

Up until now, we have been dealing with 1-syllable verbs. For 2-syllable verbs the present tense rule is exactly the same, but the endings are different.

Examples of 2-syllable verbs are:

Ceannaigh = to buy
Críochnaigh = to finish
Bailigh = to gather
Cuidigh = to help.

} infinitives

Above, you have been given the infinitive of some verbs. To create the stem, you just knock off either the **-igh** or the **-aigh**. Here are some examples:

Infinitive:	Stem:
Ceannaigh →	ceann
Críochnaigh →	críochn
Bailigh →	bail
Cuidigh →	cuid

Present tense endings for 2-syllable verbs.

Broad:

-áim
-áionn tú
-áionn sé/sí
-áimid
-áionn sibh
-áionn siad.

Slender:

-ím
-íonn tú
-íonn sé/sí
-ímid
-íonn sibh
-íonn siad.

Examples-

I buy = ceannaím B+B

to help = cuidím B+B