

An Aimsir Láithreach - The present tense.

Rule: Stem of verb + correct ending.

Remember: The stem of the verb is just the verb in its simplest form.

i.e. "to" do something. eg. Tóg = To take.

Endings: All endings are either "broad" or "slender".

Broad -

- aim
- ann tú
- ann sé/sí
- aimid
- ann sibh
- ann siad.

Slender -

- im
- eann tú
- eann sé/sí
- imid
- eann sibh
- eann siad.

eg. I take = Tógaim

↓ ↓
Stem(B) Ending(B) B+B

eg. I break = Brisim

↓ ↓
Stem(S) Ending(S) S+S

Note: For mé and muid, the person is built into the ending. i.e. Tógaim mé X
Brisim mé X

NB: You **never** put a h onto the stem of the verb in the present tense!