

1. Cad atá tú **ag déanamh**?  
An bhfuil tú **ag léamh**?  
Tá. Tá mé **ag léamh**.  
Níl. Níl mé **ag léamh**.  
What are you **doing**?  
Are you **reading**?  
Yes. I am **reading**.  
No. I'm not **reading**.
2. Tá an fear **ag breathnú** ar an teilifís.  
Tá sí **ag breith** ar an liathróid.  
Tá Peadar **ag feitheamh** liom.  
Tá mé **ag éisteacht** leis an raidió.  
Tá sé **ag labhairt** leis an gcailín.  
Tá na páistí **ag gáire** faoin madra.  
The man is **watching** the television.  
She's **catching** the ball.  
Peter's **waiting** for me.  
I'm **listening** to the radio.  
He's **talking** with the girl.  
The children are **laughing** at the dog.
3. Cad a bhí tú **ag déanamh**?  
An raibh tú **ag léamh**?  
Bhí. Bhí mé **ag léamh**.  
Ní raibh. Ní raibh mé **ag léamh**.  
What were you **doing**?  
Were you **reading**?  
Yes. I was **reading**.  
No. I wasn't **reading**.
4. Léigh mé litir aréir.  
Bhí mé **ag léamh** litreach aréir.  
Léigh mé an litir aréir.  
Bhí mé **ag léamh** na litreach aréir.  
I read a letter last night.  
I was **reading** a letter last night.  
I read the letter last night.  
I was **reading** the letter last night.
5. Tá na páistí **ag imirt** cluiche.  
Tá an cailín **ag briseadh** an phláta.  
Tá Seán **ag tógáil** briosca.  
Tá na páistí **ag déanamh** miongháire.  
Tá an buachaill **ag scríobh** litreach.  
Tá sé **ag caitheamh** na liathróide.  
An bhfuil sé **ag ól** líomanáide?  
The children are **playing** a game.  
The girl is **breaking** the plate.  
John's **taking** a cookie.  
The children are **smiling**.  
The boy is **writing** a letter.  
He's **throwing** the ball.  
Is he **drinking** lemonade?
6. Is maith liom **a bheith ag ithe**.  
Is fearr liom cáis **a ithe**.  
Is breá liom **a bheith ag ithe** cáise.  
Ar mhaith leat dinnéar **a ithe**?  
Ba mhaith liom é **a ithe** anois díreach.  
Níor mhaith liom é **a ithe** go fóill.  
B'fhéarr liom brioscaí **a ithe**.  
I like **to eat**.  
I prefer **to eat** cheese.  
I love **to be eating** cheese.  
Would you like **to eat** dinner?  
I'd like **to eat** it right now.  
I wouldn't like **to eat** it yet.  
I'd rather **eat** cookies.
7. Tá Tomás ina **chodladh**.  
Níl Máire ina **codladh** go fóill.  
An bhfuil tú i do **chodladh**, a Mháire?  
Níl. Níl mé i mo **chodladh** go fóill.  
Tá mé i mo **luí**.  
Tá mé i mo **shuí**.  
Tá mé i mo **sheasamh**.  
Tá mé i **bhfolach**.  
Tom's **sleeping**.  
Mary's not **sleeping** yet.  
Are you **asleep**, Mary?  
No. I'm not **sleeping** yet.  
I'm **lying** down.  
I'm **sitting** (or awake).  
I'm **standing**.  
I'm **hiding**.

**Comhrá 1**

C: Dia duit, a Phádraigín.  
P: Dia is Muire duit, a Cháit.  
C: Cad atá tú **ag déanamh**?  
P: Tá mé **ag léamh**. Agus tusa?  
C: Tá mise **ag breathnú** ar an teilifís.

**Comhrá 2**

A: Conas atá tú?  
B: Tá tuirse orm.  
A: Cad a bhí tú **ag déanamh** inniu?  
B: Bhí mé **ag damhsa**. Agus tusa?  
A: D’fhan mé sa bhaile. Bhí mé **ag léamh**.

**Comhrá 3**

A: Cad a bhí tú **ag déanamh** aréir?  
B: Bhí mé **ag léamh** leabhair.  
A: Cén leabhar a bhí tú **ag léamh**?  
B: Bhí mé **ag léamh** “An Béal Bocht”.  
A: Bhí mé féin **ag scríobh** litreach aréir,  
ach léigh mé an leabhar sin anuraidh.

