

## Lesson 18 – The Preposition ‘le’

### Target Language:

#### Preposition forms

Le	With
Liom	With me
Leat	With you
Leis	With him
Léi	With her
Linn	With us
Libh	With you ( <i>plural</i> )
Leo	With them

Tá mé ag caint.	I'm talking.
Tá mé ag labhairt.	I'm speaking.
Tá mé ag éisteacht.	I'm listening.
Tá mé anseo le <u>h</u> Antaine.	I'm here with Antaine. (Add a small 'h' to names with vowels).
Tá mé ag caint liom féin.	I'm talking to myself.
Tá mé ag labhairt le Peadar.	I'm speaking to Peadar.
Tá mé ag éisteacht leis an <u>fh</u> ear.	I'm listening to the man ( <i>'fh' is silent</i> ).

*NB: In Irish, there are two kinds of vowels; Slender and Broad. Slender vowels are 'i', 'í', 'e' and 'é'. Broad vowels are 'a', 'á', 'u', 'ú', 'o' and 'ó'. Both sets of vowels affect the pronunciation of Irish words. A good crude tip to help differentiate between slender and broad vowels is the phrase 'Insufficient Eating makes you **slender**', but you may have a better mnemonic to help you remember. Look at the following two examples and how their pronunciation is affected:*

- A) Tá mé ag caint leis an bhean. I'm talking to the woman.  
(*'bh' + slender vowel (e) gives a 'v' sound*).

B) Tá mé ag éisteacht leis an bhuachail.

I'm listening to the boy.

(*'bh'*+ broad vowel (*u*) gives 'w' sound).

**Quiz:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Phrase of the week:**

Ná habair smid!

Don't say a word!

**Miscellaneous:**

Iontach maith!

Very good!