LESSON 54

Ordinal Numbers

Except for ordinals first, second and third all others are formed by adding **-eamh/-amh** to the cardinal number. The definite article is always used and must agree with gender and declension of noun. Examples are given for both masculine **(cat (m) - cat)** and feminine **(cearc - hen**) nouns.

Ordinals from 1st to 10th:

Ordinal	With Masculine Noun	With Feminine Noun
1st - 1^{mh}	a' chiad chat *****	a' chiad chearc *****
2nd - 2^{mh}	an dàrna cat **‡**	an dàrna cearc
3rd - 3^{mh}	an treas cat **†**	an treas cearc
4th - 4^{mh}	an ceathramh cat	a' cheathramh cearc
5th - 5^{mh}	an còigeamh cat	a' chòigeamh cearc
6th - 6^{mh}	an siathamh cat	an t-siathamh cearc
7th - 7^{mh}	an seachdamh cat	an t-seachdamh cearc
8th - 8^{mh}	an t-ochdamh cat	an ochdamh cearc
9th - 9^{mh}	an naoidheamh cat	an naoidheamh cearc
10th - 10^{mh}	an deicheamh cat	an deicheamh cearc

***** in the nominative **ciad** always appears as **a' chiad** irrespective of gender and, whenever possible, lenites the following noun.

† the more regular but less common **trìtheamh** may also be heard.
‡ dara is an optional form.

Ordinals from 11th to 20th

For ordinals from 11th upwards **aona †** replaces **ciad**:

Ordinal	With Masculine Noun	With Feminine Noun
11th - 11^{mh}	an t-aona cat deug	an t-aona chearc dheug **‡ §**
12th - 12^{mh}	an dàrna cat deug	an dàrna cearc dheug
13th - 13^{mh}	an treas cat deug	an treas cearc dheug
14th - 14^{mh}	an ceathramh cat deug	a' cheathramh cearc dheug
15th - 15^{mh}	an còigeamh cat deug	a' chòigeamh cearc dheug
16th - 16^{mh}	an siathamh cat deug	an t-siathamh cearc dheug
17th - 17^{mh}	an seachdamh cat deug	an t-seachdamh cearc dheug

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18th - 18mh	an t-ochdamh cat deug	an ochdamh cearc dheug
19th - 19mh	an naoidheamh cat deug	an naoidheamh cearc dheug
20th - 20mh	am ficheadamh cat	an fhicheadamh cearc

† **aona** is derived from **aonamh** which may still be found in some literature.
‡ **an t-aona** is used even with feminine nouns.
§ as with other adjectives **deug** should be lenited after singular feminine nouns.

As with cardinal numbers (met in Lesson 31 and Lesson 44) there are two concurrent systems for numbers above twenty: a) traditional; based on units of twenty and b) decimal (preferred in education and formal literature)

a. Traditional

Ordinal	With Masculine Noun	With Feminine Noun
21st - 21mh	an t-aona cat air fhichead	an t-aona chearc air fhichead
22nd - 22mh	an dàrna cat air fhichead	an dàrna cearc air fhichead
23rd - 23mh	an treas cat air fhichead	an treas cearc air fhichead
24th - 24mh	an ceathramh cat air fhichead	a' cheathramh cearc air fhichead
25th - 25mh	an còigeamh cat air fhichead	a' chòigeamh cearc air fhichead
26th - 26mh	an siathamh cat air fhichead	an t-siathamh cearc air fhichead
27th - 27mh	an seachdamh cat air fhichead	an t-seachdamh cearc air fhichead
28th - 28mh	an t-ochdamh cat air fhichead	an ochdamh cearc air fhichead
29th - 29mh	an naoidheamh cat air fhichead	naoidheamh cearc air fhichead
30th - 30mh	an deicheamh cat air fhichead	deicheamh cearc air fhichead
31st - 31mh	an t-aona cat deug air fhichead	an t-aona cearc dheug air fhichead
39th - 39mh	an naoidheamh cat deug air fhichead	an naoidheamh cearc dheug air fhichead
40th - 40mh	an dà fhicheadamh cat	an dà fhicheadamh cearc
41st - 41mh	an dà fhicheadamh cat 's a h-aon	an dà fhicheadamh cearc 's a h-aon
49th - 49mh	an dà fhicheadamh cat 's a naoi	an dà fhicheadamh cearc 's a naoi
50th - 50mh	an dà fhicheadamh cat 's a deich/ an lethcheudamh cat	an dà fhicheadamh cearc 's a deich/ an lethcheudamh cearc
51st - 51mh	an dà fhicheadamh cat 's a h-aon deug/ an lethcheudamh cat 's a h-aon	an dà fhicheadamh cearc 's a h-aon deug/ an lethcheudamh cearc 's a h-aon
59th - 59mh	an dà fhicheadamh cat 's a naoi deug/ an lethcheudamh cat 's a naoi	an dà fhicheadamh cearc 's a naoi deug/ an lethcheudamh cearc 's a naoi

