G. Cyffredinol - General

1. Note the difference between the following

adref - home(wards) gartref - at home cartref - (a) home

- e.g. Mae hi'n mynd adre' ar ôl cinio.
 - She's going **home** after lunch.

Mae hi'n byw gartre'.

- She lives at home.

Mae cartre' hyfryd gan Mair.

- Mair has a lovely **home**.
- 2. Note the difference between the following

Cymraeg - Welsh (in language)

Cymreig - Welsh (pertaining to Wales)

- e.g. Mae hi wedi prynu llyfr **Cymraeg**.
 - She's bought a **Welsh (language)** book. Dw i'n gweithio yn y Swyddfa **Gymreig**.
 - I work at the Welsh Office.
- 3. Note the difference between the following

Cymru - Wales

Cymry - Welsh people

e.g. Mae'r **Cymry**'n byw yng **Nghymru**.

The Welsh live in Wales.

4. Note the difference between the following

nabod - to know (a person / a place)

gwybod - to know (a fact)

- e.g. Dw i ddim yn **nabod** y rheolwr ond dw i'n **gwybod** ei enw e/o.
 - I don't **know** the manager but I **know** his name.

5. Note the difference between the following

Sut? - How? (followed by a verb)

Pa mor...? - How...? (followed by an adjective)

- e.g. **Sut roedd** y tywydd yn Ffrainc?
 - **How was** the weather in France?

Pa mor bell ydy Llundain o Fangor?

- How far is London from Bangor?
- 6. Note the difference between the following

nôl - to fetch yn ôl - back

- e.g. Mae John wedi mynd i **nôl** y car o'r garej.
 - John has gone to fetch the car from the garage.

Mae'r llyfr wedi mynd **yn ôl** i'r llyfrgell.

- The book has gone **back** to the library.

Both sound the same when spoken

7. Note the difference between the following

gwario - to spend money treulio - to spend time

- e.g. Mae Mair yn **treulio** ei gwyliau yn y siopau yn **gwario** arian.
 - Mair is **spending** her holiday in the shops, **spending** money.
- 8. 'Bod' is used to convey 'that.... is / was' or 'that.... are / were'.
 - e.g. Dw i'n gwybod **bod** John ar ei wyliau.
 - I know that John is on holiday.

Roedden nhw'n meddwl **bod** y plant yn chwarae y parc.

- They thought that the children were playing in the park.

'Bod' has 'personal' forms

(fy) mod i - that I am / was

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(dy) fod ti
(ei) fod o/e
that you are / were
that he is / was
that she is / was
(ein) bod ni
that we are / were
(eich) bod chi
that you are / were
that you are / were

In ordinary conversation the first pronoun is often omitted.

e.g. Dw i'n meddwl (fy) mod i'n mynd i Lundain yfory.

- I think **that I'm** going to London tomorrow. Fe ddwedon nhw **(eu) bod nhw**'n rhydd. Mi ddudon nhw **(eu) bod nhw'n** rhydd. (N.W.)

- They said that they were free.

Dw i'n siðr (ei) bod hi wedi mynd adre.

- I'm sure that she has gone home.

The 'bod' pattern is also used after the following words

achos (because) hwyrach / falle (perhaps) er (even though) gobeithio (hopefully)

e.g. Mae Mair yn y gwely **achos (ei) bod hi** 'n sâl.

- Mair's in bed because she is ill.

Gobeithio (eu) bod nhw wedi ennill.

- Hopefully (I hope that) they have won.
- 9. When an emphatic sentence is used after 'that' i.e. the sentence begins with a noun or a phrase of some kind, not a verb then the Welsh word for 'that' is

mai - N.W. taw - S.W.

- e.g. Mae Tom yn dweud **mai / taw yn Nolgellau** mae Mair yn byw.
 - Tom says that it is in Dolgellau that Mair lives.