



Talking about Languages in Gàidhlig

Feasgar math!

I hope your week is going well and that you're keeping warm if the weather is becoming colder. ☐ We had a memorable day today here: a chilly morning with frost on the grass and then a warm, late summer-ish afternoon in t-shirts. Neònach!

This learning tip is about sounding like a native speaker.

Speaking Gaelic like a native speaker does can be challenging. No one wants to feel amateurish. The unspoken gap between learner and fluent/native speaker can feel huge. Maybe awkward and frustrating too. I know I felt those when I started.

Luckily, we can cross that gap quickly by acquiring full phrases that native speakers use often.

Here are 3 quick ways to sound just like a native speaker when talking about languages:

* Is toil leam i. = I like it. (*it* meaning a specific language)

*Tha mi ga h-ionnsachadh. = I'm learning it.

*Tha mi ag ionnsachadh (na) Gàidhlig. = I'm learning (the) Gaelic.

If *i*, *ga*, or *na* are confusing, just know that languages are all grammatically feminine in Gaelic. Thus, we use those specific words.

Please don't overthink it; just give these phrases some practice. Put them up around the house where you'll see them often or spend a week using them as many times as possible every day. Focussed practice will make these feel more natural. ☐

Take care and have a lovely day.

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