

## Cultar

**Note to designer.** Can the alphabet be illustrated in brightly in different colours and if possible in fancy script? eg:

An aibidil Ghàidhlig

a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u

The **Gaelic alphabet** has only **18 letters**, each of which was traditionally associated with a different **tree name**. This list of trees was used to help children remember their alphabet. This shows that nature was very important to the Gaels. Although Gaelic doesn't have letters like *v*, these sounds can still be made. Sounds like *v* are made up using other letters. For example: *madainn mhath!*



## Obair

1. How many letters does the Gaelic alphabet **not** contain?
2. Complete: The Gaelic alphabet doesn't have the letters ....
3. Can you find any Gaelic words in Modal 1 that have missing letter sounds? Here is one to start you off:  
① madainn **mh**ath - *v* sound
4. Can you work out which trees make up your name?

Eg. **P** = Peith bhog /birch

**O** = Onn/gorse

**L** = Luis/rowan

Letter	Tree	English
a	ailm	elm
b	beith	birch
c	coll	hazel
d	dair	oak
e	eadha	aspen
f	feàrn	alder
g	gort	ivy
h	uath	hawthorn
i	iogh	yew
l	luis	rowan
m	muin	vine
n	nuin	ash
o	onn	gorse
p	peith bhog	birch
r	ruis	elder
s	suil	willow
t	teine	gorse
u	ur	yew

Your teacher will help you if you need letters not contained in the Gaelic alphabet.

## It's all in a name *"Chan ann a h-uile latha a tha mòd aig Mac an Tòisich!"*

The term 'clan' comes from the Gaelic word **clann**, meaning children. Members of each clan were like family as they originally came from a common ancestor whose name they bore.

### Faigh a-mach - find out



- Find out why the Campbell and the MacDonald clans are traditionally sworn enemies.
- This interesting fact may give you a clue to start your search. . .

Standing on MacDonald territory, the old Clachaig Inn at Glen Coe still carries the sign on its door, **'No Campbells'**.

