

## LESSON 6

### The Dative Case of Nouns

The Dative Case is the form of a noun found after the simple prepositions

#### Features in Common with the Nominative Case

Dative plural nouns are identical to nominative plural nouns, and the plural definite article remains **na**:

<b>Masculine plural nouns</b>	balaich - boys na balaich - the boys le balaich - with boys leis na balaich - with the boys
<b>Feminine plural nouns</b>	bùthan - shops na bùthan - the shops ann am bùthan - in shops anns na bùthan - in the shops

#### The Dative Singular Case of Masculine Nouns

##### The Indefinite Noun

The dative indefinite noun is identical to the nominative indefinite noun:

##### Nominative Indefinite Singular

bòrd - table  
leabhar - book

##### Dative Indefinite Singular

air bòrd - on a table  
le leabhar - with a book

##### The Definite Noun

The masculine dative singular noun undergoes identical initial changes as the feminine nominative singular definite nouns (see Lesson 5).

The definite article of nouns beginning with **d, t, l, n, r, sg, sm, sp** or **st** is identical to the nominative definite nouns. Combined forms of the definite article with the simple prepositions **bho, de, do, fo, mu, ro** and **tro** are maintained:

##### Nominative Definite Singular

an doras - the door  
an sgoilear - the pupil  
an taigh - the house

##### Dative Definite Singular

tron doras - through the door  
leis an sgoilear - with the pupil  
aig an taigh - at the house

The definite article of dative nouns beginning with a vowel drop the **t-** of the nominative definite article. Combined forms of the definite article with the simple prepositions **bho, de, do, fo, mu, ro** and **tro** are maintained:

##### Nominative Definite Singular

an t-òran - the song  
an t-ùrlar - the floor

##### Dative Definite Singular

leis an òran - with the song  
fon ùrlar - under the floor

Dative nouns beginning with **sl, sn, sr or s+vowel** have **t-** added to the definite article. Combined forms of the definite article with the simple prepositions **bho, de, do, fo, mu, ro** and **tro** are maintained:

### **Nominative Definite Singular**

an seòl - the sail  
an seòmair - the room  
an sneachd - the snow  
an saoghal - the world

### **Dative Definite Singular**

air an t-seòl - on the sail  
anns an t-seòmair - in the room  
leis an t-sneachd - with the snow  
mun t-saoghal - about the world

Nouns beginning with **b, f, m, p, c** or **g** all lenite in the dative. Combined forms of the definite article with the simple prepositions **bho, de, do, fo, mu, ro** and **tro** are maintained, but with all other simple prepositions the definite changes to **a'** except for nouns beginning with **f**:

### **Nominative Definite Singular**

am bòrd - the table  
  
am feasgar - the evening  
  
am monadh - the moor  
  
am pàipear - the paper  
  
an cù - the dog  
  
an gille - the boy

### **Dative Definite Singular**

air a' bhòrd - on the table  
fon bhòrd - under the table  
anns an fheasgar - in the evening  
den fheasgar - of the evening  
air a' mhonadh - on the moor  
dhan mhonadh - to the moor  
anns a' phàipear - in the paper  
bhon phàipear  
air a' chù - on the dog  
mun chù - about the dog  
ris a' ghille - to the boy  
ron ghille - before the boy

## **NEW WORDS**

### **Adjectives**

bòidheach - beautiful  
ciùin - calm  
luath - fast  
stoirmeil - stormy

brèagha - lovely  
donn - brown  
mall - slow  
uaine - green

### **Nouns**

achadh (m) - field  
aran (m) - bread  
bainne (m) - milk  
bòrd (m) - table  
cladach (m) - shore  
falt (m) - hair  
feur (m) - grass  
gleann (m) - glen  
iasg (m) - fish  
monadh (m) - moor, mountain

allt (m) - burn (stream)  
baile (m) - town  
bogsa (m) - box  
cèilidh (m) - ceilidh  
cnoc (m) - hill  
feasgar (m) - evening  
fiadh (m) - deer  
gual (m) - coal  
ìm (m) - butter  
òran (m) - song

pàipear (m) - paper  
saoghal (m) - world  
sgoilear (m) - pupil, scholar  
sruth (m) - stream  
ùrlar (m) - floor

ròn (m) - seal  
seòl (m) - sail  
sneachd (m) - snow  
uisge (m) - water

### EXERCISE 1 Translate into English

1. Tha caileag bhòidheach anns a' phàipear ann
2. Tha an cù donn beag ann fon bhòrd sin
3. An robh sibh air a' mhonadh? Bha
4. Tha an t-ìm air an aran glè mhath
5. Bha ròn ann air a' chladach
6. Tha an gleann sin brèagha air là ciùin
7. Bha e uabhasach stoirmeil anns an fheasgar
8. Chan eil uisge ann anns an t-sruth
9. Tha teine math teth ann bhon ghual seo
10. An robh e luath leis an t-seòl?
11. Bha sith ann tron t-saoghal
12. Tha am bainne bhon fhiadh sin uabhasach math?
13. Nach eil aran ùr anns a' bhocsa ann? Tha
14. Bha an duine, leis a' chù, cho mall air a' chnoc
15. Tha taigh ann thairis air an t-sruth

### EXERCISE 2 Translate into Gàidhlig

1. The dog is in the box under the table
2. There is (some) coal in the stream
3. Brown hair is very beautiful?
4. I was on the road to the town
5. A day on the moor is good for you(dhut)
6. The floor was wet with water
7. There is green grass in the field
8. The new house is near the fast burn
9. The shore is past the moor
10. Are they not going to the ceilidh in the town? No
11. There are no fish in the burn (There is not a fish in the burn)
12. The table in that room is very nice
13. There was water under the table
14. The boat was under sail
15. There was a seal in the water, and on the shore

1. There is a beautiful girl in the paper
2. The small brown dog is under that table
3. Were you on the moor? Yes
4. The butter on the bread is very good
5. There was a seal on the shore
6. That glen is lovely on a calm day
7. It was really stormy in the evening
8. There is no water in the stream
9. There is a good hot fire from this coal
10. Was he quick with the sail?
11. There was peace through(out) the world
12. The milk from that deer is very good?
13. Isn't there fresh bread in the box? Yes
14. The man, with the dog, was so slow on the hill
15. There is a house there over the stream

### LESSON 6: ANSWERS 1

1. Tha an cù anns a' bhogsa fon bhòrd
2. Tha gual ann anns an t-sruth
3. Tha falt donn glè bhòidheach?
4. Bha mi air an rathad dhan bhàile
5. Tha là air a' mhonadh math dhut
6. Bha an làr fliuch le uisge
7. Tha feur gorm ann anns an achadh
8. Tha an taigh ur faisg air an allt luath
9. Tha an cladach seachad air a' mhonadh
10. Nach eil iad a' dol dhan chèilidh anns a' bhàile?
- Chan eil
11. Chan eil iasg anns an allt ann
12. Tha am bòrd anns an t-seòmair sin glè shnog
13. Bha uisge ann fon bhòrd
14. Bha am bàta fo sheòl
15. Bha ròn ann anns an uisge, agus air a' chladach

### LESSON 6: ANSWERS 2