IRELAND

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Ireland

The Republic of Ireland is an independent state that is located in the British Isles. The capital of Ireland is Dublin. The official languages are English and Irish. The currency in this country is the Euro. Ireland is famous all over the world for its "Guinness" beer and its folk music.

Irish flag is green, white and orange, and the shamrock is the national symbol.

Irish stew is a traditional Irish dish made from lamb, beef, potatoes, carrots, onions and parsley.

Music and dance are a very important part of Irish culture.

In Ireland is a special holiday: St. Patrick's Day. It is celebrated on March 17th. People wear green clothes while they sing, dance and drink a lot of beer!

Famous irish people are Oscar Wilde, Niall Horan, Pierce Brosnan, Saoirse Ronan, Evanna Lynch...

Hurling, like Gaelic football, is an outdoor team sport. It's played with a stick called hurley and a ball.

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Dublin

It is the capital city of the Republic of Ireland. It is in the east part of the country. It has lots of narrow roads and pubs, the most known is Temple Bar.

Galway

This city is in the west part of Ireland. It's very popular for its coloured houses on the sea and its parties.

Cliffs Moher

The cliffs are one of the best attraction. The most famous are the Cliffs of Moher, 120 meters high above the Atlantic Ocean.

The Giant's Causeway

Is an area of 40.000 hexagonal basalt columns, the result of an ancient volcanic eruption. The legend says that this columns were built by a giant because he was challenged to a fight, so that the two giants could meet.

Rock of Cashel

It is situated on the southern of Ireland. This castle are one of the most amazing medieval ruins.

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ACTIVITY 1. Write True or False.

Irish is the only official language of Ireland.
Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland.
Stew is the typical irish food.
Cliffs of Moher are 200 metres above the Pacific ocean.
Hurling is played with a racquet and a ball.
Niall Horan or Pierce Brosnan are some important people from this country.

ACTIVITY 2. Match.

Hurley	• Some ancient medieval ruins.
Shamrock	• A famous pub in Dublin.
Rock of Cashel	• The national symbol of the country.
Euro	• The currency of this country.
Temple Bar	• A large stick you use to play a sport.

ACTIVITY 3. Complete the following sentences with the words given.

Guinness outdoor Patrick March
giants dance Galway green

- Hurling is an _____ team sport.
- Ireland is famous all over the world for its _____ beer.
- _____ is known for its coloured houses on the sea.
- St_____'s day is a special holiday in Ireland. It's on the 17th of _____ .
- Ireland's flag is _____, white and orange.
- There are hexagonal columns that according to the legend, they were the path for the _____ to meet.
- Folk music and _____ are a very important part of the Irish culture.

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