

LESSON 18

Prepositional Pronouns

You have already met the prepositional pronouns of the preposition **aig** in Lesson 12. All the other simple prepositions similarly have their own prepositional pronouns.

But first those of **aig** - **at** are given again:

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| agam - at me | againn - at us |
| agad - at you | agaibh - at you |
| aige - at him | aca - at them |
| aice - at her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **ann** - **in**:

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|----------------|------------------|
| annam - in me | annainn - in us |
| annad - in you | annaibh - in you |
| ann - in him | annta - in them |
| innte - in her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **air** - **on**:

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|----------------|----------------|
| orm - on me | oirnn - on us |
| ort - on you | oirbh - on you |
| air - on him | orra - on them |
| oirre - on her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **bho/o** - **from**:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (bh)uam - from me | (bh)uainn - from us |
| (bh)uat - from you | (bh)uaibh - from you |
| (bh)uaithe - from him | (bh)uapa - from them |
| (bh)uaipe - from her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **de** - **of/off**:

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|----------------|------------------|
| dhìom - of me | dhinn - of us |
| dhìot - of you | dhibh - of you |
| dheth - of him | dhiubh - of them |
| dhith - of her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **do** - **to/for**:

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|------------------|------------------|
| dhomh - to me | dhuinn - to us |
| dhut - to you | dhuibh - to you |
| dha/dhà - to him | dhaibh - to them |
| dhì - to her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **le - with/by:**

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| leam - with me | leinn - with us |
| leat - with you | leibh - with you |
| leis - with him | leotha/leò - with them |
| leatha - with her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **mu - about:**

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| umam - about me | umainn - about us |
| umad - about you | umaibh - about you |
| uime - about him | umpa - about them |
| uimpe - about her | |

The prepositional pronouns of **ri - to/against:**

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|----------------|------------------|
| rium - to me | rinn - to us |
| riut - to you | rihb - to you |
| ris - to him | riutha - to them |
| rithe - to her | |

These are used in a conventional manner where a pronoun would naturally follow a preposition:

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| Tha e ag ràdh rium - He is saying to me |
| Thoir dhomh do làmh - Give to me your hand |
| Cuiribh oirbh ur n-ad - Put on (on you) your hat |
| Thoir am bainne bhuaithe - Take the milk from him |

They are also used in a rich variety of idiomatic phrases. E.g. emotions, conditions, illnesses use **air:**

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| Tha (an t-)eagal orm - I am afraid |
| Tha e a' cur eagal orra - He is frightening them |
| Tha fearg ort - You are angry |
| Tha sin a' cur fearg oirre - That is angering her |
| Tha iongnadh air - He is amazed |
| Cuir iongnadh air - Amaze him |
| Tha mi eòlach air - I know him/I am acquainted with him |
| Tha an cnatan oirre - She has a cold |
| Tha an dèideadh air - He has toothache |
| Tha an t-acras orm - I am hungry |
| Tha am pathadh oirnn - We are thirsty |

An overview of all the prepositional pronouns can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

NEW WORDS

Adjectives

eòlach - acquainted

sa chaidh - last (previous)

Nouns

acras (m) - hunger

dèideadh (m) - toothache

iongnadh (m) - wonderment

briogais (f) - trousers

seachdain (f) - week

cnatan (m) - cold (illness)

eagal (m) - fear

pathadh (m) - thirst

clann (f) - children, clan

taibhse (f) - ghost

Verbal phrases

cuir eagal orm/ort etc - frighten me/you etc

cuir fearg orm/ort etc - anger me/you etc

cuir iongnadh orm/ort etc - surprise me/you etc

EXERCISE 1 Translate into English

1. Bha an cnatan orm an t-seachdain sa chaidh
2. A bheil sibh glè eòlach air an fhear sin? Tha
3. Tha e ag ràdh gu bheil am pathadh mòr air
4. Bha fios aca nach biodh iad a' dol dhan chèilidh
5. Na cuir eagal orra a-rithist.
6. Cuiribh oirbh ur briogais is ur seacaid
7. Tha mi a' smaointinn gu bheil an dèideadh ort
8. Tha eagal mòr oirre gum biodh taibhse anns an taigh ùr aca
9. A bheil thu ga thoirt dhaibh? Tha
10. Cha robh iad a' bruidhinn rithe

EXERCISE 2 Translate into Gàidhlig

1. I am very hungry just now, are you?
2. I didn't know (that) you knew my brother
3. They say (that) they know that there is a ghost in that church
4. Don't frighten the children
5. She thinks that you will be surprised
6. I know they will be building a new church over there
7. I was surprised to see that she was so young
8. They were angry to hear that he was hitting her
9. He knows that you don't understand him
10. I'm afraid that I don't have (any) money

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1. I had a (the) cold last week
2. Are you acquainted with that man? Yes
3. He says that he is very thirsty
4. They knew that they would not be going to the ceilidh
5. Don't frighten them again
6. Put on your trousers and your jacket
7. I think you have (the) toothache
8. She is very frightened there would be a ghost in their new house
9. Are you giving it to them? Yes
10. They weren't speaking to her

LESSON 18: ANSWERS 2

1. Tha an t-acras mòr orm an-dràsta. a bheil ort?
2. Cha robh fios agam gun robh thu eòlach air mo bhràthair
3. Tha iad ag ràdh gu bheil fios aca gu bheil taibhse anns an eaglais sin
4. Na cuir eagal air a' chloinn
5. Tha i a' smaointinn gum bi iongnadh ort
6. Tha fios agam gum bi iad a' togail eaglais ùr thall an sin
7. Bha iongnadh orm a dh'fhaicinn gun robh i cho òg
8. Bha fearg orra a chluinntinn gun robh e ga bualadh
9. Tha fios aige nach eil thu ga thuigsinn
10. Tha eagal orm nach eil airgead agam