This lesson looks at verbs from **An Dara Réimniú** (The Second Conjugation). These are verbs that have more than one syllable in the **Modh Ordaitheach** and are sometimes referred to as "long verbs". Verbs in **An Dara Réimniú** end in **–(a)igh**, **-(a)il**, **-(a)in**,**–(a)ir** or **-is**.

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 of the verb you usually find in a dictionary), the command given to more than one person (formed by adding **–(a)ígi** after removing the **–(a)igh** ending, if present), and the equivalent of "let's" in English (formed by adding **–(a)ímis** after removing the **–(a)igh** ending). The word **ná** is used to give a negative command, and prefixes an **h-** to words beginning with a vowel.

1.	**Ceannaigh** an ceann seo.	**Buy** this one.
2.	**Ceannaígí** an ceann seo.	**Y'all buy** this one.
3.	**Ceannaímis** an ceann seo.	**Let's buy** this one.
4.	**Ná ceannaigh** an ceann seo.	**Don't buy** this one.
5.	**Ná ceannaígí** an ceann seo.	**Y'all don't buy** this one.
6.	**Imigh** abhaile.	**Go** home.
7.	**Imígí** abhaile.	**Y'all go** home.
8.	**Imímis** abhaile.	**Let's go** home.
9.	**Ná h-imigh** abhaile.	**Don't go** home.
10.	**Ná h-imígí** abhaile.	**Y'all don't go** home.
11.	**Freagair** an cheist.	**Answer** the question.
12.	**Freagraígí** an cheist.	**Y'all answer** the question.
13.	**Freagraímis** an cheist.	**Let's answer** the question.
14.	**Ná freagair** an cheist.	**Don't answer** the question.
15.	**Ná freagraígí** an cheist.	**Y'all don't answer** the question.

Below are a few other common verbs that follow the patterns shown by **ceannaigh**, **imigh** and **freagair**.

16.	**Tosaigh** anois díreach.	**Start** right now.
17.	**Críochnaigh** anois é.	**Finish** it now.
18.	**Breathnaigh** ar an teilifís.	**Watch** the television.
19.	**Ullmhaigh** an dinnéar.	**Prepare** the dinner.
20.	**Ardaigh** do lámh.	**Raise** your hand.
21.	**Éirigh** anois, a stór.	**Get up** now, dear.
22.	**Inis** dom d'ainm le do thoil.	**Tell** me your name please.
23.	**Imir** cluiche peile.	**Play** a game of football.
24.	**Oscail** an doras dom, le do thoil.	**Open** the door for me, please.

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 **–(a)íos** and **we**, ending in **-(a)íomar**. **D'** is prefixed to verbs beginning with a vowel or **f**, and **do** is often prefixed to other verbs.

25.	Cheannaigh mé carr nua.	I bought a new car.
26.	[Do] cheannaíos carr nua.	I bought a new car.
27.	Cheannaigh tú carr nua.	You bought a new car.
28.	Cheannaigh sé carr nua.	He bought a new car.
29.	Cheannaigh sí carr nua.	She bought a new car.
30.	Cheannaigh muid carr nua.	We bought a new car.
31.	[Do] cheannaíomar carr nua.	We bought a new car.
32.	Cheannaigh sibh carr nua.	Y'all bought a new car.
33.	Cheannaigh siad carr nua.	They bought a new car.
34.	Cheannaigh Seán carr nua.	John bought a new car.

35.	Níor cheannaigh mé carr nua.	I didn't buy a new car.
36.	Níor cheannaíos carr nua.	I didn't buy a new car.
37.	Ar cheannaigh tú carr nua?	Did you buy a new car?
38.	Nár cheannaigh tú carr nua?	Didn't you buy a new car?
39.	Cheannaigh. / [Do] cheannaíos.	Yes (bought / I bought).
40.	Níor cheannaigh. / Níor cheannaíos.	No (didn't buy / I didn't buy).
41.	Cár cheannaigh tú an carr?	Where did you buy the car?

42.	D'imigh mé go luath.	I left early.
43.	D'imíos go luath.	I left early.
44.	Ar imigh tú go luath?	Did you leave early?
45.	Nár imigh tú go luath?	Didn't you leave early?
46.	D'imigh. / D'imíos.	Yes (left / I left).
47.	Níor imigh. / Níor imíos.	No (didn't leave / I didn't leave).
48.	Níor imigh mé go luath.	I didn't leave early.

