

The Future Tense (*An Aimsir Fháistineach*) is used for describing events that will happen in the future. The future tense is formed by adding *-faidh* or *-fidh* to short verbs and *-óidh* or *-eoidh* to long verbs (after removing *-aigh* or *-igh* from the end).

Cuirfidh sí sa phost é.
Ólfaidh siad an bheoir.

She **will put** it in the mail.
They **will drink** the beer.

Ceannóidh sé foclóir nua amárach.
Imreoidh na páistí cluiche cispheile.

He **will buy** a new dictionary tomorrow.
The kids **will play** a game of basketball.

It is possible to use the analytic form of the verb with all persons (requiring a noun or pronoun to follow the verb), but a synthetic form is commonly used for the “we” form. The ending is *-faimid* or *-fimid* for short verbs and *-óimid* or *-eoimid* for long verbs.

Cuirfimid sa phost é.
Ólfaimid an bheoir.

We will put it in the mail.
We will drink the beer.

Ceannóimid foclóir nua amárach.
Imreimid cluiche cispheile.

We will buy a new dictionary tomorrow.
We will play a game of basketball.

Negative statements are made by putting *ní* in front of the verb and leniting the verb.

Ní ólfaidh siad an bheoir.
Ní cheannóimid an foclóir amárach.

They **will not drink** the beer.
We will not buy the dictionary tomorrow.

A positive question is made by putting *an* in front of the verb and eclipsing the verb if it starts with a consonant.

An ólfaidh siad an bheoir?
An gceannóidh sé foclóir nua amárach?

Will they drink the beer?
Will he buy a new dictionary tomorrow?

A negative question is made by putting *nach* in front of the verb. After *nach* a verb starting with a consonant is eclipsed and one starting with a vowel is prefixed with *n-*.

Nach n-ólfaidh siad an bheoir?
Nach gceannóidh sé foclóir nua amárach?

Won't they drink the beer?
Won't he buy a new dictionary tomorrow?

Irish does not have specific words for “yes” or “no”. To answer a yes/no type question in the future tense, you repeat the positive or negative form of the verb without any following noun or pronoun. For “we”, you can also use the synthetic form as an answer to a yes/no question.

An osclóidh sibh na fuinneoga ar maidin?
Oscloídh / Oscloímid.
Ní osclóidh / Ní oscloímid.

Will y'all open the windows in the morning?
Yes (will open / we will open).
No (won't open / we won't open).

The impersonal verb (*saorbhriathar*) is used in the future to describe actions that will be done without saying who will do them.

Osclofar na fuinneoga ar maidin.

The windows **will be opened** in the morning.

Below are full future tense conjugations for a few common verbs.

cuir	put	ól	drink
cuirfidh mé	I will put	ólfaidh mé	I will drink
cuirfidh tú	you will put	ólfaidh tú	you will drink
cuirfidh sé	he will put	ólfaidh sé	he will drink
cuirfidh sí	she will put	ólfaidh sí	she will drink
cuirfimid	we will put	ólfaimid	we will drink
cuirfidh sibh	y'all will put	ólfaidh sibh	y'all will drink
cuirfidh siad	they will put	ólfaidh siad	they will drink
cuirfear	one will put	ólfar	one will drink

imigh	leave	ceannaigh	buy
imeoidh mé	I will leave	ceannóidh mé	I will buy
imeoidh tú	you will leave	ceannóidh tú	you will buy
imeoidh sé	he will leave	ceannóidh sé	he will buy
imeoidh sí	she will leave	ceannóidh sí	she will buy
imeoimid	we will leave	ceannóimid	we will buy
imeoidh sibh	y'all will leave	ceannóidh sibh	y'all will buy
imeoidh siad	they will leave	ceannóidh siad	they will buy
imeofar	one will leave	ceannófar	one will buy

imir	play	oscail	open
imreoidh mé	I will play	osclóidh mé	I will open
imreoidh tú	you will play	osclóidh tú	you will open
imreoidh sé	he will play	osclóidh sé	he will open
imreoidh sí	she will play	osclóidh sí	she will open
imreimid	we will play	osclóimid	we will open
imreoidh sibh	y'all will play	osclóidh sibh	y'all will open
imreoidh siad	they will play	osclóidh siad	they will open
imreofar	one will play	osclófar	one will open

In Munster Irish, synthetic (combined) forms are used more than in the more northerly dialects. The *I* form is the most used of the combined forms in Munster.

ól	drink	ceannaigh	buy
ólfad	I will drink	ceannód	I will buy
ólfair	you will drink	ceannóir	you will buy
ólfaidh sé	he will drink	ceannóidh sé	he will buy
ólfaidh sí	she will drink	ceannóidh sí	she will buy
ólfam	we will drink	ceannóm	we will buy
ólfaidh sibh	y'all will drink	ceannóidh sibh	y'all will buy
ólfaid	they will drink	ceannóid	they will buy
ólfar	one will drink	ceannófar	one will buy

