Ceacht a Deich — An Briathar "bí"
Lesson Ten — The Verb "be"

1.	**Bí** cúramach.	**Be** careful.
	Bígí cúramach.	[Y'all] **be** careful.
2.	**Bhí** mé sa bhaile.	I **was** at home.
	An raibh tú sa bhaile?	**Were** you at home?
	Bhí / **Ní raibh**	Yes (**was**) / No (**wasn't**)
	Nach raibh sé sa bhaile?	**Wasn't** he at home?
	Ní raibh sí sa bhaile.	She **wasn't** at home.
	Bhíomar sa bhaile.	**We were** at home.
	An raibh sibh sa bhaile?	**Were** y'all at home.
	Bhí siad sa bhaile.	They **were** at home.
	Cá raibh tú?	**Where were** you?
3.	**Bím** sa bhaile ar maidin.	**I am** at home in the morning.
	An **mbíonn** tú sa bhaile ar maidin?	**Are** you at home in the morning.
	Bím / **Bíonn**	Yes (**I be / be**)
	Ní bhím / **Ní bhíonn**	No (**I don't be / don't be**)
	Nach mbíonn sé sa bhaile ar maidin?	**Isn't** he at home in the morning?
	Ní bhíonn sí sa bhaile ar maidin.	She **isn't** at home in the morning.
	Bímid sa bhaile ar maidin.	**We are** at home in the morning.
	An mbíonn sibh sa bhaile ar maidin?	**Are** y'all at home in the morning.
	Bíonn siad sa bhaile ar maidin.	They **are** at home in the morning.
	Cá mbíonn tú ar maidin?	**Where are** you in the morning?
4.	**Beidh** mé sa bhaile ar maidin.	I **will be** at home in the morning.
	An **mbeidh** tú sa bhaile ar maidin?	**Will** you **be** at home in the morning.
	Beidh / **Ní bheidh**	Yes (**will be**) / No (**won't be**)
	Nach mbeidh sé sa bhaile ar maidin.	**Won't** he **be** at home in the morning?
	Ní bheidh sí sa bhaile ar maidin.	She **won't be** at home in the morning.
	Beimid sa bhaile ar maidin.	**We will be** at home in the morning.
	An mbeidh sibh sa bhaile ar maidin?	**Will** y'all **be** at home in the morning.
	Beidh siad sa bhaile ar maidin.	They **will be** at home in the morning.
	Cá mbeidh tú ar maidin ar maidin?	**Where will** you **be** in the morning?
5.	**Bheinn** sa bhaile.	**I would be** at home.
	An mbeifeá sa bhaile?	**Would you be** at home.
	Bheinn / **Ní bheinn**	Yes (**I would be**) / No (**I wouldn't be**)
	Nach mbeadh sé sa bhaile?	**Wouldn't** he **be** at home?
	Ní bheadh sí sa bhaile.	She **wouldn't be** at home.
	Bheimis sa bhaile.	**We would be** at home.
	An mbeadh sibh sa bhaile?	**Would you be** at home.
	Bheidís sa bhaile.	**They would be** at home.
	Cá mbeifeá, murach mise?	**Where would you be**, were it not for me?
6.	Ar mhaith leat **bheith** i do rí?	Would you like **to be** a king?

<u>Comhrá 1</u>	**<u>Conversation 1</u>**
A: **An raibh** tú in Éirinn riabh?	**Were** you ever in Ireland?
B: **Ní raibh**. **An raibh** tusa ann?	No (**wasn't**). **Were** you there.
A: **Bhí**. **Bhí** mé ann anuraidh.	Yes (**was**). I **was** there last year.
B: **An mbíonn** tú ann go minic?	**Are** you there often?
A: **Bíonn**. **Bím** ann beagnach gach bliain.	Yes (**be**). **I'm** there almost every year.
B: **An mbeidh** tú ag dul ann i mbliana?	**Will** you **be** there this year?
A: **Ní bheidh**, faraor.	No (**won't be**), unfortunately.
Beidh mé ann an bhliain seo chugainn.	I **will** be there next year.
B: Ba bhreá liomsa **a bheith** ann.	I would love **to be** there?
A: **An mbeifeá** sásta dul ann liomsa?	**Would you be** happy to go there with me?
B: **Bheinn** lán-sásta dul leat.	**I would be** very happy to go with you.

