

Irish has 11 *briathra neamhrialta* (irregular verbs). Verbs are irregular if they change forms in different tenses or otherwise behave inconsistently. We've already run across the most irregular of the Irish verbs, **bí**. In this lesson we will look at 5 more of them.

1.	Ar tháinig sé isteach? An dtiocfaidh sé isteach?	Did he come in? Will he come in?
2.	Ar thug tú di é? An dtabhairfidh tú di é?	Did you give it to her? Will you give it to her?
3.	Ar ith tú é? An íosfaidh tú é?	Did you eat it? Will you eat it?
4.	Ar chuala tú mé? An gcloiseann tú mé?	Did you hear me? Do you hear me?
5.	Ar rug tú air? An mbéarfaidh tú air?	Did you catch it? Will you catch it?
6.	An ndúirt tú é sin? An ndéarfaidh tú é sin?	Did you say that? Will you say that?
7.	An ndearna tú é? An ndéanfaidh tú é?	Did you do it? Will you do it?
8.	An ndeachaigh tú ansin? An rachaidh tú ansin?	Did you go there? Will you go there?
9.	An bhfuair tú é? An bhfaighidh tú é?	Did you get it? Will you get it?
10.	An bhfaca tú é? An bhfeicfidh tú é?	Did you see it? Will you see it?
11.	An raibh tú sa bhaile? An bhfuil tú sa bhaile?	Were you at home? Are you at home?

The irregular verb **tar** means 'come'.

12.	Tar isteach.	Come in.
13.	Tagaigí isteach.	Y'all come in.
14.	Tagaimis abhaile go luath.	Let's come home early.
15.	Ná tar isteach.	Don't come in.
16.	Ná tagaigí isteach.	Y'all don't come in.
17.	Tháinig mé abhaile go luath.	I came home early.
18.	[Do] thagas abhaile go luath.	I came home early.
19.	[Do] thángamar abhaile go luath.	We came home early.
20.	Ar tháinig tú abhaile go luath?	Did you come home early?
21.	Nár tháinig tú abhaile go luath?	Didn't you come home early?
22.	Tháinig. / Do thagas.	Yes (came / I came).
23.	Níor tháinig. / Níor thagas.	No (didn't come / I didn't come).
24.	Níor tháinig mé abhaile go luath.	I didn't come home early.
25.	Tagann mé abhaile go luath.	I come home early.
26.	Tagaim abhaile go luath.	I come home early.
27.	Tagaimid abhaile go luath.	We come home early.
28.	An dtagann tú abhaile go luath?	Do you come home early?
29.	Nach dtagann tú abhaile go luath?	Don't you come home early?
30.	Tagann. / Tagaim.	Yes (come / I come).
31.	Ní thagann. / Ní thagaim.	No (don't come / I don't come).
32.	Ní thagann mé abhaile go luath.	I don't come home early.
33.	Tiocfaidh mé abhaile go luath.	I will come home early.
34.	An dtiocfaidh tú abhaile go luath?	Will you come home early?
35.	Nach dtiocfaidh tú abhaile go luath?	Won't you come home early?
36.	Tiocfaidh.	Yes (will come).
37.	Ní thiocfaidh.	No (won't come).
38.	Ní thiocfaidh mé abhaile go luath.	I won't come home early.

The irregular verb **tabhair** means 'give' when used with the preposition **do** or 'take' or 'bring' when used with **le**.

39.	Tabhair dó é.	Give it to him.
40.	Tugaigí dó é.	Y'all give it to him.
41.	Tugaimis dó é.	Let's give it to him.
42.	Ná tabhair dó é.	Don't give it to him.
43.	Ná tugaigí dó é.	Y'all don't give it to him.
44.	Thug mé dó é.	I gave it to him.
45.	[Do] thugas dó é.	I gave it to him.
46.	[Do] thugamar dó é.	We gave it to him.
47.	Ar thug tú dó é?	Did you give it to him?
48.	Nár thug tú dó é?	Didn't you give it to him?
49.	Thug. / Do thugas.	Yes (gave / I gave).
50.	Níor thug. / Níor thugas.	No (didn't give / I didn't give).
51.	Níor thug mé dó é.	I didn't give it to him.
52.	Tugann mé liom é.	I bring it with me.
53.	Tugaim liom é.	I bring it with me.
54.	Tugaimid linn é.	We bring it with us.
55.	An dtugann tú leat é?	Do you bring it with you?
56.	Nach dtugann tú leat é?	Don't you bring it with you?
57.	Tugann. / Tugaim.	Yes (bring / I bring).
58.	Ní thugann. / Ní thugaim.	No (don't bring / I don't bring).
59.	Ní thugann mé liom é.	I don't bring it with me.
60.	Tabharfaidh mé duit é.	I'll give it to you.
61.	An dtabharfaidh tú dom é?	Will you give it to me?
62.	Nach dtabharfaidh tú dom é?	Won't you give it to me?
63.	Tabharfaidh.	Yes (will give).
64.	Ní thabharfaidh.	No (won't give).
65.	Ní thabharfaidh mé duit é.	I won't give it to you.

