

# A Guide to Pronouncing Gaelic Version 5.5

C = Broad Consonant; C' = Slender Consonant; V = Vowel; \* Lenition; **STRESS** normally on 1<sup>st</sup> syllable; **NASAL** = m, n, ng  
 - means a letter has to be there; (-) means a letter might be there; (C)/(V) means a consonant/vowel might be there

**BROAD LETTERS: A & U & O**

Normal Spelling	Sound	Examples
(-) <b>a(i)</b> (-)	a	<b>acras</b> [a <sup>h</sup> krəs], <b>anam</b> [anam], <b>baile</b> [bali], <b>cha</b> [xa]
<b>-a(-)</b> UNSTRESSED	ə	<b>a mhàthair</b> [ə va:hɪrʲ], <b>balach</b> [bəlax], <b>balla</b> [bələ]
<b>-a + dh(-), gh(-)</b>	ɤ	<b>lagh</b> [Lɤɣ], <b>dragh</b> [dɤrɤɣ], <b>laghail</b> [Lɤɣal]
(-) <b>a + dhC-, ghC-</b>	ɤ:	<b>adhbran</b> [ɤ:bɾan], <b>adhbhar</b> [ɤ:vər], <b>ladhtran</b> [Lɤ:ran]
(-) <b>a + ll, nn, m</b>	au	<b>call</b> [kauL], <b>ann</b> [auN], <b>bann</b> [bauN], <b>cam</b> [kaum]
<i>llC(-), nnC(-), mC(-)</i>		<b>calltainn</b> [kauLɫɪNɪ], <b>annta</b> [auNtə], <b>campa</b> [kaumpə]
<i>bhC(-), dhC(-), mhC(-)</i>		<b>samhradh</b> [ʃaurəɣ], <b>cabhlaich</b> [kauLəx]
(-) <b>ai + ll, nn, m</b>	ai	<b>cail</b> [kaiL], <b>sail</b> [ʃaiL], <b>lainn</b> [LaiN], <b>caim</b> [kaim]
<i>llC(-), nnC(-), mC(-),</i>		<b>cailte</b> [kaiLɫɪ], <b>sailte</b> [ʃaiLɫɪ], <b>cainnt</b> [kaiNɪ]
<i>bhC(-), dhC(-), mhC(-)</i>		<b>aibhne</b> [aiVNɪ], <b>snaidhm</b> [ʃnaim], <b>aimhraid</b> [aiVNɪdʲ]
(-) <b>a(i) + llV(-), nnV(-), mV(-), rrV(-)</b>	a	<b>caman</b> [kaman], <b>barra</b> [bARə], <b>cailleach</b> [kaLjəx], <b>lainnir</b> [LaiNɪrʲ]
(-) <b>a(i) + rr, rn(-), rd(-)</b>	a:	<b>barr</b> [bɑ:R], <b>carr</b> [kɑ:R], <b>carn</b> [kɑ:rn], <b>carnadh</b> [kɑ:rnəɣ], <b>ard</b> [ɑ:rɫ]
<b>-ai-</b> UNSTRESSED	ɪ	<b>caraidh</b> [kariɟ], <b>mholaigh</b> [vɔLiNɪ], <b>pòsaidh</b> [pɔ:ʃɪ]
<b>-ai + ghC(-)</b>	əi	<b>saighdear</b> [ʃəiɟɛr], <b>maighdean</b> [məiɟɛn]
<b>-ài-</b> RARE AS ε:	ε:	<b>Gàidheal</b> [gɛ:əL], <b>pàipear</b> [pɛ:hɪpɛr]
(-) <b>à(i)</b> (-)	a:	<b>àlainn</b> [ɑ:LaiN], <b>àite</b> [ɑ:hɪ], <b>bràmar</b> [bɾɑ:mər], <b>dà</b> [ɟɑ:]
(-) <b>ao(i)</b> (-)	u:	<b>caol</b> [ku:L], <b>caora</b> [ku:rə], <b>aois</b> [u:ʃ], <b>faoiseag</b> [fu:ləɣ]
(-) <b>aoi + mh(-), bh(-), gh(-)</b>	ui	<b>aoibhneas</b> [uiVNɪəs], <b>caoimhneas</b> [kuivNɪəs]

