

This lesson looks at verbs from **An Chéad Réimniú** (The First Conjugation). These are verbs that only have one syllable in the **Modh Ordaitheach** and are sometimes referred to as “short verbs”.

The **Modh Ordaitheach** (Imperative Mood) of the verb is used to give commands. The most common forms of the imperative are the command given to one person (this is also the form you usually use to find the verb in a dictionary), the command given to more than one person, and the equivalent of “let’s” in English. The word **ná** is used to give a negative command.

1.	Cuir an cupán sa chistin.	Put the cup in the kitchen.
2.	Cuirigí an cupán sa chistin.	Y’all put the cup in the kitchen.
3.	Cuirimis an cupán sa chistin.	Let’s put the cup in the kitchen.
4.	Ná cuir an cupán sa chistin.	Don’t put the cup in the kitchen.
5.	Ná cuirigí an cupán sa chistin.	Y’all don’t put the cup in the kitchen.
6.	Tóg an cupán ón gcistin.	Take the cup from the kitchen.
7.	Tógaigí an cupán ón gcistin.	Y’all take the cup from the kitchen.
8.	Tógaimis an cupán ón gcistin.	Let’s take the cup from the kitchen.
9.	Ná tóg an cupán ón gcistin.	Don’t take the cup from the kitchen.
10.	Ná tógaigí an cupán ón gcistin.	Y’all don’t take the cup from the kitchen.
11.	Ól an bainne.	Drink the milk.
12.	Ólaigí an bainne.	Y’all drink the milk.
13.	Ólaimis an bainne.	Let’s drink the milk.
14.	Ná h-ól an bainne.	Don’t drink the milk.
15.	Ná h-ólaigí an bainne.	Y’all don’t drink the milk.
16.	Fan sa bhaile.	Stay at home.
17.	Fanaigí sa bhaile.	Y’all stay at home.
18.	Fanaimis sa bhaile.	Let’s stay at home.
19.	Ná fan sa bhaile.	Don’t stay at home.
20.	Ná fanaigí sa bhaile.	Y’all don’t stay at home.
21.	Léigh an leabhar seo.	Read this book.
22.	Léigí an leabhar seo.	Ya’ll read this book.
23.	Léimis an leabhar seo.	Let’s read this book.
24.	Ná léigh an leabhar seo.	Don’t read this book.
25.	Ná léigí an leabhar seo.	Y’all don’t read this book.

Below are a few other common verbs that follow the patterns shown by **cuir, tóg, ól, fan** and **léigh**.

26.	Brúigh ar an gcnaipe.	Press the button.
27.	Caith amach é.	Throw it out.
28.	Cas ar chlé.	Turn left.
29.	Éist liom.	Listen to me.
30.	Fág an leabhar ar an mbord.	Leave the book on the table.
31.	Nigh na soithí.	Wash the dishes.
32.	Pioc suas é.	Pick it up.
33.	Rith go tapaidh.	Run quickly.
34.	Scríobh d’ainm ar an bpáipéar.	Write your name on the paper.
35.	Siúil go mall réidh.	Walk nice and slow.
36.	Suigh síos.	Sit down.
37.	Ná troid leis.	Don’t fight with him.

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The **Aimsir Chaite** (Past Tense) is formed from the **Modh Ordaitheach** by leniting the first letter of the command for one person. It tells about what has happened in the past. **ar** and **nár** are used to ask questions, and **níor** is used to make negative statements. Synthetic forms are commonly used for **I**, ending in **-as** and **we**, ending in **-amar**. **D'** is prefixed to verbs beginning with a vowel or **f**, and **do** is often prefixed to other verbs.

