

An Tuiseal Ginideach san Uimhir Iolra



10 Point Summary (That's only 9 points long)

1. The T.G. Iolra is the plural form of the Tuiseal Ginideach.
2. The reasons we use the T.G. Iolra are the same reasons we use the T.G. Uatha....but just in case you forget... here's a reminder:
 - Ownership (or two nouns together)...for example socrúchán scoileanna, deireadh na mblianta
 - Words that mean an amount or a quantity...such as: a lán caranna, beagán pointí
 - After verbal nouns...for example: ag ithe ceapairí, ag rith rásanna
 - Prepositions with more than one word (compound)...such as: le linn, tar éis, i rith
 - After certain prepositions (chun, cois, dála, fearacht, timpeall, trasna)
3. We have one extra reason in addition to No. 2) above for the T.G Iolra: the use of Uimhreacha Pearsanta or personal numbers: triúr dochtúirí; ceathrar mac.

4. We always use "na + urú".

5. Put the noun into the 'standard' (or nominative) plural and if it ends in a consonant, use the 'standard' singular as the spelling for the T.G. Iolra.

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| crann | crainn | dath na gcrann |
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6. OR Put the noun into the 'standard' (or nominative) plural and if it ends in a vowel, use the 'standard' plural as the spelling for the T.G. Iolra (i.e. no change)

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| cailín | cailíní | cótaí na gcailíní |
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7. BUT...now that we think of it...put the noun into the plural and if to put it in the plural all you do....and we really mean all...is to add an 'a' to the end of the word...use the 'standard' (nominative) singular in the T.G. Iolra.

8. So, when a word goes back to the standard singular for the T.G. Iolra, this is a weak plural (lagiolra).

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| bróg | Bróga | boscaí na mbróg |
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9. And, when a word stays in the standard plural for the T.G. Iolra, it is a strong plural (tréaniolra).

AND THAT'S IT!! WHAT'S THE FUSS ABOUT?