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60th - 60^{mh}	an trì ficheadamh cat	an trì ficheadamh cearc
61st - 61^{mh}	an trì ficheadamh cat 's a h-aon	an trì ficheadamh cearc 's a h-aon
69th - 69^{mh}	an trì ficheadamh cat 's a naoi	an trì ficheadamh cearc 's a naoi
70th - 70^{mh}	an trì ficheadamh cat 's a deich	an trì ficheadamh cearc 's a deich
71st - 71^{mh}	an trì ficheadamh cat 's a h-aon deug	an trì ficheadamh cearc 's a h-aon deug
79th - 79^{mh}	an trì ficheadamh cat 's a naoi deug	an trì ficheadamh cearc 's a naoi deug
80th - 80^{mh}	an ceithir ficheadamh cat	a' cheithir ficheadamh cearc
81st - 81^{mh}	an ceithir ficheadamh cat 's a h-aon	a' cheithir ficheadamh cearc 's a h-aon
89th - 89^{mh}	an ceithir ficheadamh cat 's a naoi	a' cheithir ficheadamh cearc 's a naoi
90th - 90^{mh}	an ceithir ficheadamh cat 's a deich	a' cheithir ficheadamh cearc 's a deich
91st - 91^{mh}	an ceithir ficheadamh cat 's a h-aon deug	a' cheithir ficheadamh cearc 's a h-aon deug
99th - 99^{mh}	an ceithir ficheadamh cat 's a naoi deug	a' cheithir ficheadamh cearc 's a naoi deug
100th - 100^{mh}	an ceudamh cat	a' cheudamh cearc

b. Decimal

Although the preferred system in education and formal writing it is rarely heard by older speakers:

Ordinal	With Masculine Noun	With Feminine Noun
21st - 21^{mh}	am ficheadamh cat 's a h-aon	an fhicheadamh cearc 's a h-aon
22nd - 22^{mh}	am ficheadamh cat 's a dhà	an fhicheadamh cearc 's a dhà
23rd - 23^{mh}	am ficheadamh cat 's a trì	an fhicheadamh cearc 's a trì
29th - 29^{mh}	am ficheadamh cat 's a naoi	an fhicheadamh cearc 's a naoi
30th - 30^{mh}	an tritheadamh cat	an tritheadamh cearc
31st - 31^{mh}	am tritheadamh cat 's a h-aon	an tritheadamh cearc 's a h-aon
40th - 40^{mh}	an ceathradamh cat	a' cheathradamh cearc
41st - 41^{mh}	an ceathradamh cat 's a h-aon	a' cheathradamh cearc 's a h-aon
50th - 50^{mh}	an caogadamh cat	a' chaogadamh cearc
51st - 51^{mh}	an caogadamh cat 's a h-aon	a' chaogadamh cearc 's a h-aon
60th - 60^{mh}	an seasgadamh cat	an t-seasgadamh cearc
61st - 61^{mh}	an seasgadamh cat 's a h-aon	an t-seasgadamh cearc 's a h-aon
70th - 70^{mh}	an seachdadamh cat	an t-seachdadamh cearc
71st - 71^{mh}	an seachdadamh cat 's a h-aon	an t-seachdadamh cearc 's a h-aon

