



IRISH DICTIONARY | FOCLÓIR GAEILGE

Are you interested in learning a bit of the Irish language? Would you like to be able to say a few words(cúpla focail) of Irish during your flight in Ireland? Well now you can with the new VATeir Irish dictionary.

To get you started, below are a few basic phrases in Irish(Gaeilge) for you to use during your flight in Irish airspace:

<i>Hello</i>	Dia dhuit
<i>Good morning</i>	Dia dhuit ar maidin
<i>Good evening</i>	Oíche mhaith
<i>How are you?</i>	Conas atá tú?
<i>Thank you for your service</i>	Go raibh maith agat ar do sheirbhís
<i>I will see you again</i>	Feicfidh mé thu arís
<i>Thank you</i>	Go raibh maith agat
<i>Goodbye / Bye For Now</i>	Slán leat / Slán go fóill
<i>I love Ireland</i>	Is aoibhinn liom Éirinn
<i>I hope to fly back again</i>	Tá súil agam píolótaigh ar ais arís
<i>Have a nice day!</i>	Bíodh lá maith agat!

Pronunciation

In Ireland there are 3 different dialects of Irish – Munster, Connacht(Conamara) and Ulster, each with their own variation in spelling and pronunciation. So there is no standard pronunciation of some words in Irish, however, below are a few pronunciation guides relating to the above phrases:

Dia dhuit – Deya gwit

In Irish, i's are pronounced as e's, and dh's as g's.

Conas tá tú? - Cunas ataw tu?

Whenever we see a fada (accent) over an 'a', we emphasise its pronunciation as an 'aww' sound. Likewise as there is a fada over the u in 'tú' we emphasise its pronunciation too.

Oíche mhaith – Eha wa

I's are pronounced as e's in Irish, and as there is a fada over the i, we emphasise its pronunciation. The second word, mhaith, begins with mh, this is pronounced with a 'w' sound.

Slán go fóill – Slawn gu fole

Here again we see fadas in 'Slán' and 'fóill', as such we must pronounce them correctly, giving the proper emphasis on the fadas.

Bíodh lá maith agat – Beeuch law mawt agut

As in previous examples we again give emphasis on the pronunciation of 'í' and 'á'.

I hope this guide has been useful to you and encourages you to try speak the Irish language when flying in Ireland, which is always welcome by VATeir controllers.

If you are interested in the Irish language and would like to learn more, the following websites are recommended:

- www.omniglot.com/writing/irish.htm
- www.irish-sayings.com
- www.irishlanguage.net
- www.gaeilge.ie
- www.cnag.ie
- www.irishcultureandcustoms.com/3Focloir/2Index.html