**SLENDER LETTERS: I & E**

(-) <b>b(-)</b>	b̥	<b>bàta</b> [bɑ:hɪtə], <b>borb</b> [bɔrɔb̥], <b>baile</b> [bali], <b>bàs</b> [bɑ:s]
(-) <b>bh(-)</b>	v	mo <b>bhàta</b> [mɔ va:hɪtə], <b>cabhag</b> [kavaɣ], <b>sàbh</b> [ʃɑ:v]
(-) <b>b'(-)</b>	b̥	<b>bean</b> [bɛn], <b>caibe</b> [kabi], <b>beatha</b> [bɛhə], <b>beum</b> , [bɛ:m]
<b>b' + o(:) ɔ(:) ɤ(:) u(:) ui(:) a: au</b>	b̥j	<b>bed</b> [bɛjɔ:], <b>bealltainn</b> [b̥jauLɫɪNɪ], <b>bearn</b> [b̥jɑ:rn]
(-) <b>bh'(-)</b>	v	mo <b>bheatha</b> [mɔ vɛhə], <b>dhuibh</b> [ɣuiv], <b>dìbhe</b> [ɟi:vi]
(-) <b>bh' + o(:) ɔ(:) ɤ(:) u(:) ui(:) a: au</b>	vj	ro <b>bhed</b> [rɔ vjɔ:], <b>dà bhealltainn</b> [ɟɑ: vjauLɫɪNɪ]
(C) <b>c-</b>	k	<b>cas</b> [kɑʃ], <b>cam</b> [kaum], <b>caileag</b> [kalaɣ], <b>cùl</b> [ku:L], <b>cearc</b> [kerk]
<b>cn-</b>	kr	<b>cnoc</b> [krɔ <sup>h</sup> k]; <b>cnòthan</b> [krɔ:ən], <b>cnàmh</b> [kra:v]
(-) <b>ch(-)</b>	x	mo <b>chas</b> [mɔ xɑʃ], <b>moch</b> [mɔx], <b>loch</b> [Lɔx], <b>dòchas</b> [dɔ:χɑʃ]
<b>Vc(-)</b>	h <sup>k</sup>	<b>bacadh</b> [bɑ <sup>h</sup> kəɣ], <b>mucan</b> [mu <sup>h</sup> kən], <b>mac</b> [ma <sup>h</sup> k], <b>cac</b> [ka <sup>h</sup> k]
(C) <b>c'-</b>	kʲ	<b>ceòl</b> [kʲɔ:L], <b>ceum</b> [kʲɛ:m], <b>ceann</b> [kʲauN], <b>cis</b> [kʲi:ʃ], <b>airc</b> [a <sup>h</sup> kʲ]
<b>c'n'-</b>	kr	<b>cnead</b> [kreɟ], <b>cneap</b> [kre <sup>h</sup> p], <b>cneasta</b> [kreʃtə]
(-) <b>ch'(-)</b>	ç	mo <b>cheann</b> [mɔ çauN], <b>deich</b> [ɟɛç], <b>dìcheall</b> [ɟi:çəl]
<b>Vc'(-)</b>	h <sup>kʲ</sup>	<b>lice</b> [Lɪ <sup>h</sup> kʲɪ], <b>brice</b> [bri <sup>h</sup> kʲɪ], <b>mic</b> [mi <sup>h</sup> kʲ], <b>bric</b> [bri <sup>h</sup> kʲ]
(-) <b>d(-)</b>	ɟ	<b>dòchas</b> [dɔ:χɑʃ], <b>cadal</b> [kaɟal], <b>fada</b> [faɟə], <b>bad</b> [bɑɟ]
(-) <b>dh(-)</b> RARE as VɣV	ɣ	<b>dhà</b> [ɣɑ:], <b>modh</b> [mɔɣ], <b>modhail</b> [mɔɣal], <b>dh'Alba</b> [ɣɑLabə]
<b>VdhV</b>	.	<b>bodhar</b> [bɔ.ər], <b>odhar</b> [o.ər], <b>cladhadh</b> [kLɤ.əɣ]
(-) <b>d'(-)</b>	ɟʲ	<b>diùid</b> [ɟʲu:ɟʲ], <b>dearg</b> [ɟʲɛrɑɣ], <b>maide</b> [maɟʲɪ], <b>bòid</b> [bɔ:ɟʲ]
(-) <b>dh'(-)</b>	ɟ	<b>dhiubh</b> [ɟu], <b>dhìth</b> [ɟi:], <b>ùidh</b> [uiɟ], <b>dhìol</b> [ɟiəl]