49.	D'fhreagair mé an cheist.	I answered the question.
50.	D'fhreagraíos an cheist.	I answered the question.
51.	Ar fhreagair tú an cheist?	Did you answer the question.
52.	Nár fhreagair tú an cheist?	Didn't you answer the question.
53.	D'fhreagair. / D'fhreagraíos.	Yes (answered / I answered).
54.	Níor fhreagair. / Níor fhreagraíos.	No (didn't answer / I didn't answer).
55.	Níor fhreagair mé an cheist.	I didn't answer the question.

The **Aimsir Láithreach** (Present Tense) is formed by adding the endings **–(a)íonn** to the end of the **Modh Ordaitheach** form after dropping off the **–(a)igh** at the end, if present. 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 **–(a)ím,** and **we**, ending in **–(a)ímid**.

56.	Ceannaíonn mé bainne san ollmhargadh.	I buy milk in the supermarket.
57.	Ceannaím bainne san ollmhargadh.	I buy milk in the supermarket.
58.	Ceannaíonn tú bainne san ollmhargadh.	You buy milk in the supermarket.
59.	Ceannaíonn sé bainne san ollmhargadh.	He buys milk in the supermarket.
60.	Ceannaíonn sí bainne san ollmhargadh.	She buys milk in the supermarket.
61.	Ceannaíonn muid bainne san ollmhargadh.	We buy milk in the supermarket.
62.	Ceannaímid bainne san ollmhargadh.	We buy milk in the supermarket.
63.	Ceannaíonn sibh bainne san ollmhargadh.	Y'all buy milk in the supermarket.
64.	Ceannaíonn siad bainne san ollmhargadh.	They buy milk in the supermarket.
65.	Ceannaíonn Seán bainne san ollmhargadh.	John buys milk in the supermarket.

66.	Ní cheannaíonn mé bainne san ollmhargadh.	I don't buy milk in the supermarket.
67.	Ní cheannaím bainne san ollmhargadh.	I don't buy milk in the supermarket.
68.	An gceannaíonn tú bainne san ollmhargadh?	Do you buy milk in the supermarket?
69.	Nach gceannaíonn tú bainne san ollmhargadh?	Don't you buy milk in the supermarket?
70.	Ceannaíonn. / Ceannaím.	Yes (buy / I buy).
71.	Ní cheannaíonn. / Ní cheannaím.	No (don't buy / I don't buy).
72.	Cá gceannaíonn tú bainne?	Where do you buy milk?

73.	Imíonn mé ag a trí a chlog.	I leave at three o’clock.
74.	Imím ag a trí a chlog.	I leave at three o’clock.
75.	An imíonn tú ag a trí a chlog?	Do you leave at three o’clock?
76.	Nach n-imíonn tú ag a trí a chlog?	Don’t you leave at three o’clock?
77.	Imíonn. / Imím.	Yes (leave / I leave).
78.	Ní imíonn. / Ní imím.	No (don’t leave / I don’t leave).
79.	Ní imíonn mé ag a trí a chlog.	I don’t leave at three o’clock.

80.	Freagraíonn mé na ceisteanna go léir.	I answer all the questions.
81.	Freagraím na ceisteanna go léir.	I answer all the questions.
82.	An bhfreagraíonn tú na ceisteanna go léir?	Do you answer all the questions?
83.	Nach bhfreagraíonn tú na ceisteanna go léir?	Don’t you answer all the questions?
84.	Freagraíonn. / Freagraím.	Yes (answer / I answer).
85.	Ní fhreagraíonn. / Ní fhreagraím.	No (don’t answer / I don’t answer).
86.	Ní fhreagraíonn mé na ceisteanna go léir.	I don’t answer all the questions.

The **Aimsir Fháistineach** (Future Tense) is formed by adding **–óidh** or **–eoidh** to the **Modh Ordaitheach** forms after dropping **–(a)igh**, if present. Synthetic forms are often used for **we**, ending in **–óimid** or **–eoimid**.

87.	Ceannóidh mé an ceann eile.	I will buy the other one.
88.	Ceannóidh tú an ceann eile.	You will buy the other one.
89.	Ceannóidh sé an ceann eile.	He will buy the other one.
90.	Ceannóidh sí an ceann eile.	She will buy the other one.
91.	Ceannóidh muid an ceann eile.	We will buy the other one.
92.	Ceannóimid an ceann eile.	We will buy the other one.
93.	Ceannóidh sibh an ceann eile.	Y’all will buy the other one.
94.	Ceannóidh siad an ceann eile.	They will buy the other one.
95.	Ceannóidh Seán an ceann eile.	John will buy the other one.

