

## LESSON 27

### The Future Tense - Irregular Verbs

The following three verbs which are irregular in the Past Tense are completely regular in the Future Tense. They are given here for completeness:

Verbal Noun	Root	Independent	Dependent
breith - bearing/catching -/grasping	beir	beiridh	beir
cluinntinn - hearing	cluinn	cluinnidh	cluinn
ruigsinn - reaching/arriving	ruig	ruigidh	ruig

The following seven verbs are irregular in the Future Tense. In most cases the dependent form is the same as the root of the verb:

Verbal Noun	Root	Independent	Dependent
dèanamh - doing/making	dèan	nì	dèan
dol - going	rach	thèid	tèid
faicinn - seeing	faic	chì	faic
faighinn - getting/obtaining	faigh	gheibh	faigh
ràdh - saying †	abair	their	abair
tighinn - coming	thig	thig	tig
toirt - taking/ - giving (+ preposition do)	thoir	bheir	toir

† In the Future Tense the regular verb **Can** is preferred, particularly in the spoken language

As with the verb **To Be** add either **Cha/Chan**(before a vowel), **An/Am** or **Nach** to the dependent to get the negative and interrogative forms of the verb.

#### Example Uses:

Nì mi - I will do/make

Cha dèan mi \* - I will not do/make

An dèan thu? - Will you do/make?

Nach dèan thu? - Will you not do/make?

Thèid thu - You will go

Cha tèid thu \* - You will not go

An tèid thu? - Will you go?

Nach tèid thu? - Will you not go?

Chì i - She will see

Chan fhaic i - She will not see

Am faic i? - Will she see?

Nach fhaic i? † - Will she not see?

Gheibh sinn - We will get

Chan fhaigh sinn - We will not get

Am faigh sinn? - Will we get?

Nach fhaigh sinn? - Will we not get?

Their i - She will say

Chan abair i - She will not say

An abair i? - Will she say?

Nach abair i? - Will she not say?

Thig mi - I will come

Cha tig mi - I will not come

An tig thu? - Will you come?

Nach tig thu? - Will you not come?

Bheir mi - I will take  
Cha toir mi - I will not take  
An toir thu? - Will you take?  
Nach toir thu? - Will you not take?

\* **cha/chan** lenites verbs beginning with **b, f, m, p, c** or **g**. The irregular future verbs beginning **t** and **d** do not lenite after **cha**.  
**t nach** will lenite verbs beginning with **f**.

### With the Dependent Clause

Some examples are given below.

The pattern is the same as the verb **To Be** (see Lesson 15):

Tha e ag ràdh gum tèid e - He says that he will go

Tha e ag ràdh nach tèid e - He says that he will not go

Tha e ag ràdh gum faic e thu - He says that he will see you

Tha e ag ràdh nach fhaic e thu \* - He says that he will not see you

\* Verbs beginning with **f** are lenited to **fh** after the negative particle **nach**.

### The Relative Verb

Some examples are given below.

The pattern is the same as the Present Tense of the verb **To Be** (see Lesson 21):

I s mise a chì am balach - I t's I who will see the boy

I s mise nach fhaic an dealbh - I t's me who will not see the picture

'S ise a thèid dhachaigh - I t's she who will go home

I s ise nach tèid dhachaigh - I t's she who will not go home

### The Interrogative Pronouns

Some examples are given below.

The pattern is the same as the Present Tense of the verb **To Be** (see Lesson 22):

Dè nì thu leis a' phàipear is glaoth? - What will you make with the paper and glue?

Cò gheibh pàipear-naidheachd dhomh? - Who will get me a newspaper?

Carson nach toir thu peann dhomh? - Why will you not give me a pen?

Ciamar a nì thu sin? - How will you do that?

Cuin a chì thu do mhàthair? - When will you see your mother?

Càit an tèid sinn a-màireach? - Where will we go tomorrow?

### With Conjunctions

Some examples are given below.

The pattern is the same as the Present Tense of the verb **To Be** (see Lesson 23):

Fuirich gus an tig mi dhachaigh - Wait until I come home

Sin an t-eilean far am faic sinn an t-eun tearc - That's the island where we will see the rare bird

Nuair a gheibh mi an t-airgead, gheibh mi càr ùr - When I (will) get the money, I will get a new car

Mura tig thu a-màireach chan fhaigh thu tiodhlac - If you do (will) not come tomorrow you wont get a present

## NEW WORDS

### Adjectives

iongantach - wonderful

tearc - rare

### Nouns

dòchas (m) - hope

bochdainn(f) - poverty

cuirm-chiùil (f) - concert

pàipear-naidheachd (m) - newspaper

cobhair (f) - help

slighe (f) - way, road

### Pronouns

cuideigin - someone

## EXERCISE 1 Translate into English

1. Chì mi tràth anns a' mhadainn thu
2. Cha toir e airgead dhomh a h-uile seachdain
3. Am faigh thu pàipear-naidheachd air an t-slighe dhachaigh?
4. An tig thu còmhla rium dhan bhùth? Cha tig
5. An dèan sibh dìnnear dhuinn nuair a thig sinn a-staigh?
6. Nach tèid i a-steach dhan uisge? Cha tèid
7. Nach gabh sibh biadh mus tèid sibh air falbh
8. Tha mi an dòchas gun ruig sinn I n'bhìr Nis a dh'aithghearr
9. Am faic thu i mus faic mise?
10. Beiridh mi air a' chàr aca
11. An abair sibh rithe na chunnaic sibh? Their
12. Cuin a ruigeas am bus seo Glaschu?
13. Chan fhaic sibh càil anns an dùthaich sin ach bochdainn
14. Cò bheir cobhair dhaibh?

## EXERCISE 2 Translate into Gàidhlig

1. I will see them all there at the ceilidh tonight
2. Will you give this pen to your sister when you see her?
3. I don't know when I will reach Portree
4. Do you think that she will have (bear) a baby boy?
5. I will not hear you talk like that
6. They know they will never see their father again
7. He will not say a word to anyone
8. I am sure someone will come to help us
9. You'll hear (some) wonderful music at the concert
10. What do I do when she goes away?

## LESSON 27: ANSWERS 1

1. I'll see you early in the morning
2. He doesn't give me money every week
3. Will you get a newspaper on the way home?
4. Will you come with me to the shop? No
5. Will you make dinner for us when we come in?
6. Won't she go into the water? No
7. Won't you take (some) food before you (will) go away
8. I hope that we reach Inverness soon
9. Will you see her before I do?
10. I'll catch up on their car
11. Will you tell her what you saw? Yes
12. When does this bus reach Glasgow?
13. You can't (will not) see anything in that country but poverty
14. Who'll give them (some) help?

## LESSON 27: ANSWERS 2

1. Chi mi iad uile ann aig a' chèillidh a-nochd
2. An toir sibh am peann seo do do phìuthar nuair a chi thu i?
3. Chan eil fios agam cuin a ruigeas mi Portrìgh
4. A bheil thu a' smaointinn gum beir i mac?
5. Cha chluinn mi thu a' bruidhinn mar sin
6. Tha fios aca nach fhaic iad an athair-san a-rithist
7. Chan abair e facal ri duine (sam bith)
8. Tha mi cinnteach gun tig duine gar cuideachadh
9. Cluinnidh sibh ceòl iongantach aig a' chuir-m-chiùil
10. De ni mi nuair a thèid i air falbh?