(-e(i)-)	e	leth [Lʲe], teth [tʲe], le [le], leis [leʃ], ceist [kʲeʃtʲ]
-e(-) UNSTRESSED	ɪ	maise [maʃɪ], àite [a:hʲɪ], maille [maLɪ], cuine [kuNɪ]
-ea- UNSTRESSED	ə	pàipear [pɛ:hʲpər], rinnear [riNʲər], mìltean [mi:lʲtʲən]
-ea + dh, gh	ɤ	seadh [ʃɤɣ], feadh [fʲɤɣ], seagh [ʃɤɣ]
(-ea + s(-), d(-), g(-))	e	eadar [eɗ̪ər], fead [feɗ̪], cead [kʲeɗ̪], creagan [kreɣən]
-ea + mhC(-)	eu	geamhradh [ɣʲeʲurəɣ], leamhrag [Lʲeʲurəɣ]
-ea + ll, nn,	au	ceann [kʲauN], peann [pjauN], teann [tʲauN], geall [ɣʲauL]
llC(-), nnC(-)		teannta [tʲauNt̪ə], geallta [ɣʲauLt̪ə]
-ea + llV(-), nnV(-), rrV(-)	a	ceannard [kʲaNard̪], teannadh [tʲaNəɣ], gealladh [ɣʲaLəɣ]
-ea + rr, rn(-)	a:	cearr [kʲa:R], bearr [bʲa:R], cearn [kʲa:rn], fearna [fja:rnə]
rrC(-)	deàrrsadh	deàrrsadh [d̪i:a:Rʃəɣ]
(-ea - ELSEWHERE)	ɛ	fear [fɛr], bean [bʲɛn], dealbh [d̪eLəv], earrann [ɛRən]
-èa-	ia	dèan [d̪i:an], gèadh [ɣʲi:əɣ], cnèatag [kriahʲt̪əɣ]
-ei + ll, nn, m,	ei	seinn [ʃeiNʲ], beinn [bʲeiNʲ], steill [ʃtʲeiL], greim [greim]
llC(-), nnC(-), mC(-)		peinnsean [peiNʲʃan], einnsean [eiNʲʃan]
-ei + llV(-), nnV(-), mV(-)	e	seinneadair [ʃeNʲəɗ̪i:rʲ], beinne [beNʲi], steille [ʃteLɪ]
-è(i)-	ɛ:	gnè [ɣre:], sèimh [ʃɛ:v], 'sè [ʃɛ:], crè [kre:]
(-é(i)-)	e:	éis [e:ʃ] [d̪é [d̪e:], féill [fe:L], céile [kʲe:li], méidh [me:]
(-eo(-)	ɔ	deoch [d̪ɔx], seo [ʃɔ], leotha [lɔ.ə]
(-eò(i)-)	ɔ:	ceòl [kʲɔ:L], beò [bʲɔ:], seòl [ʃɔ:L], eòlas [jɔ:Ləʃ]
(-eu-	ia	ceud [kʲi:əɗ̪], beul [bʲi:al], feur [fiar], geur [ɣʲiar]
(-eu + m(-)	e:	beum [bʲe:m], Seumas [ʃe:məs], eudail [e:ɗ̪al], leum [Lʲe:m]
(-f(-)	f	fathan [fahan], gafann [ɣafən], fàs [fa:ʃ], af [af]
(-fh-	-	a fhalt [aLt̪], a fharadh [arəɣ]
(-f'(-)	f	fios [fiʃ], féill [fe:L], fighe [fi.i], fine [firi], fir [firʲ]
f' + o(:) ɔ(:) ɤ(:) u(:) u(:) a: au	fj	fiughar [fju.ər], fiùran [fju:ran], feòl [fjɔ:L], fearna [fja:rnə]
fh'-	-	fhios [iʃ], air an fhéill [erʲ ə Nʲe:L]
(-g(-)	ɣ	goc [ɣɔʰk], gad [ɣaɗ̪], ugan [uɣən], lag [Laɣ], rag [Raɣ]
(-gh(-) RARE as VɣV	ɣ	mo ghoc [mɔ ɣɔʰk], lagh [Lɤɣ], agh [ɤɣ], ogham [oɣəm]
VghV	V:.	aghaidh [ɤ:i:], foghlam [fo:Ləm], roghainn [Ro:iNʲ]
(-g'(-)	ɣʲ	gille [ɣʲiLɪ], géir [ɣʲe:rʲ], bigein [bʲiɣiNʲ], leig [Lʲeɣʲ]
(-gh'(-)	j	mo ghille [mɔ ɣʲiLɪ], fon ghiomach [fɔn ɣʲiməx]
Vgh'V	V:.	nigheann [Nʲi:.an], tighinn [tʲi:iNʲ]
h-	h	a h-athair [ə hahirʲ], Hearach [hɛrəx], ho-ró [ho'ro:]

