

Simple Past Tense

Chapters 1-3 of Progress in Irish introduce us to a number of new verbs. The forms given in the chapters are *verbal nouns*. For the exercises below, find the base (dictionary citation) versions of the needed verbs and fill in the blanks with the appropriate past tense forms.

Points to remember:

Lenite an initial consonant, if possible.

ceannaigh - cheannaigh

Add **d'** to an initial vowel.

ól - d'ól

Add **d'** and *lenite* an initial **f**.

fan - d'fhan

We also encounter 3 of our 11 *irregular* verbs.

meaning	simple past tense	base form	verbal noun
to be	bhí	bí	ag bheith
to go	chuaigh	téigh	ag dul
to come	tháinig	tar	ag teacht

1. *ate* _____ mé an t-úll ar maidin. (ag ithe)
2. *went* _____ sí amach as an teach inné. (ag dul)
3. *came* _____ an fear abhaile anuraidh. (ag teacht)
4. *was* _____ muid thíos sa ngairdín aréir. (ag bheith)
5. *shut* _____ sé an doras cheana féin. (ag dúnadh)
6. *open* _____ sí an doras agus tháinig sí isteach. (ag oscailt)
7. *break* _____ siad an fhuinneog roimhe sin. (ag briseadh)
8. *clean* _____ an buachaill deas an bord ansin. (ag glanadh)
9. _____