phost? do chuid oibre?	Do you like ... your job? your work?
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3 You've already learnt how to answer questions beginning with **An maith leat ...?** in Aonad 5. In this exercise people are being asked what they do and whether or not they like their work. Try to answer before they do.

1. —**Cad é an post atá agat?**
Say, 'I'm a teacher.'
- An maith leat do phost?**
Say, 'I really like it.'
2. —**Cad é an tslí bheatha atá agat?**
Say, 'I'm a secretary.'
- An maith leat do chuid oibre?**
Say, 'It's all right.'
3. —**Cá bhfuil tú ag obair?**
Say, 'I work in a restaurant.'
- An maith leat an post sin?**
Say, 'I hate it.'

SAYING YOU'RE NOT WORKING

Níl mé ag obair	I'm not working
... faoi láthair.	... at the moment.
Níl post ar bith agam	I have no job.
Tá mé dífhostaithe.	I'm unemployed.
Tá mé éirithe as.	I'm retired.



4. Imagine you meet a friend called Anna, whom you haven't seen in a couple of years. See if you can answer her questions.

- Anna: —**Haló! Cad é mar atá tú?**
Say, 'Fine, thank you. And yourself?'
- Anna: —**Ó, go breá. Cá bhfuil tú ag obair anois?**
Say, 'I'm not working at the moment. Where are *you* working?'
- Anna: —**Bhuel, bhí mé ag obair i monarcha ach tá mé éirithe as anois.**

ASKING SOMEONE WHAT JOB THEY HAD

Cad é an post a bhí agat?	What job did you have?
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SAYING WHAT JOB YOU HAD

Ba ... mé	
or	
... a bhí ionam.	I was a ...
Ba mhúinteoir mé.	I was a teacher.
Rúnaí a bhí ionam.	I was a secretary.

Faisnéis

You use **Is** to refer to the job you have at the moment but **Ba** when you're talking about the work you did in the past:

Present Tense
Is dochtúir mé.

Past Tense
Ba dhochtúir mé.

Ba causes a *séimhiú* in words beginning with a consonant (except **l**, **n**, or **r**). It is shortened to **b'** before a vowel or **fh** + vowel:

Ba mheicneoir mé.
 B'oibrí monarchan mé.
 B'fheirmeoir mé.

ASKING SOMEONE IF THEY DO A SPECIFIC JOB

An dochtúir tú? Are you a doctor?

An rúnaí tú? Are you a secretary?

You can answer this question in the following ways:

Is ea. Yes (I am).

Ní hea. No (I'm not).



Listen to some examples on the tape.

—**Gabh mo leithscéal. An freastalaí tú?**

—**Is ea.**

—**Ba mhaith liom cupa caife, le do thoil.**

—**Cinnte.**

—**An múinteoir meánscoile tú?**

—**Ní hea, múinteoir bunscoile.**



5. See if you can answer the following questions:

—**Cad é an post a bhí agat?**

Say, 'I was a driver.'

—**An tiománaí tú anois?**

Say, 'No (I'm not).'

—**Agus cá bhfuil tú ag obair anois?**

Say, 'I work in an office.'

—**An rúnaí tú?**

Say, 'Yes (I am).'

—**An maith leat do chuid oibre?**

Say, 'I don't like it at all.'

6 Tú féin!

If you're working, say what you do, where you work, and whether or not you like your job.