

Exercises for Unit 1

Ceistean [Questions]

1) Write the letter(s) which make the sounds associated with these letters in English:

English	Gaelic	English	Gaelic
y		j	
k		sh	
v		ch	
g		h	

2)	Write the letters for the sounds in Gaelic that English doesn't have:	
3)	What letters or letter combinations can be silent in Gaelic?	
4)	Translate the following	
a)	Stadaibh!	
b)	Dè an t-ainm a tha oirbh?	
c)	Is mise Anndra.	
d)	Hello!	
e)	Please	
f)	Thank You	
g)	Tha ceist agam.	
h)	I don't understand.	
i)	How are you?	

5) How many letters are in the Gaelic alphabet? (Don't consider vowels with accent marks as separate letters.)

Freagairtean [Answers]

- 1) y = dh or gh with an evil (slender) vowel (e or i)
j = d with an evil vowel
k = c
sh = s with an evil vowel
v = bh or mh
ch = t with an evil vowel
g = g at the beginning of a word, sometimes d with an evil vowel
h = sh or th
- 2) dh, gh and in non-Scottish English, ch, chd.
- 3) fh and frequently lenited consonants in the middle or ends of words.
- 4) Translate:
 - a) Stop! (plural)
 - b) What is your name? (formal or plural)
 - c) I am Andrew.
 - d) Hallò!
 - e) Ma 's e ur toil e (formal or plural) or ma 's e do thoil e (informal)
 - f) Tapadh leibh (formal or plural) or tapadh leat (informal)
 - g) I have a question.
 - h) Chan eil mi a' tuigsinn.
 - i) Ciamar a tha sibh? (formal or plural) or ciamar a tha thu? (informal)
- 5) 18 letters