

## Some pointers regarding the Gaelic sounds

a b c d e (as in egg) f g h ( used to change the sound of other letters - not actually used to start words apart from ham, hamster & helicopter) i (as in ee) l m n o p s r t u (pronounced - oo)

si / se = sh

ch as in loch

dh / fh / gh ... guttural / soft sound , whereas dh/gh are silent when they come in the middle or end of a word

th / sh / - silent if followed by a consonant e.g shnàmh or shrac but

if the TH/SH is followed by a vowel then only the first letter is silent e.g

thuit sheinn but 'thu' is an exception , there maybe others.

de = j

g - sometimes has more of a k sound

bh = v

ph = f

vowels have a longer sound - à è ì ò ù as well as the short sound a e i o u (and words can have completely different meanings with same spelling but for the accent. To type, press ctrl & ` key together followed by the particular letter or codes...)

## Information on Gaelic Sounds

Gaelic Single sounds	Phonetic sound	e.g.	English
u	oo	ugh	egg
à	long a	àrd	tall
ò	aw	òl	drank
	oh	mòr	big
ì	ee	ìne	nail
è	ay	èibh	shout
ù	oo	ùr	new

Gaelic Blends - with h	Phonetic sound	e.g.	English		
bh	v	bhan	van		
mh	v	do mhamaidh	your mammy	mamaidh	mammy
sh *	h	mo sheanair	my grandpa	seanair	grandpa
th *	h	tha	yes		
fh **	h	fhuair / fhathast fhalbh	get/got still go	otherwise silent	
dh	no English equivalent	dhoirt	poured		
gh *		ro ghoirt	too sore		
ch		loch	lake		
ph	f	a phàrantan	his parents		

\*\* sometimes silent

Gaelic vowel blends	Phonetic sound	e.g.	English
ao	eu	aon	one
ua	oo	uan	lamb
de	j	dearg	red
se	sh	seachd	seven
si	sh	sia	six
te	ch	teine	fire

Gaelic endings	Phonetic sound	e.g.	English
aidh	ee	dadaidh	daddy
idh	ee	loilidh	lolly