<u>Comhrá 2</u>	**<u>Conversation 2</u>**
S: Dia duit. Is mise <u>*Seán*</u>. Cad is ainm duit?	Hi. I'm <u>*Sean*</u>. What's your name?
M: Dia is Muire duit. Is mise <u>*Máire*</u>.	Hello. I'm <u>*Mary*</u>.
S: Tá sé go deas bualadh leat, a <u>*Mháire*</u>**.**	It's nice to meet you, <u>*Mary*</u>.
M: Deas bualadh leatsa, a <u>*Sheáin*</u>.	Nice to meet you, <u>*Sean*</u>.
S: **An bhfuil** tú i do chónaí anseo?	Do you live here?
M: **Níl**. Ach **bím** anseo gach bliain.	No. But **I'm** here every year.
S: Cad a dhéanann tú anseo?	What do you do here?
M: **Tá** mo mhamó ina cónaí anseo.	My grandmother lives here.
S: **Bhí** sé go deas bualadh leat.	It **was** nice to meet you.
M: Slán, <u>*a Sheáin*</u>.	Good bye, <u>*Sean*</u>.
S: Slán, <u>*a Mháire*</u>.	Good bye, <u>*Mary*</u>.

Dán – Mise (le June Ní Cheallaigh)

Nuair a **bhí** mé a haon
Ní raibh mé ábalta cabhrú liom féin,
Nuair a **bhí** mé a dó
Bhí mé níos mó,
Nuair a **bhí** mé a trí
D'ith mé a lán prátaí,
Nuair a **bhí** mé a ceathair
Bhí mé i mo chailín maith ag m'athair,
Nuair a **bhí** mé a cúig
Bhí mo ghruaig fada,
Nuair a **bhí** mé a sé
An-mhaith, **ní raibh** mé,
Nuair a **bhí** mé a seacht
Chuaigh mé isteach is amach,
Nuair a **bhí** mé a hocht
Bhí áthas orm mar **ní raibh** mé bocht,
Ach anois **tá** mé trí bliana déag
agus fásta suas.

Poem – Myself

When I **was** one
I **wasn't** able to help myself,
When I **was** two
I **was** bigger,
When I **was** three
I ate a lot of potatoes,
When I **was** four
I **was** my daddy's good girl,
When I **was** five
My hair **was** long,
When I **was** six
I **wasn't** very good,
When I **was** seven
I went in and out,
When I **was** eight
I **was** happy as I wasn't poor,
But now I **am** thirteen years old
and grown up.

Ceisteanna

1. **An raibh** tú in Éirinn riamh?
2. **An raibh** tú i dtír eile riamh?
3. **An mbíonn** tú ar an trá go minic?
4. **An mbíonn** tú amuigh ag siúl go minic?
5. **An mbeidh** tú in Éirinn i mbliana?
6. An fearr leat **a bheith** ag siúl nó ag rith?
7. **An mbeifeá** sásta codladh i bpuball?
8. **Cá raibh** tú ar an deireadh seachtaine?
9. **Cá mbíonn** tú ag am lóin?
10. **Cá mbeidh** tú sa samhradh?

Questions

Were you ever in Ireland?
Were you ever in another country?
Are you often at the beach?
Are you often out walking?
Will you **be** in Ireland this year?
Do you prefer (**to be**) walking or running?
Would you be happy to sleep in a tent?
Where were you on the weekend?
Where are you at lunch time?
Where will you be in the summer?