

Several questions can be used to ask about pastimes or things someone does on a regular basis.	
1. Cad iad na caithimh aimsire atá agat?	What pastimes do you have?
2. Is maith liom peil Ghaelach.	I like Gaelic football.
3. Is maith liom a bheith ag snámh.	I like to swim.
4. Téim ag rothaíocht.	I go cycling.
5. Cad a dhéanann tú ar an Aoine?	What do you do on Fridays?
6. Cad a rinne tú Dé hAoine?	What did you do on Friday?
7. Cad a dhéanann tú ar an deireadh seachtaine?	What do you do on the weekend?
8. Cad a rinne tú ar an deireadh seachtaine?	What did you do on the weekend?
9. An dtéann tú go dtí an phictiúrlann go minic?	Do you go to the movie theatre often?
10. Téim. Téim ann gach seachtain.	Yes. I go there every week.
11. Ní théim. Ní fheicim scannáin riamh.	No. I never see movies.
12. Cé chomh minic is a théann tú chuig an amharclann?	How often do you go to the theater?
13. Téim ann dhá uair sa bhliain, de ghnáth.	I go there twice a year, usually.
14. Ní théim ann ach uair sa bhliain.	I only go there once a year.

It is good to know the days of the week when describing your activities. Notice that different forms of the day names are used when describing regular activities as opposed to a single event.			
15. Dé Luain	Monday	ar an Luan	on Monday(s)
16. Dé Máirt	Tuesday	ar an Máirt	on Tuesday(s)
17. Dé Céadaoin	Wednesday	ar an gCéadaoin	on Wednesday(s)
18. Déardaoin	Thursday	ar an Déardaoin	on Thursday(s)
19. Dé hAoine	Friday	ar an Aoine	on Friday(s)
20. Dé Sathairn	Saturday	ar an Satharn	on Saturday(s)
21. Dé Domhnaigh	Sunday	ar an Domhnach	on Sunday(s)

Below are a few common pastimes.			
22. leabhar a léamh	read a book	litir a scríobh	write a letter
23. imirt snúcair	play snooker	imirt cártaí	play cards
24. imirt peile	play football	imirt iománaíochta	play hurling
25. dul ag rothaíocht	go cycling	dul ag marcaíocht	go riding (horses)
26. dul ag siopadóireacht	go shopping	dul ag snámh	go swimming
27. breathnú ar an teilifís	watch TV	breathnú ar scannán	watch a movie
28. breathnú ar dhráma	watch a play	dul chuig ceolchoirm	go to a concert
29. ceol a sheinm	play music	éisteacht le ceol	listen to music
30. foghlaim Gaeilge	study Irish	cócaireacht	cook

Below are a few places where your favorite activities may be done.			
31. halla damhsa	dance hall	halla snúcair	pool hall
32. linn snámha	swimming pool	cúirt leadóige	tennis court
33. amharclann	theater	pictiúrlann	movie theater
34. ionad siopadóireachta	shopping center	ionad spóirt	sport center
35. siopa leabhar	bookstore	leabharlann	library

Mo Chaithimh Aimsire:

Mír a haon:

An Chéad Chainteoir:

Is mise Treasa. Is maith liom a bheith ag féachaint ar an teilifís agus is breá liom ag bheith ag damhsa. Cad eile? Ó 'sea! Is breá liom a bheith ag snámh agus téim amach ag rothaíocht gach Satharn. Tá rothar iontach agam sa bhaile.

I'm Teresa. I like to watch TV and I love to dance. What else? O yes! I love to swim and I go cycling every Saturday. I have a wonderful bicycle at home.

An Dara Cainteoir:

Is mise Pádraig. Caithimh aimsire ... caithimh aimsire. Hmm. Bhuel is maith liom a bheith ag imirt cártaí, agus bíim ag seinm ceoil i mo sheomra codlata. Tá giotár agam sa bhaile.

I'm Patrick. Pastimes .. pastimes. Hmm. Well, I like to play cards and I play music in my bedroom. I have a guitar at home.

An Tríú Cainteoir:

Is mise Mattie. Níl aon chaithimh aimsire agam. Ní maith liom a bheith ag féachaint ar an teilifís. Agus is fuath liom a bheith ag léamh. Ó fan soicind! Is maith liom a bheith ag imirt snúcair.

I'm Mattie. I don't have any pastimes. I don't like to watch TV. And I hate to read. O, wait a second! I like to play snooker.

An Ceathrú Cainteoir:

Is mise Edel. Tá an t-uafás stuif agam sa bhaile. Tá ríomhaire agam, tá ceamara agam, tá teileascóp agam, agus tá seinnteoir ceirníní agam! Ach níl aon chairde agam! Bú hú!

I'm Edel. I have tons of stuff at home. I have a computer, I have a camera, I have a telescope, and I have a record player! But I don't have any friends! Boo hoo!

Mír a dó:

Comhrá a haon:

Seán: A Rónán, céard tá le déanamh i do cheantar?

Rónán: Bhuel, tá pictiúrlann cúpla míle ó mo theach agus téimse ann go minic. Agus tá leabharlann síos an bóthar. Téimse go dtí an leabharlann anois is arís. Cad é eile? Ó, sea, tá linn snámha in aice mo thí agus téim ag snámh ann gach Satharn.

Seán: Ach an bhfuil aon halla damhsa i do cheantar?