38.	Chuir mé an cupán sa chistin.	I put the cup in the kitchen.
39.	[Do] chuireas an cupán sa chistin.	I put the cup in the kitchen.
40.	Chuir tú an cupán sa chistin.	You put the cup in the kitchen.
41.	Chuir sé an cupán sa chistin.	He put the cup in the kitchen.
42.	Chuir sí an cupán sa chistin.	She put the cup in the kitchen.
43.	Chuir muid an cupán sa chistin.	We put the cup in the kitchen.
44.	[Do] chuireamar an cupán sa chistin.	We put the cup in the kitchen.
45.	Chuir sibh an cupán sa chistin.	Y'all put the cup in the kitchen.
46.	Chuir siad an cupán sa chistin.	They put the cup in the kitchen.
47.	Chuir Seán an cupán sa chistin.	John put the cup in the kitchen.
48.	Níor chuir mé an cupán sa chistin.	I didn't put the cup in the kitchen.
49.	Níor chuireas an cupán sa chistin.	I didn't put the cup in the kitchen.
50.	Ar chuir tú an cupán sa chistin?	Did you put the cup in the kitchen?
51.	Nár chuir tú an cupán sa chistin?	Didn't you put the cup in the kitchen?
52.	Chuir. / [Do] churas.	Yes (put / I put).
53.	Níor chuir. / Níor churas.	No (didn't put / I didn't put).
54.	Cár chuir tú an cupán?	Where did you put the cup?
55.	Thóg mé an cupán ón gcistin.	I took the cup from the kitchen.
56.	[Do] thógas an cupán ón gcistin.	I took the cup from the kitchen.
57.	Ar thóg tú an cupán ón gcistin?	Did you take the cup from the kitchen?
58.	Nár thóg tú an cupán ón gcistin?	Didn't you take the cup from the kitchen?
59.	Thóg. / [Do] thógas.	Yes (took / I took).
60.	Níor thóg. / Níor thógas.	No (didn't take / I didn't take).
61.	Níor thóg mé an cupán ón gcistin.	I didn't take the cup from the kitchen.
62.	D'ól mé an bainne.	I drank the milk.
63.	D'ólas an bainne.	I drank the milk.
64.	Ar ól tú an bainne?	Did you drink the milk?
65.	Nár ól tú an bainne?	Didn't you drink the milk?
66.	D'ól. / D'ólas.	Yes (drank / I drank).
67.	Níor ól. / Níor ólas.	No (didn't drink / I didn't drink).
68.	Níor ól mé an bainne.	I didn't drink the milk.
69.	D'fhan mé sa bhaile.	I stayed at home.
70.	D'fhanas sa bhaile.	I stayed at home.
71.	Ar fhan tú sa bhaile?	Did you stay at home?
72.	Nár fhan tú sa bhaile?	Didn't you stay at home?
73.	D'fhan. / D'fhanas.	Yes (stayed / I stayed).
74.	Níor fhan. / Níor fhanas.	No (didn't stay / I didn't stay).
75.	Níor fhan mé sa bhaile.	I didn't stay at home.
76.	Léigh mé an leabhar seo.	I read this book.
77.	[Do] léas an leabhar seo.	I read this book.
78.	Ar léigh tú an leabhar seo?	Did you read this book?
79.	Nár léigh tú an leabhar seo?	Didn't you read this book?
80.	Léigh. / Do léas.	Yes (read / I read).
81.	Níor léigh. / Níor léas.	No (didn't read / I didn't read).
82.	Níor léigh mé an leabhar seo.	I didn't read this book.

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The **Aimsir Láithreach** (Present Tense) is formed by adding the endings **-ann** or **-eann** to the end of the **Modh Ordaitheach** form. The words **an** and **nach** are used to ask questions, and **ní** is used to make negative statements. Synthetic forms are commonly used for **I**, ending in **-aim** or **-im**, and **we**, ending in **-aimid** or **-imid**.