(-) <b>i(o)(-)</b>	i	ri [rʲi], mìn [mi:n], fios [fiʃ], lios [Lʲiʃ], thig [hiɡʲ]
- <b>i</b> - UNSTRESSED	ɪ	litir [Lʲiʰtʲɪrʲ], fuirich [fuɾʲiɕ], tighinn [tʲi.ɪNʲ]
(-) <b>i</b> + <i>nn, ll, m,</i> <i>nnC(-), llC(-), mC(-)</i>	i:	tinn [tʲi:Nʲ], binn [bi:Nʲ], till [tʲi:Lʲ], im [i:m] innse [i:ʃɪ], sinnsear [ʃi:Nʲʃər], trillsean [tʲri:Lʲʃan]
(-) <b>i</b> + <i>nnV(-), llV(-)</i>	i	tinneas [tʲiNʲəʃ], tilleadh [tʲiLʲəɣ], ime [imɪ]
(-) <b>ì(-)</b>	i:	cìr [kʲi:rʲ], tìm [tʲi:m], rìbhinn [Ri:viNʲ]
(-) <b>ia(-)</b>	iə	iarr [iəR], liath [Lʲiə], biadh [biəɣ], iarraidh [iəRɪ]
(-) <b>ia</b> + <i>éi GENITIVE</i>	ia	sgian [sɡʲian] (< <i>sgéine</i> ), iasg [iasɡ] (< <i>éisg</i> ), dia [diə] (< <i>dé</i> )
- <b>ibh</b> + <i>C'</i>	i:	sibhse [ʃi:vʃɪ], libhrig [Lʲi:vʲiɡʲ]
(-) <b>io</b> + <i>nn, ll,</i> <i>nnC(-), llC(-)</i>	u:	fionn [fju:N], lionn [Lʲu:N], os cionn [ɔʃ kʲu:N] fionntach [fju:Ntəx], lionntachd [Lʲu:Ntəxɡ]
(-) <b>io</b> + <i>nnV(-), llV(-)</i>	u	fionnar [fjuNər], lionna [LʲuNə], sionnach [ʃuNəx]
(-) <b>io-</b> + <i>dhC(-), -ghC(-)</i>	iə	iodhlann [iəLəN], tiodhlaic [tʲiəLʲiʰkʲ], ioghnadh [iənəɣ]
(-) <b>ìo-</b>	iə	mìos [miəʃ], lìon [Lʲiən], fìon [fiən], fìor [fiər], cìoch [kʲiəx]
(-) <b>iu-</b>	u	fliuch [flux], siubhal [ʃu.əl], an-diugh [ən'dʲu]
- <b>iu</b> + <i>rr, rs(-)</i>	u:	ciurr [kʲu:R], tiurr [tʲu:R], siursach [ʃu:ʃəx]
- <b>iù(i)(-)</b>	u:	ciùin [kʲu:Nʲ], diùid [diu:di], diù [diu:], ciùil [kʲu:l]

