

## WEB QUEST – DISCOVER IRELAND

Before visiting Ireland we'd better learn more about the country  
Surf the net and look for information to fill in the gaps or answer the questions

### PART 1

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/ireland/#ireland-dublin.jpg>

Ireland is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ parts. The Republic of Ireland (\_\_\_\_\_ ) is the biggest part. Its capital city is \_\_\_\_\_. Northern Ireland (Ulster) is part of the UK and its capital city is Belfast .

The official currency is \_\_\_\_\_

Ireland is known for its green fields (lush) and this is why it is called the \_\_\_\_\_

The Irish love nature, there is little pollution in Ireland and their first coins had \_\_\_\_\_ on them. Yet there's a reptile that can't live in Ireland, the \_\_\_\_\_. There are \_\_\_\_\_ national parks in Ireland.

Ireland is a republic. The Irish have an \_\_\_\_\_ parliament, which makes the laws, and a president. The head of the government is the \_\_\_\_\_ (pronounced tee-shuck), which means "chief." He/She is the leader of the party with the most parliament members.

\_\_\_\_\_ and agriculture have always been essential to the Irish economy but since the late 1950s the governments have managed to transform Ireland into the 'Celtic \_\_\_\_\_' which means that now the nation can attract foreign investments and create better job opportunities, especially in technology and innovative sectors.

Archaeologists think the first people to settle in Ireland arrived around \_\_\_\_\_.

In the ninth century A.D., \_\_\_\_\_ began raids into Ireland. They established settlements that later became some of the country's main cities, including the capital, Dublin.

The whole island was part of the UK for a long time but in \_\_\_\_\_, after violent revolts and riots, the Irish Free State was created within the British Empire.

### PART 2

Locate the main towns and cities and add them on the map: Dublin, Belfast, Galway, Cork, Limerick, (Wicklow, Donegal, Wexford, Kilamey).

### PART 3

[http://homepage.eircom.net/%7Ewhitechurchns/moher\\_culture.htm#language](http://homepage.eircom.net/%7Ewhitechurchns/moher_culture.htm#language)

In Ireland people speak two languages: English and \_\_\_\_\_.

<https://www.ducksters.com/geography/country/ireland.php>

Ireland is a nation of storytellers, many Irish writers won the Nobel Prize for Literature and many musicians have become famous rock stars

Name at least one writer (\_\_\_\_\_ ) and one musician or band (\_\_\_\_\_ )

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Religions: \_\_\_\_\_ (88%); \_\_\_\_\_. These data are outdated (too old) Can you find updated information? Extra task

Main cities : \_\_\_\_\_

Main rivers: \_\_\_\_\_

Major exports : \_\_\_\_\_

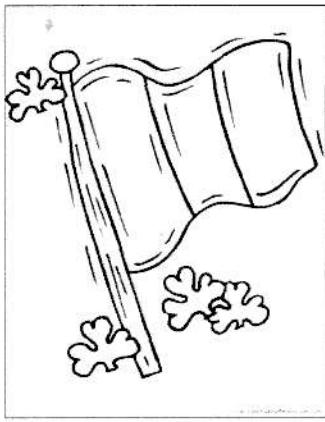
It's divided into \_\_\_\_\_ provinces and \_\_\_\_\_ counties

### SAINT PATRICK

[http://homepage.eircom.net/%7Ewhitechurchns/moher\\_culture.htm#culture](http://homepage.eircom.net/%7Ewhitechurchns/moher_culture.htm#culture)

National Holiday: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is Saint Patrick? What special thing did he do and what do people do to celebrate him?



## FLAG AND SYMBOLS

<http://www.elllo.org/english/0401/404-Marion-Ireland.htm>

Now listen to Marion and describe the Irish flag: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you colour it?

What is the most popular symbol of Ireland? \_\_\_\_\_

What else can you see and visit in Ireland?

## SPORTS

<http://www.gaelicmatters.com/traditional-irish-sports.html>

<http://igor.stojakovic.net/en/gaa-hurling-i-gaa-football-more-than-a-sport/>

Read, **watch the video** and list the typical Irish sports. \_\_\_\_\_

Are these sports for both men and women? What do you think of these sports?

Where do you play them in Dublin? \_\_\_\_\_ Extra task

## MUSIC

[http://homepage.eircom.net/%7Ewhitechurchns/moher\\_culture.htm#dance](http://homepage.eircom.net/%7Ewhitechurchns/moher_culture.htm#dance)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXb7pEEcWq0>

Irish dancing is either danced 'solo' or in \_\_\_\_\_ called 'figures' or 'sets'. There are school of Irish dancing all round the world, including America and Australia. There are light dances called 'reels' and 'slip-jigs', and heavy dances called 'jigs' or 'hornpipes'.

Would you like to go and watch a dancing show? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you think you'd like to have a go and dance?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z\\_TheGgFWI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z_TheGgFWI)

People also love listening to live Irish music in \_\_\_\_\_ and in the streets

## PART 4 –Learn about Dublin - Watch the video and do the activities on your worksheet

<http://inenglish.loescher.it/ireland-and-dublin.n4683>

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• **Watch the video once and put the following places or sites in the order you see them in the video.**

- a) Liffey Bridge
- b) An Irish cemetery
- c) County Wexford
- d) Monument of Light
- e) Samuel Beckett Bridge
- f) The Brazen Head pub
- g) Grafton Street
- h) Rosslare
- i) St Patrick's Cathedral
- j) O'Connell Street

• **Watch the video again and mark the following statements true or false.**

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- 1. Rosslare is an industrial town in Ireland.
- 2. The east coast of Ireland has beaches and mountains.

3. Cemeteries in Ireland are similar to those in Italy.
4. Ireland has three large provinces.
5. Dublin is in the province of Munster.
6. The population of Dublin is around 1 million.
7. The Samuel Beckett Bridge was designed by a famous architect.
8. You have to pay to cross the Liffey Bridge in Dublin.
9. The Working Prams are a form of street selling.
10. St Patrick's Cathedral is a Catholic church.
11. The Monument of Light is also known as 'The People of Dublin'.
12. O'Connell Street is a busy shopping street.
13. Daniel O'Connell was a famous Irish musician.
14. Grafton Street has a statue of Molly Malone and lots of shops.
15. The Brazen Head is Ireland's most famous nightclub.

## PART 5- Your language school in Ireland

Find out more about your school in Dublin

<https://www.english.dcu.ie/>

<https://studyinireland.ie/it/>

## PART 6 –The Trinity College Exam (Esame di Certificazione)

Find out how the final exam (B1 or B2) works

<https://www.trinitycollege.it/lingua-inglese/integrated-skills-in-english-ise/>

## PART 7:

**Watch, listen and write to learn about Trinity College in Dublin with a special guide**

<https://en.islcollective.com/video-lessions/trinity-college>