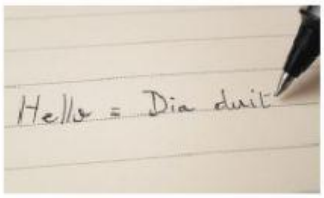
Visual guide

Part A: Match the pictures of Irish landmarks and icons to the descriptions below



1) Blarney Stone



2) Irish (Gaelic)



3) the Burren



4) Monastery



5) Celtic harp



6) shamrock



7) Brú na Bóinne



8) Cliffs of Moher



9) St. Patrick's Day

1. _____ a small plant with three leaves on each stem; the national symbol of Ireland
2. _____ a building in which monks (members of a male religious community) live together
3. _____ a musical instrument used in Scottish and Irish music
4. _____ a piece of stone in Blarney Castle in County Cork
5. _____ a language spoken in Ireland, sometimes also referred to as Gaelic or Irish Gaelic
6. _____ a historic area in County Meath
7. _____ sea cliffs located at the southwestern edge of the Burren region in County Clare
8. _____ it takes place on March 17th every year, known for its celebration of Irish culture with parades, special food, music and dancing
9. _____ one of Ireland's national parks, known for its interesting geology

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Part B: Match the words to their images.

cove hamlet metropolis oyster peninsula pint



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

Now match words to the definitions.

1.	peninsula	a.	a large, important city
2.	pint	b.	a large flat shellfish
3.	cove	c.	a unit for measuring liquids
4.	hamlet	d.	a small area of sea partly surrounded by land
5.	oyster	e.	a very small village
6.	metropolis	f.	an area of land that is almost surrounded by water



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Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match the words to their definitions.

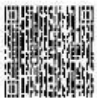
1.	boundary (n)	a.	famous and respected
2.	renowned (adj.)	b.	stay somewhere for longer because you do not want to leave
3.	easy-going (adj.)	c.	quiet and calm
4.	sedate (adj.)	d.	a real or imagined line that marks the limits of something and separates it from other things or places
5.	linger (v)	e.	a fact that helps you to settle an argument or make a decision
6.	clincher (n)	f.	full of life and energy
7.	vibrant (adj.)	g.	a large area of land that has never been developed
8.	hum (v)	h.	be full of activity /or/ sing a tune with closed lips
9.	wilderness (n)	i.	mysterious or threatening
10.	brooding (adj.)	j.	relaxed and happy to accept things without worrying or getting angry

Part B: Choose a word from part A to fill in the gaps.

1. We visited Ireland in winter, when the dark skies and windy weather created a _____ atmosphere.
2. We couldn't decide whether to visit Ireland or Scotland. But then we found a cheap flight to Dublin; that was the _____!
3. Samuel Beckett and James Joyce are two _____ Irish writers. Their works have been read by people all over the world.
4. After a busy few days in Dublin, we tried to find a _____ place in the countryside to enjoy a quiet picnic.
5. I love Irish music. When I hear a song I like, I usually _____ it to myself for the rest of the day.
6. _____ St. Patrick's Day celebrations take place around the world on the 17th of March, with green beer and lots of colorful costumes.
7. We couldn't see any people or houses; there were only hills, rivers, and valleys. It really felt like we were alone in the _____.
8. We had such a great day exploring Ireland's coast. We really didn't want to go back to the hotel, so we found an excuse to _____ for a few more hours.

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4 Listening for detail



You're going to watch a video about visiting Ireland. Before you watch, match words from the two columns to make predictions about what you will hear, then check your answers by watching the video.

1.	brooding	a.	people from Dublin
2.	dramatic	b.	Irish folk music
3.	renowned	c.	Connemara's hills and lakes
4.	vibrant	d.	old-fashioned pub
5.	sedate	e.	County Donegal's wilderness
6.	easy-going	f.	museums and entertainment

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5 Listening comprehension

Watch the video again and choose the correct answers.

1. Ireland is described as:
   a. a big country with a big reputation
   b. a small country with a bad reputation
   c. a small country with a big reputation

2. The narrator says that:
   a. Ireland has changed a lot over the last fifty years
   b. Ireland hasn't changed much in generations
   c. Ireland has changed a lot in recent years

3. Dublin's *clincher* is:
   a. its museums and entertainment
   b. its dining experiences
   c. its people

4. An Irish hamlet will almost certainly have:
   a. no pubs
   b. one or more pubs
   c. regular concerts

5. Traditional Irish music is described as the most energetic kind of music in:
   a. Western Europe
   b. Europe
   c. the world

6. Which place is famous for its oysters?
   a. Dublin
   b. Connemara
   c. Galway

7. The best experiences in Ireland often happen:
   a. when we take a road trip
   b. when we don't do very much
   c. in Connemara

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6 Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Fill in the gaps with the words below to create definitions for each vocabulary item.

in an activity	is not sincere	lasting forever	speaking in public
study of history	time in history	when compared with	young animals

1. eloquent (adj.) - able to use language and express your opinions well, especially when you are _____
2. flatter (v) - say nice things about somebody because you want to please them (often in a way that _____)
3. archaeological (adj.) - connected with the _____ by examining buildings and objects found in the ground
4. withdraw (v) - stop taking part _____ or being a member of an organization
5. breed (v) – produce _____
6. immortality (n) - the state of living or _____
7. prehistoric (adj.) - connected with the _____ before information was written down
8. density (adj.) – the number of things in a place _____ the size of the place

Part B: Underline the correct word

1. When I tried to speak Irish, some people told me that my pronunciation was very good. I didn't really believe them, but I felt very **flattering / flattered / flattery.**
2. Dublin is the most **dense / density / densely** populated city in Ireland, followed by Cork.
3. In 2020, a bird called a Marsh Harrier **bred / breeded / has bred** in Ireland for the first time since the beginning of the 20th century.
4. Did you hear the politicians on the news last night? I thought they spoke **eloquent / eloquence / eloquently.**
5. A team of **archaeologies / archaeologists / archaeological** discovered hundreds of ancient bones on a site in the southwest of Ireland.
6. An American college student specializing in **prehistories / prehistory/ prehistoric** spent three months in Ireland studying the bones.
7. After the team (they were scheduled to play) **withdraw / withdrew / withdrawal** from the competition, our team automatically progressed to the next round.
8. Ireland is famous for its stories of mysterious creatures. Some of these tales have been **immortalize / immortality / immortalized** in popular books and films.

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