

Regular Verbs in the Future Tense

To put a regular verb in the future tense (positive), add -idh to the imperative form whose last vowel is an i or e. For imperative forms whose last vowel is a, o, or u, add -aidh. The “negative”, “positive question”, and “negative question” forms are the dependent forms and leave off the ending.

Remember, “cha” and “chan” lenite. “Chan” is used before vowels or ‘f’ verbs when lenition results in a vowel sound. “An” becomes “Am” if the first letter of the verb is m, b, f, or p.

Following the patterns given by the examples, fill out the rest of the chart.

Imperative	Positive	Negative	Positive Question	Negative Question
Bris!	Brisidh.	Cha bhris.	Am bris?	Nach bris?
Fàs!	Fàsaidh.	Chan fhàs.	Am fàs?	Nach f(h)às?*
Èigh!	Èighidh.	Chan èigh.	An èigh?	Nach èigh?
Sguir!	Sguiridh.	Cha sguir.	An sguir?	Nach sguir?
Bruidhinn!				
Caidil!				
Cluich!				
Coimhid!				
Coisich!				
Cuir!				
Danns!				
Dùin!				
Èist!				
Falbh!				
Fosgail!				
Freagair!				
Gabh!				
Glan!				
Ith!				
Ionnsaich!				

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Leugh!				
Leum!				
Obair!				
Ò!				
Pòg!				
Ruith!				
Seall!				
Seas!				
Seinn!				
Sgrìobh!				
Stad!				
Streap!				
Teagaisg!				

* There is no reason to lenite F initial verbs after NACH, but it happens because it is easier to say as going from the CH sound to the F sound requires you to go from one end of your vocal apparatus to the other. Feel free to lenite or not.

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Bruidhinn!	Bruidhinnidh.	Cha bhruidhinn.	Am bruidhinn?	Nach bruidhinn?
Caidil!	Caidilidh.	Cha chaidil.	An caidil?	Nach caidil?
Cluich!	Cluichidh.	Cha chluich.	An cluich?	Nach cluich?
Coimhid!	Coimhididh.	Cha choimhid.	An coimhid?	Nach coimhid?
Coisich!	Coisichidh.	Cha choisich.	An coisich?	Nach coisich?
Cuir!	Cuiridh.	Cha chuir.	An cuir?	Nach cuir?
Danns!	Dannsaidh.	Cha dhanns.	An danns?	Nach danns?
Dùin!	Dùinidh.	Cha dhùin.	An dùin?	Nach dùin?
Èist!	Èistidh.	Chan èist.	An èist?	Nach èist?
Falbh!	Falbhadh.	Chan fhalbh.	Am falbh?	Nach f(h)albh?
Fosgail!	Fosgailidh.	Chan fhosgail.	Am fosgail?	Nach f(h)osgail?
Freagair!	Freagairidh.	Cha fhreagair.	Am freagair?	Nach f(h)reagair?
Gabh!	Gabhaidh.	Cha ghabh.	An gabh?	Nach gabh?
Glan!	Glanaidh.	Cha glan.	An glan?	Nach glan?
Ith!	Ithidh.	Chan ith.	An ith?	Nach ith?
Ionnsaich!	Ionnsaichidh.	Chan ionnsaich.	An ionnsaich?	Nach ionnsaich?
Leugh!	Leughaidh.	Cha leugh.	An leugh?	Nach leugh?
Leum!	Leumaidh.	Cha leum.	An leum?	Nach leum?
Obair!	Obairidh.	Chan obair.	An obair?	Nach obair?
Òl!	Òlaidh.	Chan òl.	An òl?	Nach òl?
Pòg!	Pògaidh.	Cha phòg.	Am pòg?	Nach pòg?
Ruith!	Ruithidh.	Cha ruith.	An ruith?	Nach ruith?

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Seall!	Seallaidh.	Cha sheall.	An seall?	Nach seall?
Seas!	Seasaidh.	Cha sheas.	An seas?	Nach seas?
Seinn!	Seinnidh.	Cha sheinn.	An seinn?	Nach seinn?
Sgrìobh!	Sgrìobhaidh.	Cha sgrìobh.	An sgrìobh?	Nach sgrìobh?
Stad!	Stadaidh.	Cha stad.	An stad?	Nach stad?
Streap!	Streapaidh.	Cha streap.	An streap?	Nach streap?
Teagaisg!	Teagasigidh.	Cha theagaisg.	An teagaisg?	Nach teagaisg?