

Ceacht 1 *Cur in aithne/ Introductions*

In this lesson you will learn how to:

- * Introduce yourself to others.
- * Ask how someone is and reply.
- * Say thanks and goodbye.

1. Abairtí úsáideacha nuair a chasann duine ort ar dtús:

Useful expressions for when you first meet someone. Repeat each one as you hear it on the CD:

Dia duit/ (daoibh = plural)!

Dia is Muire duit/ (daoibh = plural)!

Conas atá tú?

Tá mé go maith, go raibh maith agat.

Conas atá tú féin?

Cad is ainm duit?

Síle is ainm dom.

Níl mé go dona.

Slán leat.

Slán agat.

Hello! (first speaker, literally = God to you)

Hello! (In response, literally = God and Mary to you)

How are you?

I'm well, thanks.

How are you yourself?

What's your name?

My name is Síle.

I am not bad.

Goodbye. (said by person leaving company)

Goodbye. (said to person leaving company)

Nóta

Tá trí phríomhchanúint sa Ghaeilge, agus cloisfidh tú trí leagan de 'how are you?'

There are three main dialects in Irish and you will hear three ways of asking 'how are you?'

Conas atá tú?

= **Gaeilge na Mumhan** Munster Irish

Cén chaoi a bhfuil tú?

= **Gaeilge Chonnacht** Connaught Irish

Cad é mar atá tú?

= **Gaeilge Uladh** Ulster Irish

Comhrá (ceacht 1 ar dhlúthdhiosca)

Listening and Repeating

1. Listen to the CD without looking at the text and repeat the words and phrases.
2. Listen to the CD, follow the Irish text and repeat the phrases without looking at the English translation.
3. Read the text in Irish and compare the phrases to the English translation. Repeat the phrases again. (All phrases are on the CD twice, slowly at first and then at a natural speed and rhythm in Irish. Try to keep up with the recordings, imitating the pronunciation faithfully.)

Tá múinteoir nua darb ainm Seán Eastlake ag tosú i scoil nua. Casann múinteoir eile air sa seomra foirne agus cuireann siad iad féin in aithne dá chéile:

A new teacher by the name of Seán Eastlake has just started working in a new school. He meets with another teacher in the staff room and they introduce themselves to one another:

Síle: Dia duit. (often pronounced *dhuit*)

Seán: Dia is Muire duit.

Síle: Is mise Síle, Síle Ní Mhaidín. Cad is ainm duitse? (*duitse = emphatic form*)

Seán: Seán Eastlake is ainm dom.

Síle: Conas atá tú, a Sheáin?

Seán: Tá mé go maith go raibh maith agat, a Shíle. Conas atá tú féin? (often pronounced *fhéin*)

Síle: Níl mé go dona.

Ainmneacha na hÉireann/ The names of Ireland

Note the vocative form used when addressing somebody directly:

Male

Seán	a Sheáin
Mícheál	a Mhíchíl
Séamas	a Shéamais
Pádraig	a Phádraig
Dónal	a Dhónail
Daithí	a Dhaithí
Aodán	a Aodáin
Liam	a Liam

Female

Síle	a Shíle
Siobhán	a Shiobhán
Ciara	a Chiara
Caitriona	a Chaitriona
Méabh	a Mhéabh
Máire	a Mháire
Aoife	a Aoife
Laoise	a Laoise

Sloinnte/Surnames

Ní	daughter of	-	Síle Ní Mhaidín
Nic	daughter of (with vowel)	-	Máire Nic an Iomaire
Bean Uí	Wife of	-	Bean Uí Mhurchú
Ó	Descended from	-	Daithí Ó Cualáin
Mac	Son of	-	Peadar Mac Giolla Bhríghde

Comhrá Ceacht 1 - Aistriúchán/Translation

Dia duit!	Hello (Literally God to you)
Dia is Muire duit!	Hello (God and Mary to you = response)
Is mise Síle, Síle Ní Mhaidín. Cad is ainm duitse?	I'm Síle, Síle Ní Mhaidín. What's your name?
Seán Eastlake is ainm dom.	I'm Seán Eastlake.
Conas atá tú a Sheáin?	How are you Seán?
Tá mé go maith go raibh maith agat. Conas atá tú féin a Shíle?	I'm well thank you. How are you Síle?
Tá mé go maith go raibh maith agat.	I'm well, thank you.

Obair Bheirte/Pair Work

Agus tú ag obair leis an duine in aice leat, bain úsáid as an gcomhrá thuas chun tú fein a chur in aithne. Úsáid d'ainm agus do shonraí féin.

With the person beside you, use the above dialogue to exchange greetings, your own name and personal details.