

* Eclipses:

Eclipses are special letters placed in front of certain letters in certain circumstances:

mb

gc

nd

bhf

ng

bp

dt

n - all vowels.

The blue letters above are *eclipses*.

Here are some examples of when you have to use an *eclipse* or *úrú*:

- Tá me i mo chónaí i mBun Craanna.

ie. after i. (meaning in)

- Tá seacht gcát agam sa bhaile.

ie. counting anything between 7 and 10.

- An ndéanann tú dair bhaile gach oíche?

ie. after an. (to make questions)

- Leithreas na bhfear.

ie. the genitive case of some plural nouns.

- D'oscail muid ár ngeata

ie. after the 3 plural possessives -

our = ár

eg. ár bpinn

your (plur.) = bhur

eg. bhur dtithe

a = their

eg. a n-aintíní.

Note: These are just some examples. There are loads, which is why eclipses are important.