

Bitesize Cheat Sheet

Noun Gender

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STEP 1

Look at the end of the noun

Ends with a broad consonant?
MASCULINE

fear (man)

bord (table)

portán (crab)



Ends with a slender consonant?
FEMININE

beoir (beer)

seachtain (week)

tuairisc (report)



Ends with a vowel?
MASCULINE

uisce (water)

dalta (pupil)

cara (friend)



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STEP 2

These common groups break the rule

ACTUALLY MASCULINE

Nouns for jobs that end with **-ir**

aisteoir (actor)
dochtúir (doctor)

Nouns that end with **-ín**

cailín (girl)
braillín (bedsheet)



ACTUALLY FEMININE

Nouns that end with **-eog/óg**

milseog (dessert)

Places that end with **-lann**

leabharlann (library)

Long nouns that end with **-acht** or **-ocht**

poblacht (republic)

Abstract nouns that end with **-e**

cruinne (roundness)



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STEP 3

Other exceptions - learn as you go

ACTUALLY MASCULINE

athair (father)

buachaill (boy)

comhlacht (company)

bunreacht (constitution)

im (butter)



ACTUALLY FEMININE

bean (woman)

deirfiúr (sister)

oíche (night)

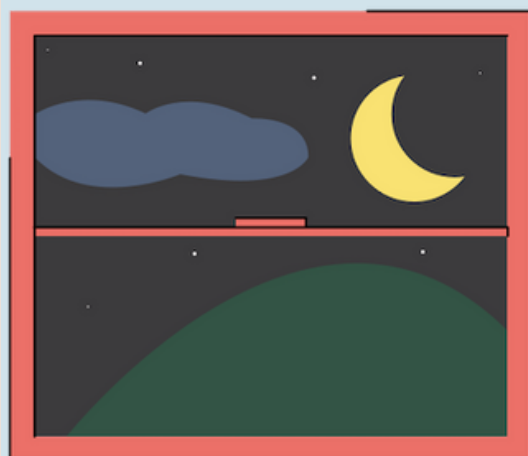
tine (fire)

leaba (bed)

léine (shirt)

mí (month)

banríon (queen)



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