<b>l-</b>	L	lag [Laɡ], lachan [Laxan], lorg [Lɔrɔɡ], loch [Lɔx]
* <b>l-</b>	L	a laoidh [ə Luɔj], dà loch [da: Lɔx], bho lùb [vɔ Lu:b]
- <b>ll(-)</b>	L	balla [baLə], talla [taLə], ciall [kiaL], ball [bauL]
- <b>l(-)</b>	L	balach [baLəx], ealan [jaLan], màl [ma:L], cadal [kaðaL]

<b>l'-</b>	Lʲ	leabaidh [Lʲeβi], leum [Lʲe:m], léir [Lʲe:rʲ]
* <b>l'-</b>	l	dà leabaidh [da: leβi], do léine [do le:ni], bho leac [vɔ leʰk]
- <b>ll'(-)</b>	Lʲ	cailleach [kaLʲəx], maille [maLʲi], mill [mi:Lʲ], cill [kʲi:Lʲ]
- <b>l'(-)</b>	l	cuilean [kulan], bile [βili], càil [ka:l], sùil [su:l]

(-) <b>m(-)</b>	m	maol [mu:L], màla [ma:Lə], cam [kaum], lom [Lɔum]
(-) <b>mh(-)</b>	v	mo mhàthair [mɔ va:hirʲ], àmhainn [a:viNʲ], caomh [ku:v]
(-) <b>m'(-)</b>	m	mìr [mi:rʲ], milis [miliʃ], im [i:m], tìm [tʲi:m]
<b>m'</b> + <i>o(:) ə(:) ʏ(:) u(:) u(:) a: au</i>	mʲ	meall [mjauL], meallta [mjauLtə], medg [mjɔ:ɡ]
(-) <b>mh'(-)</b>	v	caomhin [ku:viNʲ], nimheil [Nʲivɪl], làimh [Laiʋ]
<b>mh'</b> + <i>o(:) ə(:) ʏ(:) u(:) u(:) a: au</i>	vʲ	do mhealladh [do vjaLəɣ], dà mheall [da: vjaul]
<b>n-</b>	N	nàbaidh [Na:βi], nàire [Na:rʲi], norrag [NɔRaɡ]
* <b>n-</b>	n	mo nàire [mɔ na:rʲi], bho nàbaidh [vɔ na:βi]
- <b>nn(-)</b>	N	ceannaich [kiaNiɕ], ceann [kʲauN], ann [auN]
- <b>n(-)</b>	n	dona [dɔnə], sona [sɔnə], tana [tanə], con [kɔn], sean [ʃen]
- <b>ng(-)</b>	ŋɡ	trang [tran], rung [Ru:ŋ], teanga [tʲeŋɡə], fulang [fuləŋɡ]
<b>n'-</b>	Nʲ	neul [NʲiaL], neart [Nʲerʲt], nigh [Nʲi:], nead [Nʲeɖ]
* <b>n'-</b>	n	mo nighean [mɔ ni.an], dà nead [da: neɖ]
- <b>nn'(-)</b>	Nʲ	bainne [βaNʲi], cainnt [kaiNʲtʲ], tinn [tʲi:Nʲ], binn [bi:Nʲ]
- <b>n'(-)</b> AFTER <i>o(:) ə(:) ʏ(:) u(:) u(:) a:</i>	Nʲ	duine [dʲuNʲi], cuine [kuNʲi], boin [βɔNʲ], càineadh [ka:Nʲəɣ]
- <b>n'(-)</b> ELSEWHERE	n	ainm [ɛnɛm], cana [kanə], céin [kʲe:n], teine [tʲen]
- <b>ng'(-)</b>	ŋʲɡʲ	being [βeiŋʲɡʲ], aingeal [aiŋʲɡʲəl], farsaing [farʃiŋʲɡʲ]

