

## 'Bi' with Verbal Nouns

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Up until now we have been able to say something is and provide a simple description using an adjective. Now we will add some verbal nouns so that we may talk about what we are doing. Note that this is the only way verbs other than 'Bi' can have a present tense.

ag obair	working
ag ithe	eating
ag òl	drinking
a' dannsadh	dancing
a' leughadh	reading
a' sgrìobhadh	writing
a' falbh	leaving
a' ruith	running
a' coiseachd (+le)	walking (with)(use "còmhla ri" with people)
a' coimhead (+air)	looking (on)
a' faicinn	looking or seeing (irregular)
a' dol	going (irregular)
a' tighinn	coming (irregular)
ag èisdeachd (+ri)	listening (to)
a' pògadh	kissing
a' cadal	sleeping
a' dùsgadh	waking up
a' cluinntinn	hearing (irregular)

### Examples

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| 1) Tha mi ag obair.                                  | I am working.        |
| 2) A bheil thu ag ithe?                              | Are you eating?      |
| 3) Chan eil sinn ag òl.                              | We are not drinking. |
| 4) Nach eil iad a' dol?                              | Aren't they going?   |
| 5) Tha sibh a' tighinn.                              | You are coming.      |
| 6) Chan eil mi a' cadal.                             | I am not sleeping.   |
| 7) A bheil sinn a' pògadh?                           | Are we kissing?      |
| 8) Nach eil thu a' falbh?                            | Aren't you leaving?  |
| 9) Tha Bob a' ruith.                                 | Bob is running.      |
| 10) A bheil Goraidh a' cluinntinn? Is Geoff hearing? |                      |