

Céimeanna Comparáide na hAidiachta



10 Point Summary

1. The Céimeanna Comparáide is the Gaeilge version of the comparative and superlative...or the "ER" and "EST".
2. To create similes as Gaeilge, the structure of the sentence is as follows: Chomh + aidiacht + le + ainmfhocal. BUT remember, chomh and le give a "h" before a vowel.
3. The simplest form of the adjective is called the bunchéim, such as big.
4. The comparative is called the breischéim, such as bigger. We say "NÍOS" before the adjective in the breischéim.
5. The superlative is called the sárchéim, such as biggest. We say "IS" before the adjective in the sárchéim.
6. To use the breischéim or sárchéim, we put an "e" at the end of the adjective. Sometimes it is necessary to change the end to a slender consonant in order to do this.

Bunchéim	Breischéim	Sárchéim
ciúin	níos ciúine	is ciúine
ard	níos airde	is airde

7. BUT...if the adjective ends with "ach", we replace this with "aí" and if it ends with "each" we replace this with "í".

Bunchéim	Breischéim	Sárchéim
tábhachtach	níos tábhachtaí	is tábhachtaí
díreach	níos dírí	is dírí

8. AND...if the adjective ends with "air", we replace this with "ra" and if it ends with "úil", we replace this with "úla".

Bunchéim	Breischéim	Sárchéim
deacair	níos deacra	is deacra
spórtúil	níos spórtúla	is spórtúla

9. There is no change to the endings of adjectives ending with vowels.