(-) <b>o(i)</b> + <i>g(-), b(-), m(-)</i> , <i>lost C</i>	o	<b>bog</b> [bʊg̊], <b>bogadh</b> [bʊg̊əɣ], <b>gob</b> [gʊb̊], <b>coma</b> [komə]
(-) <b>o</b> + <i>ghC(-)</i>	o:	<b>foghnaidh</b> [fo:nɪ], <b>roghnaich</b> [Ro:nɪç]
(-) <b>o</b> + <i>ll, nn, m</i> , <i>llC(-), nnC(-), mC(-)</i>	ou	<b>tom</b> [tʊum], <b>lom</b> [Lʊum], <b>toll</b> [tʊuL], <b>fonn</b> [fʊuN] <b>lomnachd</b> [Lʊumnəx̊g̊], <b>tolltach</b> [tʊuLtəx̊]
( <b>o</b> ) + <i>llV(-), nnV(-), rrV(-)</i>	o	<b>tollan</b> [tʊLan], <b>follais</b> [fʊLɪ], <b>donna</b> [d̥ʊNə], <b>dorra</b> [d̥ʊRə]
(-) <b>o</b> + <i>rr, rn(-), rd(-)</i>	o:	<b>torr</b> [tʊ:R], <b>sorrn</b> [sʊ:rɪn], <b>dornan</b> [d̥ʊ:rnan], <b>bord</b> [bʊ:r̥d̥]
(-) <b>oi</b> + <i>ll, nn, m</i> , <i>llC(-), nnC(-), mC(-)</i> <i>bhC(-)</i>	ai	<b>Goill</b> [g̊əiL̥], <b>broinn</b> [br̥əiN̥], <b>roinn</b> [R̥əiN̥] <b>oillt</b> [əiL̥t̥], <b>roinntean</b> [R̥əiN̥t̥əɲ]
(-) <b>oi-</b>	ɣ	<b>goid</b> [g̊ɣd̥], <b>doirbh</b> [d̥ɣr̥ɣv̥], <b>coileach</b> [kɣl̥əx̊]
- <b>oi</b> + <i>mhC(-)</i>	oi	<b>doimhne</b> [d̥ʊiN̥ɪ], <b>doimhneachd</b> [d̥ʊiN̥əx̊g̊]
(-) <b>oi</b> + <i>ghC(-)</i>	xi	<b>oighreachd</b> [ɣir̥əx̊g̊], <b>oighre</b> [ɣir̥ɪ], <b>sloighre</b> [s̥Lɣir̥ɪ]
(-) <b>o(i)-</b> ELSEWHERE	o	<b>loch</b> [Ləx̊], <b>olla</b> [ʊLə], <b>sona</b> [sʊnə], <b>toil</b> [tʊl], <b>coire</b> [kʊr̥ɪ]
(-) <b>ó(i)(-)</b>	o:	<b>bó</b> [bʊ:], <b>có</b> [kʊ:], <b>mór</b> [mo:r], <b>móran</b> [mo:ran], <b>cóig</b> [ko:g̊ɪ]
(-) <b>ò(i)(-)</b>	o:	<b>mòd</b> [mʊ:d̥], <b>òg</b> [ʊ:g̊], <b>pòg</b> [pʊ:g̊], <b>òir</b> [ʊ:r̥ɪ], <b>bòid</b> [bʊ:d̥]
(C) <b>p-</b>	p	<b>post</b> [pʊst̥], <b>pòg</b> [pʊ:g̊], <b>poll</b> [pʊuL], <b>putag</b> [puʰt̥ag̊], <b>campa</b> [kaumpə]
<b>ph-</b>	f	sa <b>phost</b> [sə fʊst̥], sa <b>pholl</b> [sə fʊuL], bho <b>phàiste</b> [vʊ fa:st̥ɪ]
<b>Vp(-)</b>	ʰp	<b>cupa</b> [kuʰpə], <b>mapa</b> [maʰpə], <b>cop</b> [kʊʰp], <b>sop</b> [sʊʰp]
<b>Op'-</b>	p	<b>peasair</b> [peʃɪr̥ɪ], <b>priobadh</b> [priʊb̥əɣ], <b>peilear</b> [pelər], <b>ailp</b> [alp]
<b>p'+ o(:) ɔ(:) ɣ(:) u(:) u(:) a: au</b>	pj	<b>piuthar</b> [pjʊ.ər], <b>peann</b> [pjauN], <b>peall</b> [pjauL]
<b>ph'-</b>	f	dà <b>pheasair</b> [d̥a: feʃɪr̥ɪ], mo <b>pheata</b> [mʊ feʰt̥ə]
<b>ph'+ o(:) ɔ(:) ɣ(:) u(:) u(:) a: au</b>	fj	mo <b>phiuthar</b> [mʊ fjʊ.ər], sa <b>pheann</b> [sə fjauN]
<b>Vp'(-)</b>	ʰp	<b>cipean</b> [k̥iʰpan], <b>roimhpe</b> [R̥əiʰpɪ], <b>cuipe</b> [k̥uiʰp]
<b>r-</b>	R	<b>ràmh</b> [Ra:v], <b>rùn</b> [Ru:n], <b>rapal</b> [Raʰpəl], <b>ràc</b> [Ra:ʰk]
<b>* r-</b>	r	dà <b>ràmh</b> [d̥a: ra:v], do <b>rùn</b> [d̥ʊ ru:n], de <b>rùisg</b> [d̥je ru:ʃg̊]
<b>-rr(-)</b>	R	<b>cearr</b> [k̥əa:R], <b>barrra</b> [b̥aRə], <b>corrnan</b> [k̥ʊRan], <b>corr</b> [k̥ʊ:R]
<b>-r(-)</b>	r	<b>caran</b> [karan], <b>còr</b> [k̥ʊ:r], <b>cur</b> [kur], <b>mura</b> [murə]
<b>r'-</b>	R	<b>rionnag</b> [RuNaḡ], <b>réic</b> [Re:ʰk̥], <b>rian</b> [Rian]
<b>* r'-</b>	r	dà <b>rionnag</b> [d̥a: ruNaḡ], bho <b>réic</b> [vʊ re:ʰk̥], dà <b>rian</b> [d̥a: rian]
<b>-r'(-)</b>	r̥	<b>cìr</b> [k̥i:r̥ɪ], <b>meòir</b> [mjʊ:r̥ɪ], <b>cuireadh</b> [k̥ur̥əɣ]
(-) <b>s(-)</b>	s̥	<b>sop</b> [sʊʰp], <b>sàr</b> [s̥a:r], <b>casan</b> [kaʃən], <b>bàs</b> [b̥a:s̥], <b>cas</b> [kaʃ]
<b>sh-</b>	h	ro <b>shalach</b> [rʊ haLəx̊], glé <b>shoilleir</b> [g̊le: hɣL̥ir̥ɪ]
<b>s(t)r-</b>	s̥d̥r	<b>sràc</b> [s̥d̥ra:ʰk], <b>srann</b> [s̥d̥rauN], <b>srath</b> [s̥d̥ra]
(-) <b>s'(-)</b>	ʃ	<b>siùcair</b> [ʃu:ʰk̥ir̥ɪ], <b>sìl</b> [ʃi:L̥], <b>càise</b> [ka:ʃɪ], <b>féis</b> [fe:ʃ]
<b>sh'-</b>	h	dà <b>shìl</b> [d̥a: hi:L̥], glé <b>shean</b> [g̊le: hən]
<b>sh' + o(:) ɔ(:) ɣ(:) u(:) u(:) a: au</b>	hj	de <b>shiùcair</b> [d̥je hju:ʰk̥ir̥ɪ], a <b>sheòladh</b> [ə hʊʊ:Ləɣ]
<b>s'(t)r'-</b>	s̥d̥r	<b>strì</b> [s̥d̥ri:], <b>sreath</b> [s̥d̥re], <b>sreang</b> [s̥d̥reŋ]

