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Welcome to the Republic of Ireland!

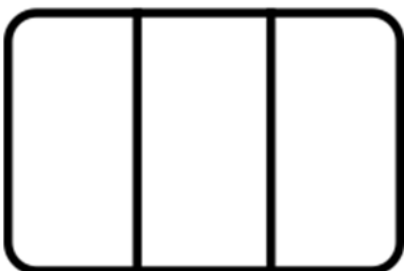

Fáilte go hÉirinn!



Facts and figures



Complete the facts and figures about Ireland below.
Talk to your classmates if you are not sure what to fill into the gaps.

The Irish flag Use the correct colours to complete the Irish flag. Write down the colours used:	
The cities of Ireland Can you find the capital and the four other biggest cities of the country? Mark them in the map on the right.	
Official languages Can you name the official languages of Ireland?
Brainstorming What do you think about when you hear Ireland?
Leprechauns Can you find out what a Leprechaun is and where they live?

Did you know?

The Irish call their country "Éire".

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Places to visit in Ireland

Can you match the descriptions and pictures of the most visited places in the Republic of Ireland?

Name	Description	Picture
Cliffs of Moher	It's probably the most famous castle in Ireland and definitely one of the most visited. Those who dare to kiss the Blarney Stone inside the castle while hanging over the parapets will receive the power of the Irish eloquence.	
Trinity College	A magical and mysterious place. It was founded by St. Kevin in the 6 th century and home to a fantastic round tower and many Celtic crosses.	
Blarney Castle	Ireland's oldest university, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. The famous Book of Kells can be seen in the museum, which is also part of the university. It was also an inspiration for the library in the first Harry Potter movie.	
Glendalough	This is Ireland's most visited natural attraction. And can be found on many postcards and guidebooks. Stretching out 8 kilometres along the Atlantic and rise 214 metres at their highest point, these cliffs are really amazing.	

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Hurling and Camogie



Read the text below about the two Irish sports Hurling and Camogie. After that, try to answer the questions as good as possible.



Hurling and Camogie are both *hugely* popular sports in Ireland and are followed by many people across the country. They rank as the fastest paced field sport in the world and so *require* a phenomenal level of skill, great fitness and mental strength to play. Men play Hurling and women play Camogie. While they are *similar*, different rules apply. Camogie is less *physical* than Hurling.

One of the main differences is for the goalkeepers. In Hurling the goalies must wear *distinctive* jerseys from the team, whereas in Camogie everyone must dress in the same colour. The ladies wear skirts/divided shorts in Camogie.

In Camogie, players can score hand passed goals which is illegal in Hurling. Players are also allowed to drop their hurl in order to do this.

Hurling games last 70 minutes while Camogie games last 60 minutes making them 10 minutes shorter. Both games have professional competitions and tournaments.

Hurling has the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship while Camogie has the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

Fast, furious, exciting, *physical* both sports *require* great skill and are a must see on your trip to Ireland!

Dictionary

hugely	-	very	require	-	need
similar	-	almost the same	distinctive	-	different
physical	-	with a lot of body contact			

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Hurling and Camogie – Questions

Right or wrong?

Most people in Ireland like to watch Hurling and Camogie.

☐ right ☐ wrong

There is more body contact in camogie than in hurling.

☐ right ☐ wrong

Hand passed goals are only allowed in camogie.

☐ right ☐ wrong

Hurling and Camogie are quite different.

☐ right ☐ wrong

A hurl (or a hurley) is the stick used to play Hurling.

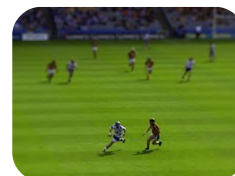
☐ right ☐ wrong

There are no goalkeepers in Hurling but there are in Camogie.

☐ right ☐ wrong

Camogie games are usually shorter than Hurling games.

☐ right ☐ wrong



Find the correct word in the text for the following definitions:

Another word for speed (used as an adjective):

A piece of clothing mostly worn by women and girls:

If something is not allowed, it is ...:

Another way to say “you have to”:

A verb telling us how long something takes:

Answer the following questions in complete sentences, please:

What is important if you want to play Hurling or camogie?

.....

Would you prefer to watch a Hurling or a Camogie game? Why?

.....

Why should you watch a Hurling or Camogie game if you travel to Ireland?

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If you are interested in the rules of Hurling, check out this link below:

The rules of Hurling – Explained! <https://youtu.be/biFcqUB98ns>

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Limericks



Limerick is a city in the southwest of Ireland. It also gave its name to a form of poems: the so-called Limericks. Read the definition of Limericks below and try to create your own Limericks after that.

