

ELEMENTARY A2

UNIT 1 - LIFESTYLES

CULTURE

Reading

1. Read and listen to the text.



TEEN LIFE IN IRELAND

Interests & Preferences

Irish teens like doing what most teens do: playing video games, shopping, watching films and hanging out with friends. They also enjoy listening to music and can tell you all about famous Irish singers and **bands**. Chatting online is also extremely popular and is an important way for Irish teenagers to contact each other.

Families

The **traditional** Irish family is big with five or six children, maybe more. These days, though, it is more common to have just two children. Most families have two parents while some others are single-parent families.

Favourite activities

It rains a lot in Ireland but this doesn't stop people from doing activities outdoors. Teens love playing sports such as football and hockey. There are traditional sports, too, like Gaelic football and hurling. Another favourite is going to festivals – Ireland has lots of **different** kinds all year round, so there's always something fun for young people to do.

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2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are *True*, *False* or *Doesn't say*.

- 1 Irish teenagers only listen to Irish music.
- 2 Irish teens use the Internet to keep in touch.
- 3 Irish families today tend to be large.
- 4 The weather in Ireland is usually warm and sunny.
- 5 Teens play both Irish and international sports.

True False Doesn't say

True False Doesn't say

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True False Doesn't say

3. Now match the words below, which are bold in the text, to their definitions (1-3).

band

traditional

different

1 a music group

2 passed down from generation to generation

3 separate

Video

4. Choose the information mentioned in the *video*.

1	Chatting on social media is very popular among Irish teens.
2	Teenagers in Ireland like hanging out with friends but don't like video games.
3	Most families have two parents and five or six children.
4	It rains a lot in Ireland so teenagers spend most of the time indoors.
5	Traditional Irish sports are Gaelic football and hurling.
6	Irish teens like going to festivals and know many famous Irish singers and bands.