

The Definite Article

There are four sets of forms which the article can take in Gaelic, depending on the case, gender, and number of the noun. These four sets are as follows:

Set A

am before **b, f, m, p**
an t- before vowels
an before everything else

Set B

a' + lenition before **b, c, g, m, p**
an + lenition before **f**
an t- before **sa, se, si, so, su, sl, sn, sr**
an before everything else

Set C

na before consonants
na h- before vowels

Set D

nam before **b, f, m, p**
nan before everything else

The following table sets out when each set is used:

	Masculine Singular	Feminine Singular	Plural
Nominative	A	B	C
Genitive	B	C	D
Dative	B	B	C