Limericks usually have a rhyme scheme of AABBA. This means that the first, second- and fifth-line rhyme while the third and forth line share a different rhyme.

Limericks are usually humorous and sometimes even a bit rude.

Examples:

*There was a young girl on a tower
Who looked just as fresh as a flower.
Her hair was like silk.
Her skin was like milk.
But her breath made the strongest knight cower.*

A
A
B
B
A



*There was an old man with a beard
Who said, "It's just as I feared!
Two Owls and a Hen
Four Larks and a Wren
Have all built their nests in my beard!"*

A
A
B
B
A



As you can see in the examples the first line normally explains who the main person of the poem is (it can also be an animal or a thing).

The second line will describe the person or what the person does.

The third and fourth line give more information on what is happening and have five or six syllables.

The last line brings up the humour and the rude part of the poem. Here you try to make the reader laugh.

If you want to read more examples of Limericks, here's a collection:

75 Funny Limericks guaranteed to make you smile

<https://pun.me/pages/funny-limericks.php>

Now try to write your own Limericks and read them to your classmates.

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Listening – Ireland`s Call



Ireland`s call is a famous song which is played before some sport games with Irish participation, especially rugby games.

Listen to the song and try to complete the lyrics.



Come the and come the hour,
 Come the power and the!
 We have come to answer our country's call,
 From the proud provinces of Ireland
Ireland, Ireland,
Together standing tall!
Shoulder to shoulder,
We'll answer Ireland's call!

From the Glens of Antrim,
 From the rugged of Galway!
 From the of Limerick, and Dublin Bay,
 From the proud provinces of Ireland!
Ireland, Ireland,
Together standing tall!
Shoulder to shoulder,
We'll answer Ireland's call!

Hearts of and heads unbowing,
 Vowing never to be!
 We will fight, until we can fight no
 From the proud provinces of Ireland!
Ireland, Ireland,
Together standing tall!
Shoulder to shoulder,
We'll answer Ireland's call!
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Haunted castles – Loftus Hall



One of the most famous haunted castles in Ireland is for sale: Loftus Hall.

Explore the story of the castle and try to answer the following questions.

Loftus Hall is located in the south-east of Ireland and dates back to 1350. It is said that Loftus Hall is the most haunted house in Ireland.

In the middle of the 18th century, the Devil has visited the mansion and shot up through the roof in a ball of flames.

Do you want to know how this all happened?

Watch the following clip:



Ireland's Ancient East: Loftus Hall and its haunted past https://youtu.be/soF8eiq_Ezk

The current owner of Loftus Hall, Aidan Quigley, wants to sell the mansion. The asking price is about 2.5 million Euros. The mansion has 22 bedrooms owns a private beach and 63 acres (approx. 25`000 square metres) of land. But there are also 97 windows that need to be cleaned once in a while.

Create an advertisement for the local newspaper to help Mr. Quigley sell his mansion.

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The Irish Quiz



How well do you know Ireland? Try to answer the following questions about different Irish things.

What are the official languages in Ireland?

- ☐ Scottish
 ☐ Irish / Gaelic
 ☐ Welsh
 ☐ English

Where in Ireland can you find the "Book of Kells"?

- ☐ Trinity College
 ☐ Galway University
 ☐ Glendalough
 ☐ Kilkenny Castle

In which Sport is it allow to score a hand passed goal?

- ☐ Hurling
 ☐ Gaelic Football
 ☐ Camogie
 ☐ Rugby

If you kiss the Blarney Stone you will ...

- ☐ be rich
 ☐ be healthy
 ☐ be eloquent
 ☐ be famous

The small green fairy tale creatures in Ireland are called ...

- ☐ Goblins
 ☐ Gnomes
 ☐ Kobolds
 ☐ Leprechauns

Which creature appeared in Loftus Hall?

- ☐ Ghost
 ☐ Gremlin
 ☐ Devil
 ☐ Angel

Which rhyme scheme does a Limerick normally have?

- ☐ ABBA
 ☐ ABABA
 ☐ AABBA
 ☐ BABAB

What is the capital of the Republic of Ireland?

- ☐ Galway
 ☐ Cork
 ☐ Limerick
 ☐ Dublin

How many provinces does Ireland have?

- ☐ 4
 ☐ 5
 ☐ 3
 ☐ 6

According to the song "Ireland's call" the Irish should stand ...

- ☐ head to head
 ☐ arm in arm
 ☐ shoulder to shoulder
 ☐ back to back



Go n-eirí an t-ádh leat!

(Good luck in Irish)