

Irish Language Learners

Focal an Lae (Word of the Day) – **Gloine**

gloine (a glass) - **an ghloine** (the glass) - **gloiní** (glasses) - **na gloiní** (the glasses)
gloine – an ghloine – gloiní – na gloiní

Unlike the previous **Focal an Lae – Cupán**, the word **Gloine** is a feminine noun.

A change in pronunciation called **séimhiú** represented by adding the letter **h** after a consonant occurs when feminine nouns in the *singular nominative case* follow the word **an**. Make a note to find out more about **séimhiú** and the sound changes that occur.

Cá bhfuil mo ghloine? (Where is my glass?) **Cá bhfuil mo ghloine?**
Cá bhfuil do ghloine? (Where is your glass?) **Cá bhfuil do ghloine?**

The possessive adjectives **mo** and **do** cause **séimhiú** on both masculine and feminine nouns.

Ar mhaith leat gloine uisce? (Would you like a glass of water?)
Ar mhaith leat gloine uisce?

Ar mhaith leat gloine sú oráiste? (Would you like a glass of orange juice?)
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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)

Maybe we should first find out if you like orange juice.
An maith leat sú oráiste? (Do you like orange juice?) **An maith leat sú oráiste?**

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)

An bhfuil gloine uisce agat? (Do you have a glass of water?)
Tá (Yes) **Níl** (No)
An mbeidh gloine uisce agat? (Will you have a glass of water?)
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 'gloine' and comment on our website with your own sentences.