96.	Ní cheannóidh mé an ceann eile.	I won’t buy the other one.
97.	An gceannóidh tú an ceann eile?	Will you buy the other one?
98.	Nach gceannóidh tú an ceann eile?	Won’t you buy the other one?
99.	Ceannóidh.	Yes (will buy).
100.	Ní cheannóidh.	No (won’t buy).
101.	Cá gceannóidh tú an ceann eile?	Where will you buy the other one?

102.	Imeoidh mé amárach.	I will leave tomorrow.
103.	An imeoidh tú amárach?	Will you leave tomorrow?
104.	Nach n-imeoidh tú amárach?	Won’t you leave tomorrow?
105.	Imeoidh.	Yes (will leave).
106.	Ní imeoidh.	No (won’t leave).
107.	Ní imeoidh mé amárach.	I won’t leave tomorrow.

108.	Freagróidh mé an cheist.	I will answer the question.
109.	An bhfreagróidh tú an cheist?	Will you answer the question?
110.	Nach bhfreagróidh tú an cheist?	Won’t you answer the question?
111.	Freagróidh.	Yes (will answer).
112.	Ní fhreagróidh.	No (won’t answer).
113.	Ní fhreagróidh mé an cheist.	I won’t answer the question.

Comhrá 1 / Conversation 1

A:	Ar cheannaigh tú an leabhar nua sin?	Did you buy that new book?
B:	Cheannaigh.	Yes.
A:	Ar léigh tú é fós?	Did you read it yet?
B:	Níor léigh. Thosaigh mé air, ach níor chríochnaigh mé go fóill é.	No. I started it, but I didn't finish it yet.
A:	Críochnóidh tú go tapa é. Níl sé ró-fhada.	You'll finish it quickly. It's not too long.

Comhrá 2 / Conversation 2

A:	Oscail an doras le do thoil.	Open the door, please.
B:	D'oscail mé cheana é, ach dhún Máire é.	I already opened it, but Mary closed it.
A:	Osclaígí anois é agus ná dúnaigí arís é!	Open it now and don't close it again!
B:	Osclóidh mise é.	**I'll** open it.

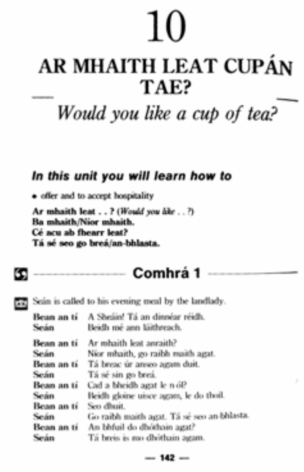
Comhrá 3 / Conversation 3

A:	Ar éirigh sibh go moch ar maidin?	Did you get up early this morning?
B:	D'éirigh. D'éiríomar ag a sé.	Yes. We got up at six.
A:	Ar imigh sibh go luath?	Do you leave early?
B:	Níor imigh. Bhreathnaíomar ar an teilifís píosa ar dtús.	No. We watched TV for a while first.

Comhrá 4 / Conversation 4

A:	Ar fhreagair tú na ceisteanna go léir?	Did you answer all the questions?
B:	Níor fhreagair. Tosóidh mé anocht orthu.	No. I'll start on them tonight.
A:	An gcríochnóidh tú inniu iad?	Will you finish them today?
B:	Ní chríochnóidh. Críochnóidh mé amárach iad.	No. I'll finish them tomorrow.

	Seanfhocail	Proverbs
A.	**Giorraíonn** beirt bóthar.	Two **shorten** a road.
B.	Ní **ólann** na mná leann ach **imíonn** sé lena linn.	Women do not **drink** beer but it **leaves** in their presence.
C.	Ní **bheathaíonn** na briathra na bráithre.	Words do not **feed** the friars.
D.	Nuair a **d'imigh** an leann **d'imigh** an greann.	When the beer **left** the fun **left**.
E.	**D'ordaigh** Dia cúnamh.	God **ordered** help.
F.	**Aimsíonn** an dall a bhéal.	The blind man **finds** his mouth.
G.	**Imíonn** an t-ór agus **fanann** an óinseach.	The gold **leaves** and the foolish woman **remains**.
H.	**Seachain** teach an tábhairne nó is bairnigh is beatha duit.	**Avoid** the pub or barnacles will be your food.



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AR MHAITH LEAT CUPÁN TAE?

Would you like a cup of tea?

In this unit you will learn how to

- offer and to accept hospitality

Ar mhaith leat . . ? (*Would you like . . ?*)
Ba mhaith/Níor mhaith.
Cé acu ab fhearr leat?
Tá sé seo go breá/an-bhlasta.

Comhrá 1

Seán is called to his evening meal by the landlady.