83.	Cuireann mé an cupán sa chistin.	I put the cup in the kitchen.
84.	Cuirim an cupán sa chistin.	I put the cup in the kitchen.
85.	Cuireann tú an cupán sa chistin.	You put the cup in the kitchen.
86.	Cuireann sé an cupán sa chistin.	He puts the cup in the kitchen.
87.	Cuireann sí an cupán sa chistin.	She puts the cup in the kitchen.
88.	Cuireann muid an cupán sa chistin.	We put the cup in the kitchen.
89.	Cuirimid an cupán sa chistin.	We put the cup in the kitchen.
90.	Cuireann sibh an cupán sa chistin.	Y'all put the cup in the kitchen.
91.	Cuireann siad an cupán sa chistin.	They put the cup in the kitchen.
92.	Cuireann Seán an cupán sa chistin.	John puts the cup in the kitchen.
93.	Ní chuireann mé an cupán sa chistin.	I don't put the cup in the kitchen.
94.	Ní chuirim an cupán sa chistin.	I don't put the cup in the kitchen.
95.	An gcuireann tú an cupán sa chistin?	Do you put the cup in the kitchen?
96.	Nach gcuireann tú an cupán sa chistin?	Don't you put the cup in the kitchen?
97.	Cuireann. / Cuirim.	Yes (put / I put).
98.	Ní chuireann. / Ní chuirim.	No (don't put / I don't put).
99.	Cá gcuireann tú an cupán?	Where do you put the cup?
100.	Tógann mé an cupán ón gcistin.	I take the cup from the kitchen.
101.	Tógaim an cupán ón gcistin.	I take the cup from the kitchen.
102.	An dtógann tú an cupán ón gcistin?	Do you take the cup from the kitchen?
103.	Nach dtógann tú an cupán ón gcistin?	Don't you take the cup from the kitchen?
104.	Tógann. / Tógaim.	Yes (took / I took).
105.	Ní thógann. / Ní thógaim.	No (didn't take / I didn't take).
106.	Ní thógann mé an cupán ón gcistin.	I don't take the cup from the kitchen.
107.	Ólann mé bainne.	I drink milk.
108.	Ólaim bainne.	I drink milk.
109.	An ólann tú bainne?	Do you drink milk?
110.	Nach n-ólann tú bainne?	Don't you drink milk?
111.	Ólann. / Ólaim.	Yes (drink / I drink).
112.	Ní ólann. / Ní ólaim.	No (don't drink / I don't drink).
113.	Ní ólann mé bainne.	I didn't drink milk.
114.	Fanann mé sa bhaile.	I stay at home.
115.	Fanaim sa bhaile.	I stay at home.
116.	An bhfanann tú sa bhaile?	Do you stay at home?
117.	Nach bhfanann tú sa bhaile?	Don't you stay at home?
118.	Fanann. / Fanaim.	Yes (stay / I stay).
119.	Ní fhanann. / Ní fhanaim.	No (don't stay / I don't stay).
120.	Ní fhanann mé sa bhaile.	I don't stay at home.
121.	Léann mé leabhair.	I read books.
122.	Léim leabhair.	I read books.
123.	An léann tú leabhair?	Do you read books?
124.	Nach léann tú leabhair?	Don't you read books?
125.	Léann. / Léim.	Yes (read / I read).
126.	Ní léann. / Ní léim.	No (don't read / I don't read).
127.	Ní léann mé leabhair.	I don't read books.

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The **Aimsir Fháistineach** (Future Tense) is formed by adding **-faidh** or **-fidh** to the **Modh Ordaitheach** forms. Synthetic forms are often used for **we**, ending in **-faimid** or **-fimid**. In all these forms, the letter **f** in the ending is usually pronounced like an **h** or is silent.