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80th - 80^{mh}	an t-ochdadamh cat	an ochdadamh cearc
81st - 81^{mh}	an t-ochdadamh cat 's a h-aon	an ochdadamh cearc 's a h-aon
90th - 90^{mh}	an naochadamh cat	an naochadamh cearc
91st - 91^{mh}	an naochadamh cat 's a h-aon	an naochadamh cearc 's a h-aon
100th - 100^{mh}	an ceudamh cat	a' cheudamh cearc
101st - 101^{mh}	an ceudamh cat 's a h-aon	a' cheudamh cearc 's a h-aon
201st - 201^{mh}	an dà cheudamh cat 's a h-aon	an dà cheudamh cearc 's a h-aon
315th - 315^{mh}	an trì ceudamh cat 's a còig deug	an trì ceudamh cearc 's a còig deug
423rd - 423^{mh}	an ceithir ceudamh cat, fichead 's a trì	a' cheithir ceudamh cearc, fichead 's a trì
532nd - 532^{mh}	an còig ceudamh cat, trithead 's a dhà	a' chòig ceudamh cearc, trithead 's a dhà
648th - 648^{mh}	an sia ceudamh cat, ceathrad 's a h-ochd	an t-sia ceudamh cearc ceathrad 's a h-ochd
755th - 755^{mh}	an seachd ceudamh cat, caogad 's a còig	an t-seachd ceudamh cearc, caogad 's a còig
863th - 863^{mh}	an t-ochd ceudamh cat, seasgad 's a trì	an ochd ceudamh cearc, seasgad 's a trì
996th - 996^{mh}	an naoi ceudamh cat, naochad 's a sia	an naoi ceudamh cearc, naochad 's a sia
1000th - 1000^{mh}	am mìleamh cat	a' mhìleamh cearc
2001st - 2001^{mh}	an dà mhìleamh cat 's a h-aon	an dà mhìleamh cearc 's a h-aon
3015th - 3015^{mh}	an trì mìleamh cat 's a còig deug	an trì mìleamh cearc 's a còig
4023rd - 4023^{mh}	an ceithir mìleamh cat, fichead 's a trì	a' cheithir mìleamh cearc, fichead 's a trì
5101st - 5101^{mh}	an còig mìleamh cat, ceud 's a h-aon	a' chòig mìleamh cearc, ceud 's a h-aon
6205th - 6205^{mh}	n sia mìleamh cat, dà cheud 's a còig	an t-sia mìleamh cearc, dà cheud 's a còig
7519th - 7519^{mh}	an seachd mìleamh cat, còig ceud 's a naoi deug	an t-seachd mìleamh cearc, còig ceud 's a naoi deug
8622nd - 8622^{mh}	an t-ochd mìleamh cat, sia ceud, fichead 's a dhà	an ochd mìleamh cearc, sia ceud, fichead 's a dhà
9385th - 9385^{mh}	an naoi mìleamh cat, ochdad 's a còig	an naoi mìleamh cearc, ochdad 's a còig
10000th - 10000^{mh}	an deich mìleamh cat	an deich mìleamh cearc
11000th - 11000^{mh}	an t-aona mìleamh deug cat	an t-aona mìleamh deug cearc
23000th - 23000^{mh}	am fichead 's a trì mìleamh cat	an fhichead 's a trì mìleamh cearc
45001st - 45001^{mh}	an ceathrad 's a còig mìleamh cat 's a h-aon	a' cheathrad 's a còig mìleamh cearc 's a h-aon
65013st - 650013^{mh}	an seasgad 's a còig mìleamh cat 's a trì deug	an t-seasgad 's a còig mìleamh cearc 's a trì deug
83022nd - 83022^{mh}	an t-ochdad 's a trì mìleamh cat, fichead 's a dhà	an ochdad 's a trì mìleamh cearc, fichead 's a dhà
1000000th - 1000000^{mh}	an milleanamh cat	a' mhilleanamh cearc

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For traditional ordinals above 100 the decimal element of method **b** should be replaced by the equivalent unit of twenty value, e.g.

Ordinal	With Masculine Noun	With Feminine Noun
532nd - 532mh	an còig ceudamh cat, fichead 's a dhà dheug	a' chòig ceudamh cearc, fichead 's a dhà dheug
648th - 648mh	an sia ceudamh cat, dà fhichead 's a h-ochd	an t-sia ceudamh cearc dà fhichead 's a h-ochd
755th - 755mh	an seachd ceudamh cat, dà fhichead 's a còig deug	an t-seachd ceudamh cearc, dà fhichead 's a còig deug
863th - 863mh	an t-ochd ceudamh cat, trì fichead 's a trì	an ochd ceudamh cearc, trì fichead 's a trì
996th - 996mh	an naoi ceudamh cat, ceithir fichead 's a sia deug	an naoi ceudamh cearc, ceithir fichead 's a sia deug

Traditional Ordinal Numbers Above 100

In a number of situations units of twenty have persisted up to 200, particularly among older speakers and notably in psalm numbering, where **thar** replaces **air** in conjunction:

<table>
<tr><td rowspan="2">138th - 138mh</td><td>an sia ficheadamh cat 's a h-ochd deug</td><td>an t-sia ficheadamh cearc 's a h-ochd deug</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">an t-ochdamh salm deug thar sia fichead - the 138th psalm</td></tr>
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NEW WORDS

Adjectives

coltach (ri) - similar (to)
mu dheireadh - last

Adverbs

tarsainn - across

Nouns

gnàth-cheannaiche (m) - customer
paca (m) - pack
salm (m) - psalm
tòimhseachan (m) - puzzle
tòimhseachan-tarsainn (m) - crossword puzzle
deuchainn (f) - examination, test
rèile (f) - railway
pàirt (f) - part

