

Ceacht 4 *An Aimsir /The Weather*

In this lesson you will learn how to:

- * Talk about the weather.
- * Talk about times of the day and name the days of the week.

1. Abairtí Úsáideacha:

Repeat each one as you hear it on the CD:

Tá an lá go deas.	The day is nice.
Níl sé ró-dhona.	It's (the day) not too bad
Lá breá/Aimsir bhreá.	It's a fine day/Its fine weather.
Tá sé go hálainn buíochas le Dia.	It's beautiful thanks be to God.
Drochlá.	It's a bad day.
Tá sé millteanach, go deimhin.	It's terrible indeed.
Tá sé gaofar.	It's windy.
Tá sé fliuch/tirim.	It's wet/dry.
Tá sé ag cur báistí anseo.	It's pouring rain here
Tá an aimsir go deas.	The weather is nice.
Níl an aimsir go deas.	The weather is not nice.
Tá sé fuar.	It's cold.
Tá sé an-fhuar.	It's very cold.
Tá sé meirbh.	It's sultry.

Comhrá (ceacht 4 ar dhlúthdiosca) (Follow CD instructions as before.)

Casann beirt ar a chéile ar bhóthar faoin tuath. Tá an aimsir go dona.
Two people meet on a countryside road. The weather is bad.

Síle:	Dia duit!
Seán:	Dia is Muire duit!
Síle:	Drochlá.
Seán:	Tá sé millteanach, go deimhin.
Síle:	Bhí sé go deas inné.
Seán:	An raibh? Bhí mise i mBaile Átha Cliath inné.
Síle:	Bhí sé go hálainn.
Seán:	Slán leat anois!
Síle:	Slán, a Sheáin!

Nóta:

An Aimsir Chaite/The Past Tense.

An raibh?	Was?
An raibh an aimsir go deas Dé Luain?	Was the weather nice on Monday?
Bhí.	It was.
Ní raibh. Bhí sé an-fhliuch.	It wasn't. It was very wet.
Bhí an aimsir go dona inné.	The weather was bad yesterday.

Comhrá Ceacht 4 - Aistriúchán/Translation

Dia duit!	Hello!
Dia is Muire duit!	Hello!
Drochlá.	It's a bad day.
Tá sé millteanach, go deimhin.	Indeed its terrible.
Bhí sé go deas inné.	It was nice yesterday.
An raibh? Bhí mise i mBaile Átha Cliath inné.	Was it? I was in Dublin yesterday.
Bhí sé go hálainn.	It was lovely.
Slán leat anois!	Goodbye now!
Slán, a Sheáin!	Goodbye Sean!

Le Foghlaim/To be Learned

An Luan	Monday	Dé Luain	On Monday
An Mháirt	Tuesday	Dé Máirt	On Tuesday
An Chéadaoin	Wenesday	Dé Céadaoin	On Wenesday
An Déardaoin	Thursday	Déardaoin	On Thursday
An Aoine	Friday	Dé hAoine	On Friday
An Satharn	Saturday	Dé Sathairn	On Saturday
An Domhnach	Sunday	Dé Domhnaigh	On Sunday
Ar maidin	In the /morning	Tráthnóna	Afternoon/Evening
Anocht	Tonight	Oíche	Night
Inniu	Today	Inné	Yesterday
Amárach	Tommorow		

Obair Bheirte/Pair Work

Agus tú ag obair leis an duine in aice leat, labhair faoi aimsir na seachtaine seo caite.
Working with the person beside you, talk about last week's weather.

Mar shampla:

An raibh an aimsir go deas Dé Domhnaigh? Ní raibh. Bhí sé fuar agus fliuch.
An raibh sé go deas Dé Luain? Bhí sé go hálainn, buíochas le Dia.

2. Cabhair leis an nGramadach/Help with the Grammar

The teacher will emphasise the most important of the following grammatical points. It is not essential that you learn them all off by heart.

Séimhiú/lenition

Bíonn séimhiú ar fhocail sa Ghaeilge i gcásanna éagsúla.

Lenition takes place in Irish in various cases.

Baineann séimhiú leis na consain seo a leanas amháin:

Lenition only occurs with the following consonants:

b	bh
c	ch
d	dh
f	fh
g	gh
m	mh
p	ph
s	sh
t	th

Ní féidir séimhiú a chur ar chonsain eile nó ar ghuta ar bith.

One cannot lenite any other consonants or vowels.

The definite nominative article singular and plural

Note: There is no indefinite article in Irish. Therefore the word **fear** means both man and a man.

An fear =the man **na fir** =the men (*na* =also genitive feminine singular and genitive plural article)

Inscne na nAinmfhocal/ *Gender of nouns*

All nouns in Irish are either masculine or feminine

An fear = masculine noun, singular with article

An bhean = feminine noun, singular with article

An fear mór - adjective follows the form of the noun

An bhean mhór - adjective follows form of the noun, therefore noun and adjective *lenite*

Lá (a masculine noun) breá

Aimsir (a feminine noun) bhreá

3. Súil Siar/*Looking Back*

Gníomhachtaí scríbhneoireachta/*Writing Activities*

Aistrigh go Gaeilge:

1. The weather is bad today.....
2. The weather was nice this morning.....
3. Was the weather nice in the afternoon?.....
4. It was sultry on Monday.....
5. It was very cold yesterday.....
6. It was very wet on Sunday.....
7. It was warm last night.....
8. Was it nice in the afternoon?.....

Gníomhaíochtaí Éisteachta/*Listening Activities (ceacht 4)*

Éist leis an dlúthdhiosca agus freagair na ceistanna a leanas:

1. An raibh an aimsir go deas sa Fhrainc?
2. An raibh sé fliuch Dé Céadaoin?
3. An bhfuil sé ag cur báistí anois?

4. Obair Bhaile na Seachtaine seo/*This week's homework*

A. Work with the CD and the handbook regularly during the week as before. 20 minutes on a daily basis is an effective and realistic approach.

B. Keep a diary describing the weather each day.

Transcript of conversation, ceacht 4:

Gníomhaíochtaí Éisteachta

Seán: An raibh an aimsir go deas sa Fhrainc?

Síle: Bhí sé go hálainn, buíochas le Dia.

Seán: Bhí sé tirim ach an-fhuar anseo Dé Céadaoin ach bhí sé ag cur báistí aréir.

Síle: An raibh? Tá sé tirim anois.