

Aibítir na Gaeilge - The Gaelic Alphabet

| Litir Letter | Seáncló Old Script | Sampla Example | Béarla English | Fuaimniú Pronunciation | Caol / Leathan |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| a | Δ | ard | tall | [h]ard | |
| b | b | bó beo | cow alive | bow b ^y ow | leathan caol |
| c | c | cóta ceo | coat fog | coat-uh Kyo[to] | leathan caol |
| d | o | dó go deo | for him forever | dough go Joe | leathan caol |
| e | e | éist | listen! | [qu]est[ion] | |
| f | f | faoi fí | under to weave | f ^w ee fee | leathan caol |
| g | ς | gal geal | steam bright | gall g ^y al | leathan caol |
| h | h | halla | hall | Holla[nd] | |
| i | ι | in | in | in | |
| l | λ | lá leá | day to melt | lo[g] [mi]llio[n] | leathan caol |
| m | m | má meá | if balance | ma m ^y a | leathan caol |
| n | n | naoi níl | nine not | knee[l] Kneel | leathan caol |
| o | o | ó | from | oh | |
| p | p | páirc peann | field pen | park p ^y awn | leathan caol |
| r | Ϟ, ϟ | ró- reo | too to freeze | row r ^y ow | leathan caol |
| s | ς, ϣ | suí sí | sitting she | see she | leathan caol |
| t | τ | tae te | tea hot | ta[ke] che[ck] | leathan caol |
| u | υ | úll | apple | [c]ool | |

Consonants are slender (caol) next to e, i or broad (leathan) next to: **a, o, u**

| aicme b (first aicme) | | aicme h (second aicme) | | aicme m (third aicme) | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| ┆ | beith (birch) b [b] | ┆ | úath (hawthorn) h [y] | ┆ | muin (vine) m [m] |
| ┆┆ | luis (rowan) l [l] | ┆┆ | duir (rowan) d [d] | ┆┆ | gort (ivy) g [g] |
| ┆┆┆ | fearn (alder) f [w] | ┆┆┆ | tinne (holy) t [t] | ┆┆┆ | géal (reed/broom) ng [g ^w] |
| ┆┆┆┆ | saille (willow) s [s] | ┆┆┆┆ | coll (hazel) c [k] | ┆┆┆┆ | straif (blackthorn) z [sw] [ts] |
| ┆┆┆┆┆ | niun (ash) n [n] | ┆┆┆┆┆ | quert (apple) q [k ^w] | ┆┆┆┆┆ | ruis (elder) r [r] |
| aicme a (forth aicme) | | fifth aicme | | Other symbols | |
| + | aim (silver fir) a [a] | ✱ | ébad ea | ┆┆ | Peith (soft birch) p |
| ┆┆ | onn (furze/gorse) o [o] | ◊ | óir (gold) oi | ┆┆┆ | Eite (feather) marks start of texts |
| ┆┆┆ | úr (heather) u [u] | ┆┆┆ | uillenn (elbow) ui | ┆ | Spás (space) |
| ┆┆┆┆ | eadad (poplar) e [e] | ┆┆┆┆ | pín / iphín (pine) ia | ┆┆┆┆ | Eite thuathail (reversed feather) marks end of texts |
| ┆┆┆┆┆ | idad (yew) i [i] | ┆┆┆┆┆ | emanchool (double c) ae | | |



Brookhill Ogham Fragment
County Kerry, Ireland
Reads: MAQ LUG

Irish Ogham alphabet used on monuments from the 4th – 9th centuries. Names were inscribed on stones from bottom to top using ogham runes. Runes are traditionally associated with the names of trees in Irish.