**Comhrá 4**

A: Cá bhfuil na páistí anois?  
B: Bhí siad **ag imirt** peile sa pháirc.  
A: An bhfuil siad **ag imirt** go fóill?  
B: Níl. Tá siad **ag troid** anois.  
A: Féach! Tá Seáinín bocht **ag caoineadh**.  
B: Agus tá na buachaillí eile **ag rith** abhaile.

**Conversation 1**

Hi Patricia.  
Hi, Kate.  
What are you **doing**?  
I’m **reading**. And you?  
I’m **watching** TV.

**Conversation 2**

How are you?  
I’m tired.  
What were you **doing** today?  
I was **dancing**. And you?  
I stayed home. I was **reading**.

**Conversation 3**

What were you **doing** last night?  
I was **reading** a book.  
Which book were you **reading**?  
I was **reading** “The Poor Mouth”.  
I myself was **writing** a letter last night,  
but I read that book last year.

**Conversation 4**

Where are the children now?  
They were **playing** football in the park.  
Are they still **playing**?  
No. They’re **fighting** now.  
Look! Poor Johnny’s **crying**.  
And the other boys are **running** home.

**Comhrá 5**

A: An maith leat a **bheith ag imirt** peile?

B: Ní maith. Is fearr liom leadóg a **imirt**.

A: Ar mhaith leat cluiche leadóige  
a **imirt** liomsa?

B: Ba mhaith. Go raibh maith agat.

A: Beidh mé **ag fanacht** leat anseo.

B: Ní bheidh tú **ag fanacht** i bhfad.

**Comhrá 6**

A: An raibh tú **i do shuí** go luath?

B: Ní raibh.

D'fhan mé **i mo chodladh** go déanach.

A: An raibh tú **ag rince** aréir?

B: Ní raibh. Bhí mé **ag scríobh** litreach.

A: Bhí mé féin **ag breathnú** ar an teilifís.

B: B'fhéarr liomsa litir a **scríobh**.

**Conversation 5**

Do you like **to play** football?

No. I prefer **to play** tennis.

Would you like **to play**  
a game of tennis with me?

Yes. Thanks.

I'll be **waiting** for you here.

You won't be **waiting** long.

**Conversation 6**

Were you **awake** early?

No.

I stayed **asleep** until late.

Were you **dancing** last night?

No. I was **writing** a letter.

I myself was **watching** television.

I'd rather **write** a letter.

**Dán**

**Poem**

(le Síle Ní Rabhartaí)

<b>An Oíche</b>	<b>The Night</b>
Chonaic mé an oíche <b>ag teacht</b> anuas	I saw the night <b>coming</b> down
Mar chóta mór dubh ar an tuath	Like a large black coat on the countryside
Chuala mé na páistí <b>ag dul</b> a luí,	I heard the children <b>going</b> to sleep,
Le torann agus brón sa seomra istigh	With noise and sorrow in the room inside
D'fhág mé an madra <b>ag tafann</b> amuigh	I left the dog <b>barking</b> outside
Go brónach san oíche <b>ag caoineadh</b> sa ghaoth.	Sadly in the night, <b>crying</b> in the wind.

**Dán**

**Poem**

(le Colm Mac Lochlainn)

<b>Chuala mé an Ghaoth</b>	<b>I Heard the Wind</b>
Chuala mé an ghaoth	I heard the wind
<b>Ag bualadh</b> na bhfuinneog,	<b>Beating</b> the windows,
<b>Ag cnagadh</b> ar na doirse,	<b>Knocking</b> on the doors,
<b>Ag séideadh</b> na nduilleog.	<b>Blowing</b> the leaves.
Chuala mé an ghaoth	I heard the wind
<b>Ag luascadh</b> an chrainn,	<b>Shaking</b> the tree,
<b>Ag leagan</b> na slinnte	<b>Knocking down</b> the shingles
Anuas ón díon.	Down from the roof.
Chuala mé an ghaoth,	I heard the wind,
An oíche go léir,	The whole night,
<b>Ag séideadh</b> na fearthainne	<b>Blowing</b> the rain
Tríd an aer.	Through the air.