

Read the following text.

## EMAIL FROM IRELAND

Hi! My name's Simon. I'm sixteen and I live in Dublin, Ireland. My family isn't very big. I've got two brothers that are older than me. I live with them and my father and mother.

As you know, Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland. I like my hometown because there are a lot of young people living here. We can do lots of things here like going to the cinema, to the theatre or to the park and there are also good gyms.

Dublin is a small city, so everyone is nice. The thing I don't like about Dublin is the weather. I don't like the rain and the cloudy days.

### My interests

I like swimming, going out with my friends and listening to music. My favourite band, U2, comes from Dublin. There are other famous bands and singers here, like Westlife and Samantha Mumba. Traditional music is also very popular in Dublin.

### School life

I like my school. My teachers explain why things happen – they don't just teach facts. At lunchtime I sometimes go to a restaurant with a friend who can drive. I don't like McDonald's or Burger King, but I love pizzas and Chinese food. After lunch, we have practical lessons like IT (Information Technology) and Arts.

### The future

There are big companies in Ireland like Microsoft and Gateway, which offer lots of jobs. So, I'm trying to be good at computing to work for one of these companies.

That's all for now.

Drop me a line.

Simon

1.Fill in the table in note form.

Name	
Age	
Nationality	
Family	
Interests	
Favourite band	
Favourite food	
Future job	

**2. Interview with Simon. Here are Simon's answers to some questions. Write the missing questions.**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_?  
I'm sixteen years old.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_?  
I'm from Dublin, Ireland.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_?  
Yes, I've got two older brothers.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_?  
Yes, I like living in Dublin very much.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_?  
Because there are a lot of young people living here.
- f) \_\_\_\_\_?  
I don't like the rain.
- g) \_\_\_\_\_?  
My favourite band is U2.
- h) \_\_\_\_\_?  
I like swimming, going out with my friends and listening to music.

**3. Replace the words in bold by a *personal pronoun* (*I, you, etc.*).**

- a) **Simon and his family** live in Dublin.

\_\_\_\_\_

- b) **Their house** is in the suburbs of Dublin.

\_\_\_\_\_

- c) **Patrick** is one of Simon's friends.

\_\_\_\_\_

- d) **Simon and I** go to the same school.

\_\_\_\_\_

- e) **You and your friend** go to the cinema on Mondays.

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Finish the sentences with an *object personal pronoun* (*me, him, etc.*)**

- a) Simon is playing football in the park. Look at \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) I don't know that girl in red. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
- c) They want to talk to \_\_\_\_\_ but we don't want to talk to \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Complete each sentence with a possessive determiner (*my, your, etc.*).**

- a) Simon's parents have got a big house. \_\_\_\_\_ house is next to mine.
- b) Simon is a very nice boy but \_\_\_\_\_ brothers aren't so nice as him.
- c) Ireland is a popular place to visit. One of \_\_\_\_\_ official languages is English.
- d) We live in a small town. \_\_\_\_\_ hometown has got ancient monuments.
- e) I'll call you tonight. What's \_\_\_\_\_ phone number?

**6. Put the verb into the present simple or the present continuous.**

- a) Many famous bands \_\_\_\_\_ (*come*) from Ireland.
- b) Ronan Keating, a famous Irish pop star, \_\_\_\_\_ (*sing*) on TV tonight.
- c) Lots of tourists \_\_\_\_\_ (*visit*) Ireland every year.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ (*there to be*) a lot of pubs in Ireland.
- e) Almost every village \_\_\_\_\_ (*have*) a pub.
- f) What \_\_\_\_\_ (*you/know*) about Ireland?
- g) It \_\_\_\_\_ (*rain*) a lot in Ireland but now it \_\_\_\_\_ (*not rain*).
- h) Simon's father \_\_\_\_\_ (*drive*) to work every day.
- i) What time \_\_\_\_\_ (*he/start*) work?
- j) He \_\_\_\_\_ (*not work*) on Saturdays.