The irregular verb **ith** means 'eat'.

66.	Ith é.	Eat it.
67.	Ithigí é.	Y'all eat it.
68.	Ithimis é.	Let's eat it.
69.	Ná h-ith é.	Don't eat it.
70.	Ná h-ithigí é.	Y'all don't eat it.
71.	D'ith mé an t-arán.	I ate the bread.
72.	D'itheas an t-arán.	I ate the bread.
73.	D'itheamar an t-arán.	We ate the bread.
74.	Ar ith tú an t-arán?	Did you eat the bread?
75.	Nár ith tú an t-arán?	Didn't you eat the bread?
76.	D'ith. / D'itheas.	Yes (ate / I ate).
77.	Níor ith. / Níor itheas.	No (didn't eat / I didn't eat).
78.	Níor ith mé an t-arán.	I didn't eat the bread.

79.	Itheann mé císte ar maidin.	I eat cake in the morning.
80.	Ithim císte ar maidin.	I eat cake in the morning.
81.	Ithimid císte ar maidin.	We eat cake in the morning.
82.	An itheann tú císte ar maidin?	Do you eat cake in the morning?
83.	Nach n-itheann tú císte ar maidin?	Don't you eat cake in the morning?
84.	Itheann. / Ithim.	Yes (eat / I eat).
85.	Ní itheann. / Ní ithim.	No (don't eat / I don't eat).
86.	Ní itheann mé císte ar maidin.	I don't eat cake in the morning.
87.	Íosfaidh mé an ceann eile.	I'll eat the other one.
88.	An íosfaidh tú an ceann eile?	Will you eat the other one?
89.	Nach n-íosfaidh tú an ceann eile?	Won't you eat the other one?
90.	Íosfaidh.	Yes (will eat).
91.	Ní íosfaidh.	No (won't eat).
92.	Ní íosfaidh mé an ceann eile.	I won't eat the other one.
The irregular verb clois means 'hear'. It's typically not used as a command.		
93.	<i>Clois a guth.</i>	<i>Hear her voice.</i>
94.	<i>Cloisigí a guth.</i>	<i>Y'all hear her voice.</i>
95.	<i>Cloisimis a guth.</i>	<i>Let's hear her voice.</i>
96.	<i>Ná clois a guth.</i>	<i>Don't hear her voice.</i>
97.	<i>Ná cloisigí a guth.</i>	<i>Y'all don't hear her voice.</i>
98.	Chuala mé an t-amhrán.	I heard the song.
99.	[Do] chualas an t-amhrán.	I heard the song.
100.	[Do] chualamar an t-amhrán.	We heard the song.
101.	Ar chuala tú an t-amhrán?	Did you hear the song?
102.	Nár chuala tú an t-amhrán?	Didn't you hear the song?
103.	Chuala. / Do chualas.	Yes (heard / I heard).
104.	Níor chuala. / Níor chualas.	No (didn't hear / I didn't hear).
105.	Níor chuala mé an t-amhrán.	I didn't hear the song.
106.	Cloiseann mé a ghuth.	I hear his voice.
107.	Cloisim a ghuth.	I hear his voice.
108.	Cloisimid a ghuth.	We hear his voice.
109.	An gcloiseann tú a ghuth?	Do you hear his voice?
110.	Nach gcloiseann tú a ghuth?	Don't you hear his voice?
111.	Cloiseann. / Cloisim.	Yes (hear / I hear).
112.	Ní chloiseann. / Ní chloisim.	No (don't hear / I don't hear).
113.	Ní chloiseann mé a ghuth.	I don't hear his voice.
114.	Cloisfidh mé thú.	I'll hear you.
115.	An gcloisfidh tú mé?	Will you hear me?
116.	Nach gcloisfidh tú mé?	Won't you hear me?
117.	Cloisfidh.	Yes (will hear).
118.	Ní chloisfidh.	No (won't hear).
119.	Ní chloisfidh mé thú.	I won't hear you.

The irregular verb **beir**, used together with the preposition **ar**, means ‘catch’. A special form of the verb, **rugadh**, is used to say that someone “was born” (e.g. “**Rugadh** mé in Éirinn” = “I **was born** in Ireland”).