Rónán: Níl aon halla damhsa i mo cheantar, ach is cuma liom. Ní maith liom a bheith ag damhsa ar chor ar bith.

Comhrá a dó:

Síle: A Aisling, an bhfuil cúirt leadóige i do cheantarsa?

Aisling: Tá. Tá cúirt leadóige timpeall an chúinne ó mo theach.

Síle: Agus an dtéann tú ag imirt leadóige ann?

Aisling: Ó ní théim. Is fuath liom leadóg. Ach is breá liom snúcar agus tá halla snúcair síos an bóthar ó mo theach. Téim ag imirt ann gach Aoine.

Comhrá a trí:

Brian: A Phádraig, an bhfuil amharclann i do cheantar?

Pádraig: Níl aon amharclann i mo cheantar, faraor. Agus is maith liomsa dul chuig drámaí. Ach tá pictiúrlann sa cheantar agus téimse chuig scannán ann gach Satharn.

Brian: An dtéann tú chuig ceolchoirmeacha?

Pádraig: Ó ní théim. Bíonn na ticéid ródhaoir!

Comhrá a ceathair:

Pól: A Phroinséis, cén t-am a osclaíonn an linn snámha sa bhaile seo?

Proinsias: An linn snámha? Osclaíonn sí ar a deich a chlog ar maidin.

Pól? Ó? Shíl mise gur oscail sí ar a naoi a chlog.

Proinsias: Ní hea. Osclaíonn an t-ionad spóirt ar a naoi a chlog. Ach dúnann an t-ionad spóirt *agus* an linn snámha ar a hocht a chlog san oíche.

Sean: Ronan, what is there to do in your area?

Ronan: Well, there's a movie theater a couple miles from my house and I go there often. And there's a library down the road. I go to the library from time to time. What else? Oh, yes, there is a swimming pool next to my house and I go swimming there every Saturday.

Sean: But is there a dance hall in your area?

Ronan: There's no dance hall in my area, but I don't care. I don't like to dance at all.

Sheila: Aisling, do you have a tennis court in your area?

Aisling: Yes. There's a tennis court around the corner from my house.

Sheila: And do you go to play tennis there?

Aisling: Oh, I don't go. I hate tennis. But I love snooker and there's a snooker hall down the road from my house. I go to play there every Friday.

Brian: Patrick, do you have a theater in your area.

Patrick: There isn't any theater in my area, alas. And I like to go to plays. But there's a movie theater in the area and I go to a movie there every Saturday.

Brian: Do you go to concerts?

Patrick: Oh, no. The tickets are too expensive.

Paul: Francis, what time does the swimming pool open in this town?

Francis: The swimming pool? It opens at ten o'clock in the morning.

Paul: Oh? I thought that it opened at nine o'clock.

Francis: No. The sport center opens at nine o'clock. But the sport center *and* the swimming pool close at eight o'clock at night.



Gaelic football (*peil Ghaelach*) is the most popular of the Gaelic games and is played by teams of 15 on a rectangular grass pitch with H-shaped goals at each end. The primary object is to score by driving the ball through the goals. The team with the highest score at the end of the match wins. It combines the skills of soccer and basketball in a fast-paced, high-scoring contact sport. The female version of the game is known as Ladies' Gaelic football and is very similar to the men's game with a few minor rule changes



Hurling (*iománaíocht* or *iomáint*) is an outdoor team sport of ancient Gaelic origin, administered by the Gaelic Athletic Association, and played with sticks and a ball. The earliest known recorded game of hurling is from times before Christ. The game, played primarily in Ireland, is arguably the world's fastest field team sport in terms of game play. The object of the game is for players to use a wooden axe-shaped stick called a hurley (*camán*), or a hurl, to hit a small ball called a sliotar between the opponents' goalposts. The ball can be caught in the hand and carried, struck in the air, or struck on the ground with the stick. It can be kicked or slapped with an open hand for short-range passing. A player who wants to carry the ball for more than three steps has to bounce or balance the ball on the end of the stick. There is a similar game for women called camogie (*camógaíocht*).



Gaelic handball (*liathróid láimhe*) is a sport similar to racquetball and squash. The game may be played with two, three, or four players. The important difference between it and racquetball and squash is that the players hit the ball with a gloved hand instead of a racquet.



Rounders (*cluiche corr*) is a bat and ball game which is played in Ireland; a similar version is played in England. Rounders is the least popular of the GAA Gaelic games and is organized by a sub division of the GAA known as the Rounders Council of Ireland. It is like baseball.



Snooker (*snúcar*) is a cue sport that is played on a large baize-covered table with pockets in each of the four corners and in the middle of each of the long side cushions. It is played using a cue, one white ball (the cue ball), 15 red balls (worth 1 point each) and 6 balls of different colors (worth 2–7 points each).

Ceisteanna

Freagair na ceisteanna a leanas le habairtí iomlána. Déan cleachtadh ar na sonraí a léamh amach os ard.
Answer the following questions with complete sentences. Practice reading the details out loud.

1. Cad iad na caithimh aimsire atá agat? (what pastimes do you have)
2. An maith leat a bheith ag léamh? (do you like to read)
3. Cé chomh minic is a dtéann tú chuig an phictiúrlann? (how often do you go to the movie theater)
4. Cad a dhéanann tú ar an deireadh seachtaine? (what do you do on the weekend)
5. An dtéann tú chuig bialainne go minic? (do you go to restaurants often)