



fáilte go
Tóin Sháilge

beirigí bua,
butt sháilge

What Can You 'Caith'?

Caith is a very versatile verb. I outline below its uses in order of how often I think you would see it in the wild.

These tenses and moods appear in the below examples, so if you'd like to recap feel free:

- [Simple Tenses](#)
- [Impersonal Form](#) (no actor mentioned, e.g. it **is done**—who did it?)
- [The Imperative Mood](#) (basic form of verb is used for instructions)

And if you'd like to reference as you go,

- [Grammar Glossary](#)
- [Masterpost: Tenses and Moods](#)

1. To **wear**

Caitheann sí sciorta agus blús
She **wears** a skirt and a blouse

2. **Consume**

Bia a **chaitheamh**

To **consume** food

Ná **caithtear** tobac

No smoking (*no tobacco **to be consumed***)

3. Need

Caithfidh mé an máistir a fheiceáil

I **must** see the master

We have addressed expressing a need or duty in the post [How to Say: "I have to"](#).

4. Throw

Díslí a **chaitheamh**

To **throw** dice

Bhí sé **ag caitheamh** na ngéag

He was **throwing** his arms about

Caitheadh an cáis

The case **was dismissed** (***thrown out***)

5. General Movement

Ag caitheamh ó thuaidh

Drifting Northwards

Chaith an long an t-oileán

The ship **sailed past** the island

Bhí na bradáin **á gcaitheamh féin**

The salmon **were leaping**

6. Spending

Airgead a **chaitheamh**

To **spend** money

Ag caitheamh le hól

Spending money on drink

7. Time

Tá an t-am **ag caitheamh**

Time is **passing**

San am **a caitheadh**
In times **gone by**

8. To **wear out**

Tá a guna **ag caitheamh**
Her dress is **wearing out**

9. **Look**

Caith do shúil thairis
Cast your eye over it

10. **Hankering After**

Bhí sí **ag caitheamh i ndiaidh** an linbh
She was pining for the child

11. **Vote**

Vóta a **chaitheamh**
To **cast** a vote

12. **Gun Violence**

To **shoot** someone
Duine **a chaitheamh**