

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, Kilmaley).

PART 3

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 These data are outdated (too old) Can you find updated information?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 : _____

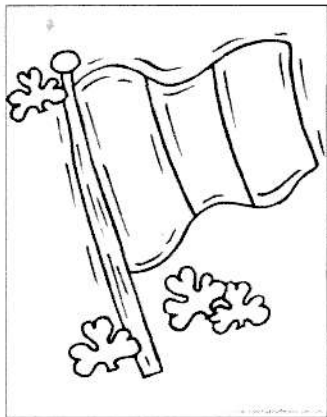
It's divided into ____ provinces and _____ counties

SAINT PATRICK

http://homepage.eircom.net/%7Ewhitechurchns/moher_culture.htm#culture

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

<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

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>

☛ **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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The east coast of Ireland has beaches and mountains. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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-lessons/trinity-college>