

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

IRELAND



A damp island on the fringes of the North Atlantic, Ireland has always been involved by the elements. How its wild inhabitants got there is the subject of (1) _____ debate. Why, for example, does the island have species, such as spotted slugs, that are (2) _____ from Britain but found in northern Spain and Portugal?

The (3) _____ that the island's wildlife is not merely a subset of that of the British Isles is intriguing, and when added to the cultural landscape and weather-beaten coasts, makes it a uniquely attractive (4) _____. Memorable experiences are at the visitor's (5) _____. For instance, commuters on Dublin's urban rail system regularly catch a (6) _____ of seals, porpoises and bottlenose dolphins.

While Ireland is small, there are endless nooks and crannies waiting to be explored and many surprises (7) _____ in wait. Here, for example, is my (8) _____ of the top wildlife hotspots. Vast (9) _____ of uninhabited bog define the Donegal uplands. Remote and forbidding, this is a landscape of resilience in the (10) _____ of isolation. At its heart is Glenveagh National Park, where nearly ten years ago the skies began to resound once again to the (11) _____ of golden eagles. The species was (12) _____ to the Park from Scotland after not having been seen in the area for more than a century.

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| 1. | A) living | B) alive | C) lively | D) live |
| 2. | A) vacant | B) absent | C) removed | D) away |
| 3. | A) fact | B) issue | C) thing | D) topic |
| 4. | A) objective | B) destination | C) target | D) venue |
| 5. | A) kneecaps | B) eyebrows | C) toenails | D) fingertips |
| 6. | A) glance | B) sight | C) glimpse | D) view |
| 7. | A) lie | B) stay | C) get | D) stand |
| 8. | A) lot | B) pick | C) turn | D) take |
| 9. | A) extensions | B) grounds | C) expanses | D) exteriors |
| 10. | A) wake | B) face | C) field | D) case |
| 11. | A) cries | B) cheers | C) clucks | D) chatter |
| 12. | A) revitalised | B) revived | C) rediscovered | D) reintroduced |

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