

Gaeilge has two forms for the English verb “To be” that are completely different and non interchangeable.

‘Bhfuil ...? (Is it ...?) Tá (It is ≠ Yes) Níl (It isn’t ≠ No)

“Tá” Is used to describe (Tá sé fuar - He/it is cold) to convey actions (Tá sé ag snámh - He/it is swimming) to place / locate (Tá sé amuigh - He/it is outside)

The verb “to be”

1. ‘Bhfuil tú ag iarra’ oráiste? *Do you want an orange?*

Tá. *I do ≠ Yes* Níl. *I don’t ≠ No*

2. ‘Bhfuil tú ag iarra’ tuilleadh tae? *Do you want more tea?*

Tá. *I do ≠ Yes* Níl. *I don’t ≠ No*

3. ‘Bhfuil do dhóthain ad? *Do you have enough?*

Tá. *I do ≠ Yes* Níl. *I don’t ≠ No*

4. ‘Bhfuil tú in ann e a dhéana’? *Can you do it?*

Tá. *I can ≠ Yes* Níl. *I can’t ≠ No*

5. ‘Bhfuil me in ann cabhrú leat? *Can I help you?*

Tá. *You can ≠ Yes* Níl. *You can’t ≠ No*

6. ‘Bhfuil se in am imeacht? *Is it time to leave?*

Tá. *It is ≠ Yes* Níl. *It isn’t ≠ No*

7. ‘Bhfuil an lá go breá? *Is it a fine day?*

Tá. *It is ≠ Yes* Níl. *It isn’t ≠ No*

8. ‘Bhfuil fhios ad cá ‘il se? *Do you know where it is?*

Tá. *I do ≠ Yes* Níl. *I don’t ≠ No*

9. ‘Bhfuil fhios ad an freagra? *Do you know the answer?*

Tá. *I do ≠ Yes* Níl. *I don’t ≠ No*

10. ‘Bhfuil orm e a dhéana’? *Do I have to do it?*

Tá. *You do ≠ Yes* Níl. *You don’t ≠ No*

11. ‘Bhfuil ort imeacht? *Do you have to go?*

Tá. *I do ≠ Yes* Níl. *I don’t ≠ No*

12. ‘Bhfuil ocras ort? *Are you hungry?*

Tá. *I am ≠ Yes* Níl. *I’m not ≠ No*

13. ‘Bhfuil tart ort? *Are you thirsty?*

Tá. *I am ≠ Yes* Níl. *I’m not ≠ No*

Essential Vocab.4

“Tá” Vs “Is”

“Is” is used to define / verify.

An lá fuar é? ‘Sea (It is ≠ Yes) / Ní hea (It isn’t ≠ No)

1. An lá breá é? *Is it a fine day?*

‘Sea. *It is ≠ Yes* Ní hea. *It isn’t ≠ No*

2. An múinteoir í? *Is she a teacher?*

‘Sea. *She is ≠ Yes* Ní hea. *She isn’t ≠ No*

3. An buachaill maith é? *Is he a good boy?*

‘Sea. *He is ≠ Yes* Ní hea. *He isn’t ≠ No*

4. An bronntanas atá ann? *Is it a present?*

‘Sea. *It is ≠ Yes* Ní hea. *It isn’t ≠ No*

5. An duine deas í? *Is she a nice person?*

‘Sea. *She is ≠ Yes* Ní hea. *She isn’t ≠ No*

6. Ab ‘in é an ceann? *Is that the one?*

‘Sea. *It is ≠ Yes* Ní hea. *It isn’t ≠ No*

7. Ab ‘eod é an ceann? *Is this the one?*

‘Sea. *It is ≠ Yes* Ní hea. *It isn’t ≠ No*

8. An cuma leat ma thógaim ceann? *Do you mind if i take one?*

Is cuma liom. *No, I don’t mind*

9. An miste leat ma thógaim ceann? *Do you mind if i take one?*

Ní miste liom. *No, I don’t mind*

10. Ar mhiste leat dá dtógfainn(hin) ceann? *Would you mind if I took one?*

Níor mhiste. *No,, I would’d mind*

11. An maith leat an cáca? *Do you like the cake?*

Is maith liom é. *Yes, i do like it.*

12. Ar mhaith leat píosa? *Would you like a piece?*

Ba mhaith. *Yes, i would like.*

13. An fearr leat caife ná tae? *Do you prefer coffee to tea?*

Is fearr. *Yes, i do.*

14. An cuimhin leat an dáta? *Do you remember the date?*

Is cuimhin. *Yes, i do remember*

15. An dóigh leat go dtarlóidh se? *Do you suppose that it will happen?*

Is dóigh. *Yes, I do suppose*