

An Aimsir Chaite



10 Point Summary

1. The Aimsir Chaite is the past tense, it describes events that have already happened.

2. Firstly we complete frontal changes (athrú tosaigh) which are as follows

Consonant	séimhiú
Vowel	d'
F	d'fh

3. For one syllable verbs, the following words are used, but remember BROAD WITH BROAD, SLENDER WITH SLENDER.

Broad (for example fág)	Slender (for example cail)
D'fhág mé, tú, sé, sí, sibh, siad	Chail mé, tú, sé, sí, sibh, siad
D'fhágamar	Chailleamar

4. For two syllable verbs, the following words are used, but remember BROAD WITH BROAD, SLENDER WITH SLENDER.

Broad (for example chríochnaigh)	Slender (for example éirigh)
Chríochnaigh mé, tú, sé, sí, sibh, siad	D'éirigh mé, tú, sé, sí, sibh, siad
Chríochnaíomar	D'éiríomar

5. This is the format for asking and answering questions in the Aimsir Chaite.

The question (?)	Ar + séimhiú on consonants
Positive answer (✓)	Frontal change
Negative answer (x)	Níor + séimhiú on consonants