Turas go San Francisco		A Trip to San Francisco	
<p>Pádraig: Cad a dhéanfaidh tú ar an deireadh seachtaine? Máirín: Rachaidh mé go San Francisco le cara liom, Sinéad. Pádraig: An bhfanfaidh sibh i bhfad? Máirín: Ní fhanfaidh. Ní bheimid ann ach trí lá. Pádraig: Cad a dhéanfaidh sibh i San Francisco? Máirín: Tabharfaimid cuairt ar mo dheirfiúr agus a fear céile. Rachaimid amach chuig bialann ghalánta in éineacht leo. Pádraig: An bhfeicfidh sibh Droichead an Gheata Óir? Máirín: Feicfidh, cinnte. Siúlfaidh mé féin agus Sinéad thairis maidin amháin. Pádraig: An gceannóidh tú aon rud faoi leith? Máirín: Ceannóidh mé geansaí deas dom féin i gceann de na siopaí. Agus ceannóidh mé cuimhneachán éigin do mo thuismitheoirí freisin. Pádraig: Tá súil agam go mbainfidh tú an-taitneamh as an turas. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh.</p>		<p>Patrick: What will you do on the weekend? Maureen: I will go to San Francisco with a friend of mine, Sinead. Patrick: Will you stay long? Maureen: No. We will only be there three days. Patrick: What will you do in San Francisco? Maureen: We will visit my sister and her husband. We will go out to a fancy restaurant with them. Patrick: Will you see the Golden Gate Bridge? Maureen: Yes, of course. Sinead and I will walk across it one morning. Patrick: Will you buy anything special? Maureen: I will buy a nice sweater for myself in one of the shops. And I will buy some souvenir for my parents, too. Patrick: I hope you enjoy the trip. Have a good trip.</p>	
<p>Pádraig - Patrick cad – what a – that déanfaidh – will do déan – do! tú - you ar – on an – the deireadh seachtaine – weekend deireadh – end seachtaine – of week seachtain - week Máirín – Maureen rachaidh – will go téigh – go! mé – I go – to le – with cara liom – a friend of mine cara – friend liom – with me Sinéad - Sinead an bhfanfaidh – will stay? an – question (future) fanfaidh – will stay fan – stay! sibh – y'all i bhfad – long (adverb) i - in fad - length</p>	<p>ní fhanfaidh – won't stay ní bheimid – we won't be bí – be! ann – there ann – in it ach – but trí – three lá – day tabharfaimid cuairt ar – we will visit tabharfaimid – will give tabhair – give! cuairt – visit ar – on mo dheirfiúr – my sister mo – my (lenites) deirfiúr - sister agus – and a fear céile – her husband a – her (<i>h</i> before vowel) fear céile – husband fear – man céile – partner amach – out (with motion) chuig – to bialann – restaurant bia - food galánta – elegant in éineacht leo – with them in éineacht – together leo – with them</p>	<p>an bhfeicfidh – will see? feicfidh – will see feic – see! Droichead an Gheata Óir – The Golden Gate Bridge droichead – bridge geata – gate óir – of gold ór – gold cinnte – of course siúlfaidh – will walk siúil – walk! mé féin – my self féin – self thairis – over it thar – over maidin – morning amháin – one an gceannóidh – will buy? ceannóidh – will buy ceannaigh – buy! aon – any rud – thing faoi leith – in particular geansaí – sweater deas – nice dom féin – for myself dom – for me do – for</p>	<p>i gceann de – in one of ceann – head, one thing de – of na – the (plural) siopaí – shops siopa – shop cuimhneachán – souvenir éigin – some tuismitheoirí – parents tuismitheoir – parent freisin – also tá súil agam go – I hope that tá – is súil – eye agam – at me ag – at go – that bainfidh – will get bain – get! an-taitneamh – much fun an- - much, very taitneamh – pleasure as an turas – from the trip as – out of turas – trip Go n-éirí an bóthar libh. – Have a good trip. go n-éirí le – may succeed éirí – rise (subjunctive) éirigh – rise! bóthar – road libh – with y'all</p>

1. An éireoidh tú go moch amárach? Will you get up early tomorrow?
2. An ólfaidh tú tae anocht? Will you drink tea tonight?
3. An gceannóidh tú caife ar maidin? Will you buy coffee in the morning?
4. An íosfaidh tú bricfeasta mór? Will you eat a large breakfast?
5. An íosfaidh tú torthaí ar maidin? Will you eat fruit in the morning?
6. An bhfanfaidh tú sa bhaile amárach? Will you stay at home tomorrow?
7. An léifidh tú an nuachtán anocht? Will you read the newspaper tonight?
8. An léifidh tú leabhar sa bhaile? Will you read a book at home?
9. An siúlfaidh tú ar an trá amárach? Will you walk on the beach tomorrow?
10. An scríobhfaidh tú litir anocht? Will you write a letter tonight?
11. An osclóidh tú an cuisneoir anocht? Will you open the fridge tonight?
12. An éistfidh tú le ceol tíre sa charr? Will you listen to country music in the car?
13. An éistfidh tú le ceol Gaelach anocht? Will you listen to Irish music tonight?
14. An rachaidh tú go hÉirinn i mbliana? Will you go to Ireland this year?
15. An rachaidh tú go Meicsiceo i mbliana? Will you go to Mexico this year?
16. An dtiocfaidh tú anseo Dé Satharn? Will you come here on Saturday?
17. An ndéanfaidh tú brioscaí ar ball? Will you make cookies later?
18. An bhfanfaidh tú sa bhaile
ar an deireadh seachtaine? Will you stay at home on the weekend?
19. An mbreathnóidh tú ar an teilifís ar ball? Will you watch television later?
20. An imreoidh tú peil amárach? Will you play (Gaelic) football tomorrow?