

Seek help in filling in gaps in your vocabulary. Be proactive and ask as many native speakers as are available to you on how to say things that elude you. Being outwardly inquisitive and enthusiastic is the very best way towards acquiring Gaeilge.

*These are the most important phrases of all.  
Learn them early - use them often*

1. Gabh mo leithscéal. Ní **th**uigim **e** sin.

*Excuse me. I don't understand that.*

1. Gabh mo leithscéal, a' **m**beith**feá**(há) in ann cabhrú liom?

*Excuse me, could you help me?*

1. A' **bh**féad**fá**(há) **e** sin a rá aríst led' **th**oil?

*Could you say that again please?*

1. A' **bh**féad**fá**(há) **e** sin a rá níos moille led' **th**oil?

*Could you say that a little more slowly please*

1. Ce' **ch**aoi a **nd**eireann tú ..... ?

*How do you say ..... ?*

Ce' **ch**aoi a **nd**éarfá(bhá) ..... ?

*How would you say ....?*

1. Céard **e** an focal i **gc**óir ..... ?

*What is the word for .....?*

1. Níl **fh**ios a'am an focal i **gc**óir .....

*I don't know the word for ....*

1. Cén **Gh**aeilge atá **air** ... ?

*What's the Gaeilge for .....?*

1. Ce' **ch**aoi a **nd**éarfá(bhá) ..... as **Gaeilge** ?

*How would you say ..... as Gaeilge?*

Sharing meals offer one of the the most natural settings for language aquisition.  
Here are some essential phrases /constructions for meal times.

### *Around the dinner table.*

1. Gabh mo leithscéal.

*Excuse me.*

1. Le do thoil.

*Please.*

1. Gura maith ad.

*Thank you.*

1. Míle buíochas.

*Many thanks.*

1. Ar mhiste leat an salann a thabhairt dhom?

*Do you mind passing me the salt?*

1. Toram an bhainne le do thoil.

*Please pass me the milk.*

1. A' bhféadfá (há) an im a thabhairt dhom?

*Could you pass me the butter?*

1. Ba bhreá liom tuilleadh le do thoil

*I would really like some more please.*

1. Tá mo dhóthain a'am gura maith ad.

*I have enough thank you.*

1. Bhí an béile an-bhlasta gura maith ad.

*That was a delicious meal thank you.*

1. Thaitnigh an béile go mór liom gura maith ad.

*I really enjoyed the meal thank you.*

1. Tá me stiúcaí.

*I'm starving.*

1. Tá me scrútaí.

*I'm famished.*

1. Tá me súch sách.

*I'm full up / stuffed.*