

Tips for writing your Alt

When you're writing your paragraph **keep it simple at first**. Try to begin each sentence with a verb. Remember in class how we would start with a simple sentence and then add more detail into it e.g.

- Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa.
- Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa de hAoine.
- Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa de hAoine le mo chara Seán.
- Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa breagáin de hAoine le mo chara Seán.
- Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa breagáin de hAoine le mo chara Seán agus cheannaigh mé an cluiche.
- Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa breagáin de hAoine le mo chara Seán agus cheannaigh mé an cluiche nua.
- Lá brea a bhí ann. Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa breagáin de hAoine le mo chara Seán agus cheannaigh mé an cluiche peil nua.
- Lá brea a bhí ann. Chuaigh mé go dtí an siopa breagáin de hAoine le mo chara Seán agus cheannaigh mé an cluiche peil nua. Chaith mé fiche euro air.

I have written no shampla in the continuous present tense. It might be easier for you to write yours as a diary entry in the past tense (Aimsir Chaite). I'm adding in a list of verbs you can use, they are in the aimsir chaite.

Many of you will be able to write it in the aimsir láithreach. Can you remember how to change a verb into aimsir láithreach?

- First of all find the ordú of the verb, usually by removing the seimhiú e.g. cuir = cuir, thóg = tóg, d'fhág = fág, d'ól = ól
- Secondly figure out is your verb LEATHAN (A,O, U) or CAOL (I, E)
- Finally you must check if it is the **céad réimniú** (one syllable) or the **dara réimniú** (two syllables) and add on the appropriate ending. The endings are highlighted in red in the examples.

Céad Réimniú	Céad Réimniú
Leathan	Caol
Dara Réimniú	Dara Réimniú
Leathan	Caol

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- Here's a sample of each:

<u>Glanaim</u>	<u>Brisim mé</u>
<u>Glanann tú</u>	<u>Briseann tú</u>
<u>Glanann sé</u>	<u>Briseann sé</u>
<u>Glanann sí</u>	<u>Briseann sí</u>
<u>Glanaimid</u>	<u>Brisimid</u>
<u>Glanann sibh</u>	<u>Briseann sibh</u>
<u>Glanann siad</u>	<u>Briseann siad</u>
<u>An nglanann tú?</u>	<u>An mbriseann tú?</u>
<u>Ní ghlanam</u>	<u>Ní bhrisim mé</u>
<u>Ceannaím</u>	<u>Bailím</u>
<u>Ceannaíonn tú</u>	<u>Bailíonn tú</u>
<u>Ceannaíonn sé</u>	<u>Bailíonn sé</u>
<u>Ceannaíonn sí</u>	<u>Bailíonn sí</u>
<u>Ceannaímid</u>	<u>Bailimid</u>
<u>Ceannaíonn sibh</u>	<u>Bailíonn sibh</u>
<u>Ceannaíonn siad</u>	<u>Bailíonn siad</u>
<u>An gceannaíonn tú?</u>	<u>An mbailíonn tú?</u>

Here is the list of verbs you can use to help you start writing your alt.

● Bhain mé – I took	● Ghléas mé – I dressed
● Bhrúigh mé – I pushed / pressed	● Labhair mé – I spoke
● Bhuai mé – I won	● Las mé – I lit
● Bhuail mé – I hit	● Leag mé – I knocked
● Bhris mé – I broke	● Lean mé – I followed
● Chaill mé – I lost	● Léigh mé – I read
● Chaith mé – I threw / spent / wore	● Léim mé – I jumped
● Chan mé – I sang	● Lig mé – I allowed / let
● Chaoc mé – I winked	● Líon mé – I filled
● Chas mé – I turned	● Luigh mé – I lay
● Cheap mé – I thought	● Mhúch mé – I extinguished
● Chíor mé – I combed	● Nigh mé – I washed
● Chroith mé – I shook	● Phioc mé – I picked
● Chroch mé – I hung	● Phléasc mé – I burst
● Chrom mé – I bent down	● Phreab mé – I bounced / jumped
● Chuir mé – I put	● Rith mé – I ran
● D'éist mé – I listened	● Sciorr mé – I slipped / skidded
● D'fhág mé – I left	● Scread mé – I screamed
● D'fhan mé – I waited	● Scriobh mé – I wrote
● D'fhéach mé – I looked	● Scuab mé – I brushed
● D'íoc mé – I paid	● Sheas mé – I stood
● D'ól mé – I drank	● Shéid mé – I blew
● Dhíol mé – I sold	● Shiúil mé – I walked
● Dhoirt mé – I spilled	● Shroich mé – I reached
● Dhún mé – I closed	● Shuigh mé – I sat
● Ghearr mé – I cut	● Stop mé – I stopped
● Ghlac mé – I accepted	● Stróic mé – I tore / ripped
● Ghlán mé – I cleaned	● Theip orm – I failed
● Ghlaoi mé – I rang / called	● Thit mé – I fell
● Ghoid mé – I stole	● Thóg mé – I took

