

## COMPREHENSION CHECK GREAT IRISH WRITERS

### 1 Watch the video. Number the things in the order you see them (1–6).

- a statue of an author with a walking stick \_\_
- four statues in front of two flags \_\_
- an old manuscript \_\_
- The National Gallery of Ireland \_\_
- an old painting of a famous Irish author \_\_
- Trinity College \_\_

### 2 Watch again. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Who is Molly Malone?
  - A She is a famous Irish sculptor.
  - B She is a character in a famous Irish song.
  - C She owns a famous Irish pub.
- 2 Trinity College in Dublin is Ireland's ...
  - A best university.
  - B largest university.
  - C oldest university.
- 3 What year did Jonathan Swift leave Trinity College?
  - A 1682
  - B 1686
  - C 1866
- 4 What is the name of Bram Stoker's most famous book?
  - A *Waiting for Godot*
  - B *Dracula*
  - C *Gulliver's Travels*
- 5 What did Samuel Beckett do in 1969?
  - A He won the Nobel Prize for Literature.
  - B He opened the Samuel Beckett Centre.
  - C He wrote his most famous play.
- 6 Many people think *Ulysses* is the...
  - A best novel of all time.
  - B best song of all time.
  - C best dance of all time.



**3 Watch again. Match questions 1–6 to answers a–f.**

- 1 Why is Dublin popular with tourists? \_\_
  - 2 Where in Dublin is Trinity College? \_\_
  - 3 When was Jonathan Swift a student at Trinity College? \_
  - 4 What did Samuel Beckett do at Trinity College?
  - 5 What is Oscar Wilde famous for writing? \_\_
  - 6 What do some people think about James Joyce's famous book? \_\_\_\_\_
- a From 1682 to 1686.
  - b Because there are great museums and art galleries.
  - c For many people, *Ulysses* is the best book of all time.
  - d Plays, novels and children's stories. e He was a student and a teacher.
  - f In the city centre.

**4 Watch again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.**

- 1 Dublin's population is over three million people.
- 2 Molly Malone is a character in a famous Irish book.
- 3 Jonathan Swift's book is still popular with children and adults.
- 4 Bram Stoker started writing books after university.
- 5 Oscar Wilde was born in Dublin.
- 6 Many of James Joyce's stories are set in Trinity College.

**5 Watch again. Complete the summary.**

Dublin is the capital city of (1)\_\_\_\_\_. It's (2)\_\_\_\_\_ with tourists. Lots of famous Irish writers studied at Trinity (3)\_\_\_\_\_. Jonathan Swift, Bram Stoker and Samuel Beckett all studied here. Samuel Beckett won the Nobel Prize for Literature in (4)\_\_\_\_\_. Dublin is the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ for many books written by James Joyce. Many people think his book *Ulysses* is the best (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of all time.