(C)t-	t	tòn [tɔ:n], tom [tɔum], tùr [tʉ:r], tasdan [tʌsɖan], molta [mɔLɔə]
th-	h	mo thòn [mɔ hɔ:n], do thaigh [ɖɔ hʌj], dà thom [ɖa: hɔum]
Vt(-)	hʰt	bàta [bʌ:hʰtə], dòtaman [ɖɔ:hʰtaman], put [puhʰt], leat [la:hʰt]
(C)t'-	tʰ	tinn [tʰi:Nʰ], tiugh [tʰu], teas [tʰes], till [tʰi:Lʰ], cailte [kaiLʰtʰi]
th'-	h	ro theth [Rɔ he], ro thinn [Rɔ hi:Nʰ], thig [hiɡi]
th' + o(:) ə(:) ɜ(:) u(:) u(:) a: au	hʲ	do theaghlach [ɖɔ hʲɔ:Ləx], glé thiugh [ɡle: hʲu]
Vt'(-)	hʲt	lite [Lʲiʰtʲi], ciste [kʲiʰtʲi], litir [Lʲiʰtʲirʲ], cait [kɛʰtʲ]
(-)u(i)(-)	u	dubh [ɖu], ubh [u], muc [muʰk], cuir [kurʲ], tuit [tuʰtʲ]
(-) <sup>ù</sup> u + ll, nn, m, rr, rn llC(-), nnC(-), mC(-)	u:	a-null [ə'Nu:L], lunn [Lu:N], cum [ku:m], murn [mu:rn] unnsa [u:Nʂə], cunntas [ku:Nɖəs], sunndach [su:Nɖəx]
(-) <sup>u</sup> u + llV(-), nnV(-), mV(-)	u	cumail [kumal], tumadh [tʉməɣ], ullamh [uLəv]
(-) <sup>ua</sup> ua(i)	uə	fuair [fuər], duais [ɖuə], cluas [kLuəs], tuagh [tuəɣ]
(-) <sup>ua</sup> ua(i) + NASAL	ua	a-nuas [ə'Nuas], uan [uan], uaine [uaNʲi], cuan [kuan]
(-) <sup>ui</sup> ui + s(-), NASAL	ui	uisge [uʲʂi], uiseag [uʲaɡ], duine [ɖuini]
- <sup>ui</sup> ui + dh(-)	uii	buidhe [bui.i], guidhe [ɡui.i], suidhe [sui.i]
- <sup>ui</sup> ui + mhC(-)	ui	cuihne [kuiNʲi], cuimhneachadh [kuiNʲəxəɣ]
(-) <sup>ui</sup> ui + ll, nn, m llC(-), nnC(-), mC(-)	uii	druim [ɖruim], cluinn [kLuiniNʲ], tuill [tuiliNʲ] cluinntinn [kLuiniNʲtʲiNʲ], muinntir [muiniNʲtʲirʲ], uillt [uiliNʲtʲ]
(-) <sup>ui</sup> ui + llV(-), nnV(-), mV(-)	ui	cluinneadh [kLuiniNʲəɣ], tuilleadh [tuiliNʲəɣ]
(-) <sup>ù</sup> u(i)(-)	u:	ciùil [kʲu:i], dùil [ɖu:i], sùil [su:i], cùis [ku:ʃ]

