

## Inscne na nAinmfhocail



### 10 Point Summary (You're Welcome)

1. Nouns in Irish are divided into masculine (firinscneach) and feminine (bainiscneach) nouns.
2. Generally speaking, the following types of nouns fall into the firinscneach category:
  - Professions
  - One syllable words that end with -acht or -eacht
  - Words that end with vowels
  - Words that end with -ín, -án or -as
  - A lot of words that end with -eoir, -óir, -úir, -éir, -aí, -ach
  - Words that end with a broad consonant

3. These are the rules that follow using "an" with a firinscneach noun:

Consonant	an + nothing	an cupán
Vowel	an + t-	an t-amhrán
S	an + nothing	an sagart

4. Generally speaking, the following types of nouns fall into the bainiscneach category:
  - Words that end with -eog or -óg
  - Two syllable words that end with -eacht, -acht or -aíocht
  - One syllable words that end with a slender consonant
  - Countries (except Canada and England)
  - Rivers
  - Languages (except English)

5. These are the rules that follow using "an" with a bainiscneach noun:

Consonant	an + séimhiú	an mháthair
Vowel	an + nothing	an óinseach
S	an + t	an tseachtain

And it's a wrap!