

Irish Language Learners

Focal an Lae (Word of the Day) – Cupán

cupán (a cup) - **an cupán** (the cup) - **cupáin** (cups) - **na cupáin** (the cups)
cupán – an cupán – cupáin – na cupáin

Cá bhfuil mo chupán? (Where is my cup?) **Cá bhfuil mo chupán?**
Cá bhfuil do chupán? (Where is your cup?) **Cá bhfuil do chupán?**

Ar mhaith leat cupán tae? (Would you like a cup of tea?)
Ar mhaith leat cupán tae?

Ar mhaith leat cupán caife? (Would you like a cup of coffee?)
Ar mhaith leat cupán caife?

To answer Yes to this question we say **Ba mhaith.** (Would be good)
To answer No to this question we say **Níor mhaith.** (Would not be good)

You might hear:

Tuilleadh tae? (A bit of tea?) **Ar mhaith leat tuilleadh tae?**
Tuilleadh caife? (A bit of coffee?) **Ar mhaith leat tuilleadh caife?**

Maybe we should first find out if you like tea or coffee.
An maith leat tae? (Do you like tea?) **An maith leat tae?**
An maith leat caife? (Do you like coffee?) **An maith leat caife?**

To answer Yes to this question we say **Is maith** (Is good)
To answer No to this question we say **Ní maith** (Is not good)

Maith means *good* and **leat** means *with you*.

An bhfuil cupán tae agat? (Do you have a cup of tea?) **Tá** (Yes) **Níl** (No)
An mbeidh cupán tae agat? (Will you have a cup of tea?) **Beidh** (Yes) **Ní bheidh** (No)

An bhfuil cupán caife agat? (Do you have a cup of coffee?) **Tá** (Yes) **Níl** (No)
An mbeidh cupán caife agat? (Will you have a cup of coffee?) **Beidh** (Yes) **Ní bheidh** (No)

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If you are a beginner, write all of the Irish words and phrases in your notebook and practice saying them out loud. Begin to use them often and as soon as possible.

If you are an intermediate learner, search the online dictionaries (Foclóir and Teanglann) and see what other words you can find associated with ‘cup’ and comment on our website with your own sentences. For example, in English we might say “Cup your hands.” How would we say this in Irish?