128.	Cuirfidh mé an cupán sa chistin.	I will put the cup in the kitchen.
129.	Cuirfidh tú an cupán sa chistin.	You will put the cup in the kitchen.
130.	Cuirfidh sé an cupán sa chistin.	He will put the cup in the kitchen.
131.	Cuirfidh sí an cupán sa chistin.	She will put the cup in the kitchen.
132.	Cuirfidh muid an cupán sa chistin.	We will put the cup in the kitchen.
133.	Cuirfimid an cupán sa chistin.	We will put the cup in the kitchen.
134.	Cuirfidh sibh an cupán sa chistin.	Y'all will put the cup in the kitchen.
135.	Cuirfidh siad an cupán sa chistin.	They will put the cup in the kitchen.
136.	Cuirfidh Seán an cupán sa chistin.	John will put the cup in the kitchen.
137.	Ní chuirfidh mé an cupán sa chistin.	I won't put the cup in the kitchen.
138.	An geurifidh tú an cupán sa chistin?	Will you put the cup in the kitchen?
139.	Nach geurifidh tú an cupán sa chistin?	Won't you put the cup in the kitchen?
140.	Cuirfidh.	Yes (will put).
141.	Ní chuirfidh.	No (won't put).
142.	Cá gcurfidh tú an cupán?	Where will you put the cup?
143.	Tógfaidh mé an cupán ón gcistin.	I will take the cup from the kitchen.
144.	An dtógfaidh tú an cupán ón gcistin?	Will you take the cup from the kitchen?
145.	Nach dtógfaidh tú an cupán ón gcistin?	Won't you take the cup from the kitchen?
146.	Tógfaidh.	Yes (will take).
147.	Ní thógfaidh.	No (won't take).
148.	Ní thógfaidh mé an cupán ón gcistin.	I won't take the cup from the kitchen.
149.	Ólfaidh mé an bainne.	I will drink the milk.
150.	An ólfaidh tú an bainne?	Will you drink the milk?
151.	Nach n-ólfaidh tú an bainne?	Won't you drink the milk?
152.	Ólfaidh.	Yes (will drink).
153.	Ní ólfaidh.	No (won't drink).
154.	Ní ólfaidh mé an bainne.	I won't drink the milk.
155.	Fanfaidh mé sa bhaile.	I will stay at home.
156.	An bhfanfaidh tú sa bhaile?	Will you stay at home?
157.	Nach bhfanfaidh tú sa bhaile?	Won't you stay at home?
158.	Fanfaidh.	Yes (will stay).
159.	Ní fhanfaidh.	No (won't stay).
160.	Ní fhanfaidh mé sa bhaile.	I won't stay at home.
161.	Léifidh mé an leabhar seo.	I will read this book.
162.	An léifidh tú an leabhar seo?	Will you read this book?
163.	Nách léifidh tú an leabhar seo?	Won't you read this book?
164.	Léifidh.	Yes (will read).
165.	Ní léifidh.	No (won't read).
166.	Ní léifidh mé an leabhar seo.	I won't read this book.

Comhrá 1

M: A Sheáin, cá bhfuil do chupán?
S: Tá sé fós ar an mbord.
M: Cuir sa chistin é le do thoil.
S: Cuirfidh mé sa chistin anois díreach é.
M: Go raibh maith agat.
S: Fáilte.

Comhrá 2

A: An ólfaidh tú pionta liom?
B: Ní ólfaidh. Ní ólaim beoir. Is fuath liom í.
A: Ólfaimis braon tae mar sin.
B: Maith go leor. Cuirfidh mé síos an citeal.

Comhrá 3

A: Ar fhág tú an teach go luath inniu?
B: Níor fhág. D'fhan mé i mo chodladh go déanach.
A: An bhfanann tú i do chodladh gach lá?
B: Ní fhanaim. Fágaim an teach go luath de ghnáth.

Comhrá 4

A: Cár fhag tú do leabhar nua?
B: D'fhág mé sa chistin ar an urlár é.
A: Píoc suas é agus cuir ar an mbord é.
B: Ceart go leor.
A: Ar léigh tú é fós?
B: Níor léigh. Léifidh mé anocht é.

Conversation 1

John, where's your cup?
It's still on the table.
Put it in the kitchen please.
I'll put it in the kitchen right now.
Thank you.
You're welcome.

