

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!

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