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AN DARA RÉIMNIÚ

● Bhoiligh mé – I collected	● Dhúsigh mé – I awoke
● Bhrostaigh mé – I hurried	● Chortaigh mé – I hurt
● Cheannaigh mé – I bought	● Mharaigh mé – I killed
● Chleachtaigh mé – I practised	● Mhoilligh mé – I slowed down / delayed
● Chodail mé – I slept	● Rothaigh mé – I cycled
● Chríochnaigh mé – I finished	● Scrúdaigh mé – I examined
● Chuardaigh mé – I searched	● Shinigh mé – I signed
● Chuidigh mé – I helped	● Shleamhnaigh mé – I slipped
● D'ardaigh mé – I raised	● Shocraigh mé – I settled
● D'éalaigh mé – I escaped	● Thaitin ... liom – I liked
● D'éirigh mé – I got up	● Thaispeáin mé – I showed
● D'éitil mé – I flew	● Tharraing mé – I pulled / drew
● D'fhoghlaim mé – I learned	● Theastaigh ... uaim – I wanted
● D'ímhig mé – I went	● Thiomáin mé – I drove
● D'inis mé – I told	● Thosaigh mé – I started
● D'oscail mé – I opened	● Thriomaigh mé – I dried
● D'ullmhoigh mé – I prepared	● Thuirling mé – I descended

NA BRIATHRA NEAMHRIALTA

● Bhí mé – I was	Ní raibh mé – I wasn't
● Chonaic mé – I saw	Ní fhaca mé – I didn't see
● Dúirt mé – I said	Ní dúirt mé – I didn't say
● Fuair mé – I got	Ní bhfuair mé – I didn't get
● Rinne mé – I did / made	Ní dhearna mé – I didn't do / make
● Chuaigh mé – I went	Ní dheachaigh mé – I didn't go
● Chuala mé – I heard	Níor chuala mé – I didn't hear
● D'ith mé – I ate	Níor ith mé – I didn't eat
● Rug mé – I grabbed / caught	Níor rug mé – I didn't grab / catch
● Thóinig mé – I came	Níor thóinig mé – I didn't come
● Thug mé – I gave	Níor thug mé – I didn't give

If you want to really bring your paragraph to a high standard, add in some seanfhocail or other nathanna cainte (phrases) that we would have added into our foclóir & grammadach copy. Look back through your spellings sheets in your homework journal for helpful seanfhocail & abairtí. I'll highlight those type of phrases in blue in my “sampla”.

****IN YOUR PIECE OF WRITING TRY TO INCLUDE****

- Your routine in the morning, getting breakfast, dressed etc.
E.g. tógaim cith gach maidin = I take a shower every morning
- Your school work e.g. what time do you start at, what work do you like / hate, what subject do you start with e.g. tosaím le mata gach lá = I begin with maths each day
- What chores house work you do
- Do you talk with anyone via facetime / on xbox etc
- Daily exercise e.g. imirt peil sa ghairdín, ag rothaíocht srl
- Evening / bedtime routine e.g. Léighim leabhar ar feadh 20 noiméad = I read a book for 20 minutes

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Sampla - Lá i rith Covid 19

Dúisím ag a hocht a chlog gach maidin. Éirím agus cuirim mo chuid eadaí orm. Téim thíos staighre agus ithim mo bhricfeasta. **Tús maith, leath na hoibre!** Ansin ním m'aghaidh agus scuabaim mo fhiacla. (*I wake at 8 o'clock each morning. I get up and put on my clothes. I go downstairs & eat breakfast. A good start is half the work! Then I wash my face & brush my teeth.*)

Tosaím ag obair ag a naoi a chlog. Bím ag obair ar mo ríomhaire ag freagair ríomhphoist, ag léamh obair a sheol tuismitheoirí chugam, ag ullmhú obair don seachtain seo chugainn agus ag crinniú zoom! (*I begin work at 9 o'clock. I'm working on my computer answering emails, , reading work sent to me by parents, preparing work for the oncoming week and at zoom meetings.*)

Ag a haon a chlog **bím stúigtha leis an t-ocras. Is maith an t-anlann an t-ocras.** Ithim mo lón agus olaim cupán tae. Togaim sos ar feadh 40 noiméid agus ansin **leanaim ar aghaidh** ag obair. (*At 1 o'clock I'm starving with the hunger. Hunger is a great sauce. I eat my lunch and I drink a cup of tea. I take a break for 40 minutes & then I continue on working.*)

Timpeall a ceathar a chlog téim ar siúlóid timpeall mo cheantar le mo pháistí agus mo mhadra 'Patch'. Taitníonn an aclaíocht go mór linn. **Bíonn an ghrian ag taitneamh go hard sa speir** agus na n-éin ag canadh sa chrainn. (*Around 4 o'clock I go for a walk around my locality with my children & my dog Patch. I really enjoy the exercise. The sun is shining & the birds are singing in the trees.*)

Ullmhaím an dinnéir timpeall a sé a chlog. Tar éis an dinnéir, **ligim mo scith** ar an tolg. Cuirim an teilifís ar súil agus bím ag feachaint ar chlár greannmhar le mo chlann. **Níl aon tinteán le do thinteán féin.** (*I prepare the dinner around 6 o'clock. After dinner I take it easy. I put the tv on and I'm watching a funny program with my family. There's no place like home.*)

Foclóir – Possible phrases to use

Leanaim ar aghaidh=– I continue on
Mo cheantar = my area / district
Aclaíocht = exercise
Ligim mo scith = I take it easy
M'obair scoile = my school work
Is fuath/brea liom = I hate/love
Cuirim glaoch ar ___ = I call
(telephone/skype) ___

Tugaim aire do = I mind/take care of
Caithim uair ag __ = I spend an hour __
Mothaím mo chairde uaim = I miss my
friends
Caithfidh mé mo sheomra a ghlanadh
= I have to clean my room
Labhraím le mo _____ = I speak with
my _____

- You can use google translate to find other words you might need or else email me at 6thdonacarney@gmail.com and I can help you.

Stay Safe,

Ms. Mullen & Ms. McBride