Conversation 2

Will you drink a pint with me?
No. I don't drink beer. I hate it.
Let's drink a drop of tea, then.
Good. I'll put the kettle on.

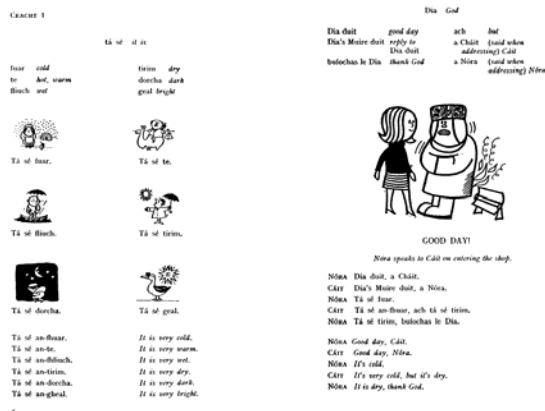
Conversation 3

Did you leave the house early today?
No. I slept in late.
Do you sleep in every day?
No. I stayed asleep.

Conversation 4

Where did you leave your new book?
I left it on the floor in the kitchen.
Pick it up and put it on the table.
Ok.
Did you read it yet?
No. I'll read it tonight.

	Seanfhocail	Proverbs
A.	Bíonn gach tosach lag.	Every beginning is weak.
B.	Is cuma leis an óige cá leagann sí a cos.	Youth does not mind where it sets its foot.
C.	Maireann an chraobh ar an bhfál ach ní mhaireann an lámh do chuir.	The branch lives on the hedge but the hand that planted it is dead [does not live].
D.	Ní thuigeann an sách an seang.	The well-fed does not understand the lean.
E.	Molann an obair an fear.	The work praises the man.
F.	Sceitheann fíon fírinne.	Wine divulges truth.
G.	Briseann an dúchas trí shúile an chait.	Nature breaks through the eyes of the cat.
H.	Baist do leanbh féin ar dtús.	Baptize your own child first.
I.	Múineann gá seift.	Need teaches a plan.
J.	Meileann muilt Dé go mall ach meileann siad go mín.	The mills of God grind slowly but they grind finely.



Buntús Cainte - A first step in spoken Irish

Buntús Cainte, though somewhat dated in content, is a fantastic book for familiarizing yourself with standard Irish. There are three books, each consisting of simple lessons and a vocabulary section at the back. Each book has accompanying audio recordings. Lessons each take up two pages, with the first page introducing vocabulary and expressions and the second page showing additional vocabulary and a short dialog. All material in the book appears on the recordings. There are no grammar explanations in the book, but the vocabulary on the first page of each lesson is usually organized around a specific grammar point or type of expression.

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Ceisteanna

Líon na bearnaí sna habairtí a leanas. Bain úsáid as an bhfoirm cheart den bhriathar idir lúibíní.
Fill in the blanks in the following words. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. (cuir) _____ tú an leabhar ar an mbord?
Did you put the book on the table?
2. (tóg) _____ an leabhar as an mbosca.
Don't take the book out of the box.
3. (ól) _____ tú pionta liom?
Will you drink a pint with me?
4. (fan) _____ tú sa bhaile gach lá?
Do you stay at home every day?
5. (léigh) _____ tú gach oíche?
Do you read every night?
6. (cuir) _____ tú an leabhar?
Where did you put the book?
7. (tóg) _____ mise do leabhar.
I didn't take your book.
8. (ól) _____ Seán caife. Is fuath leis é.
John doesn't drink coffee. He hates it.
9. (fan) _____ mé sa bhaile inné.
I stayed at home yesterday.

1. ar chuir; 2. ná tóg; 3. an ólfaidh; 4. an bhfanann; 5. an léann; 6. cár chuir; 7. níor thóg; 8. ní ólann; 9. d'fhan