

Tá ... uaim

I need ... / I want ...

We have already seen that there is no verb for “to have” in Irish, but rather an expression (“**tá ... agam**”, literally, something is “at me”). Similarly, there is no verb for “to want” or “to need”. Instead, you say that something is “from” you, using the preposition “**ó**” (“from”). For example:

Tá peann agam. (taw pyawn oggum) I have a pen.
(“A pen is at me.”)

Tá peann uaim. (taw pyawn wem) I need a pen.
(“A pen is from me.”)

Here is a chart of the prepositional pronoun forms of “**ó**”:

ó	(oe)	from
uaim	(wem)	from me
uait	(wet)	from you
uaidh	(wy)	from him
uaithi	(wuh-hee)	from her
uainn	(weng)	from us
uaibh	(wev)	from you
uathu	(wuh-hu)	from them
ó + aspiration		from
ón + eclipsis		from the

Here are some words you can use with “**tá ... uaim**”:

airgead	(air-uh-gid)	money
bia	(bee-ah)	food
cabhair	(kow-air)	help
cathaoir	(kah-heer)	a chair
comhairle	(kor-lyah)	advice
deoch	(djokh)	a drink
síob	(sheeb)	a ride
tuilleadh	(till-ah)	more [“an increase”]

You may also want to use certain adjectives:

nua	(noo-ah)	new	[carr nua	(kawr noo-ah)	a new car]
eile	(ella)	(an)other	[cupán eile	(kup-awn ella)	another cup]