Verbs

meal, mealtainn - enjoy
pàirtich, pàirteachdh - share

Verbal Phrases

meal do naidheachd! - congratulations! (informal and singular)
mealaibh ur naidheachd! - congratulations! (formal and plural)

EXERCISE 1 Translate into English

1 .'S e sin a' chòigeamh mìlseag a ghabh thu
2. Seinnidh sinn an sia ficheadamh salm
3. Bha a' chiad chearc gu math coltach ris an dàrna tè
4. Bha gach dàrna uinneag aig an t-seann taigh briste

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5. Thàinig e anns an deicheamh àite anns a' cho-fharpais
6. 'S e an dà fhicheadamh co-là-breith a tha agam a-màireach
7. Nach e sin a' mhilleanamh uair a dh'innis mi sin dhut sin a dhèanamh?
8. Bha na truinnsearan air mullach na treas sgeilpe bhuamsa
9. Thoir seo dhan chiad duine a chì thu
10. Bha iad nan suidhe anns a' cheathradamh sreath 's a naoi
11. Tha an leabharlann mu choinneimh na treas bùth air an làimh chlì
12. Bha i na suidhe anns an trì ficheadamh sreath 's a deich
13. Cha do thuig mi e a' chiad turas a chuala mi e a' bruidhinn Gàidhlig
14a. 'S e seo deireadh na ciad pàirte
14b. 'S e seo deireadh a' chiad phàirt (a' chiad commonly persists in the genitive with feminine nouns)

EXERCISE 2 Translate into Gàidhlig

1. Do you know the sixth answer across of this crossword puzzle?
2. That's your third and last chance
3. He married for the second time yesterday
4. You will not get a second chance
5. Congratulations on your sixty fifth year
6. That was the ninety ninth car to go under the bridge
7. A queen was the forty third card in the pack
8. He came in the one hundred and fifty first place in the marathon
9. Two pupils shared second place in the examination
10. This is my sixth job in three years
11. Take the fifth turn on the right after the second railway bridge
12. Armstrong was the first man who walked on the moon
13. The fire started on the ninety second floor of the building
14. He was the millionth customer in the shop

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LESSON 54: ANSWERS 1

1. That's the fifth sweet you've taken
2. We will sing the one hundred and twentieth psalm
3. The first hen was much the same as the second one
4. Every second (alternate) window of the old house was broken
5. He came in tenth place in the competition
6. It's my fortieth birthday tomorrow
7. Isn't that the millionth time I told you to do that
8. Tha plates were on top the third shelf from me
9. Give this to the first person you see
10. They were sitting in the forty ninth row
11. The library is opposite the third shop on the left
12. She was sitting in the seventieth row
13. I didn't understand him the first time I heard him speaking Gàidhlig
14. This is the end of the first part

LESSON 54: ANSWERS 2

1. A bheil fios agad air an t-siathamh freagairt tarsainn dhen tòimhseachan-tarsainn seo?
2. 'S e sin an treas is an cothrom mu dheireadh agad
3. Phòs e airson an dàrna turais an-dè
4. Chan fhaigh thu an dàrna cothrom

5a. Mealaibh ur naidheachd air ur trì ficheadamh bliadhna 's a còig

5b. Mealaibh ur naidheachd air ur seasgadamh bliadhna 's a còig

6a. B' e sin an ceithir ficheadamh càr 's a naoi deug ri dhol fon drochaid

6b. B' e sin an naochadamh càr 's a naoi ri dhol fon drochaid

7a. B' e bànrigh an dà fhicheadamh cairt 's a trì anns a' phaca

7b. B' e bànrigh a' cheathradamh cairt 's a trì anns a' phaca

8a. Ràinig e anns a' cheudamh àite, dà fhichead 's a deich anns a' mharaton

8b. Ràinig e anns a' cheudamh àite 's a caogad anns a' mharaton

9. Phàirtich dithis sgoilearan an dàrna àite anns an deuchainn

10a. Seo mo shiathamh obair ann an trì bliadhna

10b. Seo an t-siathamh obair agam ann an trì bliadhna

11. Gabh an còigeamh tionndadh air an làimh dheis às dèidh na dàrna drochaide-rèile
12. B' e Armstrong a' chiad duine a choisich air a' ghealaich

13a. Thòisich an teine air a' cheithir ficheadamh ùrlar 's a dhà dhen togalach

13b. Thòisich an teine air an naochadamh ùrlar 's a dhà dhen togalach

14a. Bha e na mhilleanamh gnàth-cheannaiche anns a' bhùth

14b. B' esan am milleanamh gnàth-cheannaiche anns a' bhùth

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