

Cuid de Cheacht a hAon / A Portion of Lesson One [kudj de hyakht uh hayn]

First, let's start by pronouncing the Irish phrases above. At the end of the lesson, you'll find some sample conversational sentences. Gradually the pronunciation system will be introduced, broken down by vowels, consonants, diphthongs, etc., but for now, plunging right in will help you read the passage above. The pronunciation system is explained in greater detail in the full lesson, and will be fine-tuned as the series proceeds. For right now, one thing you might notice is that Irish has silent letters galore, an extreme example being "bhfaighidh," pronounced "wai" (sounds like English "why"). However, there are some nice short simple words as well, like "lá," which means "day."

Gaeilge a hAon, Irish One [GAYL-gyeh uh hayn]

don Chruinniú Meetup, for the Meetup meeting [dun KHRIN-yoo ...]

Foghlaim na Gaeilge, Learning Irish [FOH-lim nuh GAYL-gyeh]

Dia dhaoibh! Hello! [DJEE-uh heev]

Cois Fharraige, (not translated, since it's a place name) [kush AR-ig-yeh]

ceacht, lesson [kyakht]

An Caighdeán, the standard [un KAI-djawn]

pé áit a bhfuil tú, wherever you are [pay awtch uh wil too]

ár gcuid Gaeilge, our share of Irish [awr gudj GAYL-gyeh]

bhfaighidh, will get [wai]

lá, day [law]

And now for your introductory sentences:

Haló. Is mise _____. Hello. I am _____.
[hah-loh. iss MISH-eh [your name].

Tá mé i mo bhall de Meetup. I am a member of Meetup.
[taw may ih muh wal de Meetup]

Ba mhaith liom Gaeilge a fhoghlaim. I would like to learn Irish.
[buh wah lyum GAYL-gyeh uh OH-lim]

Mise freisin! Me too!
[MISH-eh FRESH-in]

Sin deireadh leis an gceacht samplach! That's the end of the sample lesson.
[shin DJER-uh lesh un gyakht SAHM-plukh]

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