120.	Beir ar an liathróid.	Catch the ball.
121.	Beirigí ar an liathróid.	Y’all catch the ball.
122.	Beirimis ar an liathróid.	Let’s catch the ball.
123.	Ná beir ar an liathróid.	Don’t catch the ball.
124.	Ná beirigí ar an liathróid.	Y’all don’t catch the ball.
125.	Rug mé ar an liathróid.	I caught the ball.
126.	[Do] rugas ar an liathróid.	I caught the ball.
127.	[Do] rugamar ar an liathróid.	We caught the ball.
128.	Ar rug tú ar an liathróid?	Did you catch the ball?
129.	Nár rug tú ar an liathróid?	Didn’t you catch the ball?
130.	Rug. / Do rugas.	Yes (caught / I caught).
131.	Níor rug. / Níor rugas.	No (didn’t catch / I didn’t catch).
132.	Níor rug mé ar an liathróid.	I didn’t catch the ball.
133.	Beireann mé ar an liathróid.	I catch the ball.
134.	Beirim ar an liathróid.	I catch the ball.
135.	Beirimid ar an liathróid.	We catch the ball.
136.	An mbeireann tú ar an liathróid?	Do you catch the ball?
137.	Nach mbeireann tú ar an liathróid?	Don’t you catch the ball?
138.	Beireann. / Beirim.	Yes (catch / I catch).
139.	Ní bheireann. / Ní bheirim.	No (don’t catch / I don’t catch).
140.	Ní bheireann mé ar an liathróid.	I don’t catch the ball.
141.	Béarfaidh mé ar an liathróid.	I’ll catch the ball.
142.	An mbéarfaidh tú ar an liathróid?	Will you catch the ball?
143.	Nach mbéarfaidh tú ar an liathróid?	Won’t you catch the ball?
144.	Béarfaidh.	Yes (will catch).
145.	Ní bhéarfaidh.	No (won’t catch).
146.	Ní bhéarfaidh mé ar an liathróid.	I won’t catch the ball.

Comhrá 1

- A: Ar tháinig Seán abhaile fós?
B: Níor tháinig.
A: Nach dtagann sé abhaile ag a sé?
B: Tagann, de ghnáth.
A: Tá sé déanach inniu, mar sin.
B: Tiocfaidh sé ag a seacht, is dócha.

Comhrá 2

- A: Ar thug tú an bronntanas do Sheán?
B: Níor thug. Tá sé fós sa bhaile.
A: Nár thug tú leat é?
B: Níor thug. Tabharfaidh mé amárach dó é.

Comhrá 3

- A: Ith do dhinnéar!
B: D'ith mé cheana é.
A: Ar ith tú na glasraí freisin?
B: Níor ith. Íosfaidh mé anois iad.

Comhrá 4

- A: Ar chuala tú an fhuaim sin?
B: Níor chuala. Ní chloisim tada.
A: Éist! Cloisim arís é.
B: Á. Cloisim féin é anois.

Conversation 1

- Did John come home yet?
No.
Doesn't he come home at six?
Yes, usually.
He's late today, then.
He'll come at seven, probably.

Conversation 2

- Did you give the gift to John?
No. It's still at home.
Didn't you bring it with you?
No. I'll give it to him tomorrow.

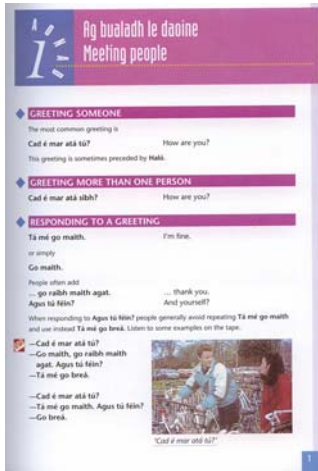
Conversation 3

- Eat your dinner!
I already ate it.
Did you eat the vegetables too?
No. I'll eat them now.

Conversation 4

- Did you hear that noise?
No. I don't hear anything.
Listen! I hear it again.
Ah. I hear it myself now.

	Seanfhocail	Proverbs
A.	Béarfaidh bó éigin lao éigin lá éigin.	Some cow will give birth to some calf some day.
B.	Ní thagann an óige faoi dhó choíche, ach tagann an brón faoi dhó san oíche.	Youth never comes twice but sorrow comes twice a night.
C.	An té a thabharfas scéal chugat, tabharfaidh sé dhá scéal uait.	He who comes with a story to you will bring two away from you.
D.	Is iad na muca ciúine a itheas an mhin.	It is the quiet pigs that eat the meal.
E.	Tiocfaidh an lá fós a mbeidh gnó ag an mbó dá heireaball.	The day will yet come when the cow will have use for her tail. "There are better days ahead."
F.	Bí go maith leis an ngarlach agus tiocfaidh sé amárach.	Be good to the child and he will come to you tomorrow.
G.	An áit a bhfuil do chroí is ann a thabharfas do chosa thú.	Your feet will bring you to where your heart is.



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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. (tar) _____ tú i d'aonar?
Did you come alone?
2. (tabhair) _____ sí píosa císte duit?
Did she give you a piece of cake?
3. (ith) _____ tú feoil?
Do you eat meat?
4. (clois) _____ tú an scéal?
Did you hear the news [story]?
5. (beir) _____ sé ar an liathróid.
He didn't catch the ball.
6. (tar) _____ Máire leat?
Will Mary come with you?
7. (tabhair) _____ libh an carr nua.
Y'all bring the new car with you.
8. (ith) _____ siad an t-iasc.
They won't eat the fish.
9. (clois) _____ tú aon rud?
Do you hear anything?

1. ar tháinig; 2. ar thug; 3. an itheann; 4. ar chuala; 5. níor rug; 6. an dtiocfaidh; 7. tugaigí; 8. ní fósfaidh; 9. an gcloiseann