

Family and Possession

Here are some words regarding the family.

màthair (boir.)	mother	athair (fir.)	father		
piuthar (boir.)	sister	bràthair (fir.)	brother		
nighean (boir.)	daughter	mac (fir.)	son		
seanmhair (boir.)	grandmother	seanair (fir.)	grandfather		
bean (boir.)	wife	duine (fir.)	husband		
antaidh (boir.)	aunt	uncail (fir.)	uncle		
boireannach (fir.)	woman	duine (fir.)	man		
cailleach (boir.)	old woman	bodach (fir.)	old man		
teaghlach (fir.)	family	(boir.)	boireann	feminine	
clann (boir.)	children	(fir.)	fireann	masculine	
ogha (fir.)	grandchild				
co-ogha (fir.)	cousin				

As a reminder, Gaelic doesn't have a verb 'to have'. Instead, we use the preposition 'aig' for possession. Literally, we are saying that the things we possess are 'at' us. When a preposition is used with a pronoun, they merge. For 'aig', we have:

Aig - At

agam	at me
agad	at you
aige	at him
aice	at her
againn	at us
agaibh	at you
aca	at them

Examples:

A bheil bràthair agad?	Do you have a brother/brothers?
Tha. Tha bràthair agam.	Yes. I have a brother.
Chan eil bràthair agam.	No, I do not have a brother/brothers.
A bheil bràthair aice?	Does she have a brother/brothers?

Using aig, we can possess more than just family members.

A bheil cat agad?	Do you have a cat?
Tha cat agam.	I have a cat.
Chan eil cat agam.	I do not have a cat.

Examples:

A bheil bràthair agaibh?

Do you have a brother/brothers?

Tha. Tha bràthair agam.

Yes. I have a brother/brothers.

A bheil am bràthair agad mòr no beag?

Is your brother big or little?

Tha am bràthair agam beag.

My brother is little.

A bheil cat aig a' bhràthair agad?

Does your brother have a cat?

Tha cat donn aig a' bhràthair agam.

My brother has a brown cat.

A bheil an cat aig a' bhràthair agad mòr no beag?

Is your brother's cat large or small?

Tha an cat aige mòr.

His cat is large.

Other (Extra credit)

leanabh (fir.)

baby, young child

pàiste (fir.)

baby