### Portree Gaelic Choir- Silver Card Gaelic Class Lesson S7 Lvl 5 Conv #3

Teacher: Hallò, ciamar a tha sibh?

Student: Tha gu dòigheil, tapadh leibh.

Teacher: Airson Còmhradh a trì, Ìre 5, bidh sinn a' bruidhinn mu rudan a tha a'còrdadh ribh agus

nach eil a'còrdadh ribh. A bheil sibh toilichte le sin?

Student Tha gu dearbh.

Teacher: Cuideachd bidh sinn a' dèanamh coimeas eadar aon rud agus rud eile.

Student: "A' dèanamh coimeas", chan eil mi a' tuigsinn.

Teacher: Comparing, making comparisons.

Student: O seadh!

Teacher: Glè mhath ma-thà, dè na rudan a bhios a' còrdadh ribh? A bheil golf a' còrdadh ribh?

Student: Chan eil ach tha seinn a' còrdadh rium fìor mhath. A bheil seinn a' còrdadh ribh?

Teacher Tha e a' còrdadh rium glan fhèin a bhith ag èisteachd ri cuideigin a' seinn. Tha Doilidh,

an nighean agam, math air seinn, tha e a' còrdadh rithe. Ach chan eil urrainn

dhòmhsa seinn idir. Dè na h-òrain a tha a' còrdadh ribh.

Student: Is toigh leam "An Àtaireachd Bhuan". Tha e math dha-rìribh, tha e dìreach sgoinneil.

Teacher: Tha, tha an t-òran sin uabhasach math. An robh sibh aig a' Mhòd an uiridh?

Student: Bha.

Teacher: An do chòrd e ribh?

Student: Chòrd, bha e air leth math. Rachainn ann a-rithist.

Teacher: Ciamar a thàinig sibh dhan Mhòd, air an trèan no air a' bhus?

Student: Thàinig mi air an trèan agus air a' bhàta.

Teacher: A bheil an trèan nas daoire na am bus?

Student: Tha, ach tha am plèan nas daoire buileach.

Teacher: 'S e an fhìrinn a th' agad, tha am plèan gu math nas daoire. Is toigh leam an trèan,

tha i cofhurtail. A bheil thu fhèin a' smaoineachadh gu bheil am bus nas miosa na an

trèan?

Student: O chan eil, chan eil am bus dona.

Teacher: Ach tha nas lugha rùm anns a' bhus.

Student: Tha, tha sin ceart, ach tha e beagan nas saoire.

Teacher: Tha sin fior, agus chan eil a' toirt nas fhaide.

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Teacher: Hello, how are you?

Student: Fine , thank you.

Teacher: For conversation No 3, Level 5 we will be speaking about things you enjoy and you don't

enjoy. Are you happy with that?

Student: Yes indeed.

Teacher: Also we will be making comparisons between one thing and another thing.

Student: "A' dèanamh coimeas" I don't understand.

Teacher: Comparing, making comparisons.

Student: Oh sure.

Teacher: Very good then, what things will you be enjoying/ do you usually enjoy? Do you enjoy

golf?

Student: No but I truly enjoy singing. Do you enjoy singing?

Teacher: I enjoy fine to be listening to someone singing. Dolly, my daughter, is good at singing,

she enjoys it. But I can't sing at all. What songs do you enjoy?

Student: I like "An Ataireachd Bhuan" (the ceaseless surge(of the sea)) it is good indeed, it is

just splendid.

Teacher: Yes, that song is extremely good. Were you at the Mod last year?

Student: Yes

Teacher: Did you enjoy it?

Student: Yes, it was especially good. I would go there again.

Teacher How did you come to the Mod (How came you) on the train or on the bus?

Student: I came on the train and on the boat.

Teacher: Was the train dearer than the bus?

Student: Yes but the plane is completely (much more) dearer

Teacher: You have the truth, (that's certainly true) the plane is much dearer. I like the train, it is

comfortable, Do you yourself think that the bus is worse than the train?

Student: Oh no, the bus is not bad.

Teacher: But there is less room in the bus.

Student: Yes that is correct, but it is a little cheaper.

Teacher: That is true, and doesn't take longer.

# Vocabulary;

Cuideachd - Also coimeas - comparison

Seadh - sure (ok) rudan – things (rud – (a) thing)

Ag èisteachd ri - listening to a' bruidhinn ri - speaking to/with

Cuideigin - someone na h-òrain – the songs (oran - (a) song)

An uiridh - last year glan fhèin – fine / great / smashing

Rachainn – I would go am plèan - the plane

Buileach – complete(ly)/much more fhìrinn - truth

Cofhurtail – comfortable a' smaoineachadh - thinking

Nas lugha - less (smaller) ceart – right /correct

Ceàrr - wrong a' toirt – taking

#### **Useful Phrases:**

A' dèanamh coimeas – Making a comparison (comparing)

Fior mhath – truly good (really good)

Tha e dìreach sgoinneil – it is just splendid.

Tha e uabhasach math – it is extremely/very /frightfully good

An do chòrd e ribh? – Did you enjoy it?

Air leth math – especially good / terrific

Nas daoire buileach - completely dearer / much dearer

'S e an fhìrinn a th' agad. It is the truth you have (you 're not wrong)

Tha sin ceart - that is correct (right)

# Clues to translation from the very first words in a sentence.

Here are some clues from words at the start of a sentence which will give you an idea of what kind of sentence you are going to hear.

A bheil ..... Is / are (you know that a question in the present tense is coming)

Answer tha for yes or chan eil for no

Example: A bheil an t-acras ort? Are you hungry?

**An robh** ..... was/were ( you know that a question is coming in past tense)

Answer **bha** for **yes** or **cha robh** for **no**.

Example: An robh thu aig an sgoil an dè. Were you at the school yesterday?

**Am bi** ..... **will** (something or someone) be (a question in the future tense)

Answer bithidh for yes or cha bhi for no.

Example: Am bi thu aig an clas a-nochd? Will you be at the class tonight?

An do .... Did ...... ( question in past tense used for other verbs than ( to be )

(positive answers will be in the lenited affirmative form of the verb)

(negative answers will be **cha do** ..... followed by the lenited form of the verb)

Example: An do chòrd e riut? Did you enjoy it. Chòrd or Cha do chòrd.

# Some examples of "The" in Gaelic (Part 1 of 10)

There are many ways of saying "the", the definite article, in Gaelic. The word for "the" however will be dependent on the noun being masculine or feminine and also what the first or sometimes first 2 letters are of the noun.

**Masculine Nouns:** If the following noun is masculine then we simply use "an" or "am" if the next letter begins with b,f,m, or p. eg "am balach – the boy", "an dorus – the door", "an cat – the cat"

If the masculine noun begins with a vowel eg "each" - "horse" then the definite article

is "an t-" eg "an t-each – the horse" "an t-oran - the song"

**Feminine Nouns:** If the following noun is feminine then we use "a'" for all vowels and consonants beginning with c,g,b,p,n". Eg "a' chaileag – the girl" "a' chearc - the hen" "a' phiob – the pipe" Note that the noun is lenited.

If the feminine noun begins with a vowel or "d,t,l,n,r,f,sg,sm,sp,st" then we use an or am eg

"An aois - the age" "an eala - the swan" "an eaglais - the church". For feminine nouns beginning with sa,se,si,so,su,sl,sn,sr" then use "an t-" eg an t-sròn - the nose"