

Bi, A Review

As you will recall, the verb Bi is one of the verbs 'to be' - the other being IS.

Here is a quick review of Bi in the past, present, and future, before we start learning about using other verbs in the past or future.

Imperative - The Command!

Bi! Bi sàmhach! - Be quiet!

I always denote an imperative with an exclamation point.

Present Tense (Progressive)

The verb Bi is one of two verbs in Gàidhlig that have a present tense!

<i>Tha</i> -----	Tha mi sgìth.	<i>independent form</i>
<i>Chan eil</i>	Chan eil mi sgìth.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>A bheil</i>	A bheil sibh sgìth? Tha / Chan eil.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>Nach eil</i>	Nach eil sibh sgìth? Tha / Chan eil.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>... gu bheil...</i>	Tha mi sgìth airson gu bheil mi ag obair.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>... nach eil...</i>	Chan eil mi sgìth airson nach eil mi ag obair.	<i>dependent form</i>

Past Tense (Progressive)

<i>Bha</i> -----	Bha mi sgìth.	<i>independent form</i>
<i>Cha robh</i>	Cha robh mi sgìth.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>An robh</i>	An robh sibh sgìth? Bha / Cha robh.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>Nach robh</i>	Nach robh sibh sgìth? Bha / Cha robh.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>... gun robh...</i>	Bha mi sgìth airson gun robh mi ag obair.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>... nach robh...</i>	Cha robh mi sgìth airson nach robh mi ag obair.	<i>dependent form</i>

Future Tense (Progressive and also Present Habitual)

<i>Bidh or Bithidh</i> -----	Bidh mi sgìth.	<i>independent form</i>
<i>Cha bhi</i>	Cha bhi mi sgìth.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>Am bi</i>	Am bi sibh sgìth? Bithidh / Cha bhi.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>Nach bi</i>	Nach bi sibh sgìth? Bithidh / Cha bhi.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>... gum bi...</i>	Bidh mi sgìth airson gum bi mi ag obair.	<i>dependent form</i>
<i>... nach bi...</i>	Cha bi mi sgìth airson nach bi mi ag obair.	<i>dependent form</i>

Relative (Future) form

Bhios or Bhitheas Bidh mi sgìth nuair a bhios mi ag obair. *independent form*

The relative future form is used in certain grammatical situations. There are no dependent forms.

