

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**:

Masculine plural nouns	balaich - boys na balaich - the boys le balaich - with boys leis na balaich - with the boys
Feminine plural nouns	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	Dative Indefinite Singular
bòrd - table	air bòrd - on a table
leabhar - book	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	Dative Definite Singular
an doras - the door	tron doras - through the door
an sgoilear - the pupil	leis an sgoilear - with the pupil
an taigh - the house	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	Dative Definite Singular
an t-òran - the song	leis an òran - with the song
an t-ùrlar - the floor	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 qual 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 chèillidh 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