Bean an tí	A Sheáin! Tá an dinnéar réidh.
Seán	Beidh mé ann láithreach.
Bean an tí	Ar mhaith leat anraith?
Seán	Níor mhaith, go raibh maith agat.
Bean an tí	Tá breac úr anseo agam duit.
Seán	Tá sé sin go breá.
Bean an tí	Cad a bheidh agat le n-ól?
Seán	Beidh gloine uisce agam, le do thoil.
Bean an tí	Seo dhuit.
Seán	Go raibh maith agat. Tá sé seo an-bhlasta.
Bean an tí	An bhfuil do dhóthain agat?
Seán	Tá breis is mo dhóthain agam.

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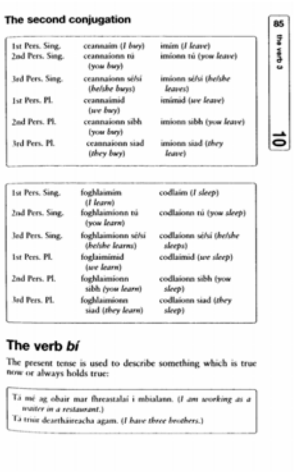

The second conjugation

1st Pers. Sing.	ceannaím (*I buy*)	imím (*I leave*)
2nd Pers. Sing.	ceannaíonn tú (*you buy*)	imíonn tú (*you leave*)
3rd Pers. Sing.	ceannaíonn sé/sí (*he/she buys*)	imíonn sé/sí (*he/she leaves*)
1st Pers. Pl.	ceannaímid (*we buy*)	imímid (*we leave*)
2nd Pers. Pl.	ceannaíonn sibh (*you buy*)	imíonn sibh (*you leave*)
3rd Pers. Pl.	ceannaíonn siad (*they buy*)	imíonn siad (*they leave*)

1st Pers. Sing.	foghlaimím (*I learn*)	codlaím (*I sleep*)
2nd Pers. Sing.	foghlaimíonn tú (*you learn*)	codlaíonn tú (*you sleep*)
3rd Pers. Sing.	foghlaimíonn sé/sí (*he/she learns*)	codlaíonn sé/sí (*he/she sleeps*)
1st Pers. Pl.	foglaimímid (*we learn*)	codlaímid (*we sleep*)
2nd Pers. Pl.	foghlaimíonn sibh (*you learn*)	codlaíonn sibh (*you sleep*)
3rd Pers. Pl.	foghlaimíonn siad (*they learn*)	codlaíonn siad (*they sleep*)

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The verb *bí*

The present tense is used to describe something which is true now or always holds true:

Tá mé ag obair mar fhreastalaí i mbialann. (*I am working as a waiter in a restaurant.*)
Tá triúr deartháireacha agam. (*I have three brothers.*)

Teach Yourself Irish
Teach Yourself Irish (Diarmuid Ó Sé and Joseph Sheils, NTC Publishing Group 1993, ISBN 0-8442-3800-7) is a good introduction to Irish conversation and grammar. Each lesson is based around a topic of conversation and is followed by explanations of grammar points and information about the language. There are a few exercises in each lesson that are answered at the back of the book. There is a CD available with the course but it's not the best of the Irish recordings available.

Teach Yourself Irish Grammar
Teach Yourself Irish Grammar (Éamonn Ó Dónaill, ISBN 0-07-146369-0) is a great book for learning Irish grammar. Material is well-organized, with each chapter covering a specific grammatical topic. There are exercises at the end of each chapter with answers in the back of the book.

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. (ceannaigh) __________ __________ tú carr nua?
   Did you buy a new car?

2. (imigh) __________ __________ abhaile go luath.
   I went home early.

3. (freagair) __________ __________ tú an cheist sin?
   Will you answer that question?

4. (tosaigh) __________ __________ sí go fóill.
   She didn't start yet.

5. (críochnaigh) __________ __________ sé riamh é.
   He will never finish it.

6. (ullmhaigh) __________ __________ tú an bricfeasta dom?
   Did you prepare the breakfast for me?

7. (inis) ___________ __________ sé an fhírinne duit.
   He won't tell you the truth.

8. (imir) __________ siad peil Ghaelach gach lá.
   They play Gaelic football every day.

9. (oscail) __________ __________ an doras go fóill.
   Don't open the door yet.

1. ar cheannaigh; 2. d'imigh mé; 3. an bhfreagróidh; 4. níor thosaigh; 5. ní chríochnóidh; 6. ar ullmhaigh; 7. ní inseoidh; 8. imríonn; 9. ná h-oscail