### A Few Additional Points:

#### [a] versus [ə]

The only distinction which is difficult to predict is [a] vs [ə] in unstressed syllables. There are certain endings which always have [a] or [ə] but in many cases this difference cannot be predicted from the spelling and must be learned:

- [a] appears in the following endings:  
-(e)ag [aɡ] eg Mór**ag** [mo:raɡ], luch**ag** [Luxaɡ], faoile**ag** [fu:laɡ] EXCEPT: aise**ag** [aʃəɡ]  
-(e)an [an] (not plural) eg lochan [Lɔxan], beagan [bɛɡan], balachan [bʌLɔxan]  
-ail [al] eg beòth**ail** [bʲɔ:al], fàg**ail** [fa:ɡal], tog**ail** [toɡal]
- [ə] commonly appears in all plural endings:  
-(e)an [ən]; -ichean [içən]; -(e)annan [əNən]; -(e)achan [əxən]; -t(e)an [tən]

#### The Helping Vowel

In certain sequences, an additional sound gets inserted into words. This happens when b, bh, ch, g, gh, m, mh are followed or preceded by l, n or r. The vowel is generally an exact copy of the preceding one:

- Alba [aLaɓə], marbh [marav], tilg [tʲiliɡʲ], arm [aram], earball [ɛraɓəl]

#### Major Exceptions

- le [le] and ri [ri] do not have palatal lʲ and dark R

#### Vowel Lengthening

This only every occurs in stressed syllables:

- ball [bʌuL] vs earball [ɛraɓəl]

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