

# Aimsir Chaite

In Gaeilge, a word either has a broad consonant (consan leathan) or a slender consonant (consan caol).

Consan leathan will have; **a, o, u** as its last vowel e.g. Glan

Consan caol will have: **i, e** as its last vowel e.g. Bris

Verbs are action words. In the past tense if we want to use a verb in a sentence, we must make some changes to the original verb. Here is a list of one syllable original verbs we can use in our writing and speaking:

**Cuir**- to put (caol)

**Léim**- to jump (caol)

**Glan**-to clean (leathan)

**Caith**- to throw/wear (caol)

**Ól**- to drink (leathan)

**Bris**- to break (caol)

**Ith**- to eat (caol)

**Fág**- to leave (leathan)

**Tóg**- to take (leathan)

**Féach**- to look (leathan)

## There are 3 rules for regular verbs both caol and leathan:

1. Verbs that start with a **vowel**, we add a D' in front: Ól changes to D'ól
2. Verbs that start with letter **f**, we add a D' & h in front: Fág changes to D'fhág
3. Verbs that start with any **other letter**, we add 'h' to the verb: Bris changes to Bhris (n.b. verbs that start with vowel cannot take a h)

There will be some irregular verbs we will look at later.

We then add the correct *foranim pearsanta* after the verb: **mé, tú, sé, sí, sibh** and **siad**. The only exception to this is **sinn** which has its own special ending.

One syllable leathan verbs is **amar** (e.g. Ghlanamar) and caol verbs is **eamar** (e.g. Chuireamar)

## Briathar Caol

Cuir

**Chuir** mé

**Chuir** tú

**Chuir** sé/sí

**Chuireamar**

**Chuir** sibh

**Chuir** siad

## Briathar Leathan

Glan

**Ghlan** mé

**Ghlan** tú

**Ghlan** sé/sí

**Ghlanamar**

**Ghlan** sibh

**Ghlan** siad

## Briathar ag tosú le 'F'

Fág

**D'fhág** mé

**D'fhág** tú

**D'fhág** sé/sí

**D'fhágamar**

**D'fhág** sibh

**D'fhág** siad

## Briathar ag tosú le guta

Ith

**D'ith** mé

**D'ith** tú

**D'ith** sé/sí

**D'itheamar**

**D'ith** sibh

**D'ith** siad

Let's try a few examples. We will first focus on 3 different briathra leathan. Write out the verbs in aimsir chaite in your homework copy and check your answers on the next page.

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## An Chéad Réimniú – Briathra Leathana

Líon isteach an tábla:

<b>Gearr</b>	<b>Ól</b>	<b>Fág</b>
Mé	Mé	Mé
Tú	Tú	Tú
Sé	Sé	Sé
Sí	Sí	Sí
Sibh	Sibh	Sibh
Siad	Siad	Siad

## Answers:

Ghearr mé

D'ól mé

D'fhág mé

Ghearr tú

D'ól tú

D'fhág tú

Ghearr sé

D'ól sé

D'fhág sé

Ghearr sí

D'ól sí

D'fhág sí

Ghearramar

D'ólamar

D'fhágamar

Ghearr sibh

D'ól sibh

D'fhág sibh

Ghearr siad

D'ól siad

D'fhág siad