

Working with Names

[\[MP3 Link\]](#)

One of the first things you will want to know when meeting someone is what the name of the person is that you are speaking to.

Dè an t-ainm a th' oirbh? / What is your name?

Answer:

Is mise <name>. / I am <name>.

To introduce someone, use:

Seo <name>. / Here [is] <name>.

When addressing someone, you do the following:

Male names:

Start with an 'a' at the beginning, add an 'h' after the first letter (following the rules of lenition) and add an 'i' just after the last vowel.

e.g. Seumas -> **a Sheumais.**
Tòmas -> **a Thòmais.**

If the name begins with a vowel, the 'a' and 'h' changes are left off, but the 'i' change happens.

Eachann -> Eachainn
Iain -> Iain (already has an 'i', so doesn't change at all!)

Female names:

Start with an 'a' at the beginning, add an 'h' after the first letter (following the rules of lenition).

Mòrag -> **a Mhòrag**
Seonag -> **a Sheonag**

If the name begins with a vowel, the 'a' and 'h' changes are left off.

Anna -> Anna