



TASK 1. Read and listen.

My Ireland blog



Hello, I'm Cormac from Ireland. I love lighthouses and the Fastnet Lighthouse is my favourite! It's on a rock in the Atlantic Ocean and it's 48 metres tall. In winter, there are big storms here. In the past, there were three lighthouse keepers. One lighthouse keeper was always awake, watching the ocean. Now the light is automatic.



My favourite sport at school is athletics, but my dad's favourite sport was hurling. Hurling is a team sport from Ireland. There are fifteen players in a team. Every player wears a helmet and has a stick. Players hit a small ball with the stick. Hurling is an old sport. It's about 1,000 years old!



When I was little, my favourite stories were about leprechauns. A leprechaun is a funny character. He's a small man with a beard. He wears a green jacket and hat. Leprechauns make shoes and have a pot of gold. When you meet a leprechaun, he can give you three wishes. In Dublin, there's a leprechaun museum where furniture is so big you think you are a small leprechaun!



In some places in Ireland, you can see round towers. They are about 1,000 years old. There are small windows at the top of the towers. In the past, there were bells in the towers. What were the towers for? Nobody knows, it's a mystery!



TASK 2. Decide if the following sentences are true or false.

- 1 In summer, there are big storms at the Fastnet Lighthouse.
- 2 Round towers and Leprechauns are about 1,000 years old.
- 3 A leprechaun wears a pink jacket and hat.
- 4 There are fifteen players in a hurling team.
- 5 In the past, there were lights in the round towers.
- 6 In Dublin, there's a lighthouse museum.

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