A Grand Day in Dublin

I had been living in Dublin for just a few weeks when I experienced my first truly Irish night out. It had been raining all day, of course, but that didn't stop the locals.

"Ah, it's only a bit of soft weather," said the barman with a grin. I didn't know what that meant, but I smiled anyway.

We had been walking around Temple Bar before we ended up in a tiny pub filled with laughter, live music, and what felt like a hundred "How's the craic?" greetings.

Later, my friend said, "You're only here a wet week, but you're already gas!" Apparently, that was a compliment. I had no clue.

By the end of the night, I had heard more slang than I could remember and laughed more than I had in months. The Irish don't just speak English—they make it sing.

☑ **True/False:**

1. The narrator had lived in Dublin for a long time. **True/False**
2. It had been raining, but locals didn't mind. **True/False**
3. "Soft weather" means extreme heat. **True/False**
4. The narrator didn't understand all the slang. **True/False**
5. The narrator had an enjoyable evening. **True/False**

🧠 Vocabulary – Irish Slang Matching

Match the slang to its meaning:

1. craic
2. soft weather
3. gas
4. wet week

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5. grand

a) Something very funny
b) Very recent arrival
c) Fun / good times
d) Light Irish rain
e) Fine / okay

Answers:
1) ___

2) ___

3) ___

4) ___

5) ___

B. Fill in the blanks with Irish slang.

1. The music was amazing last night—the _____ was unreal!
2. Don't worry, I'm feeling _____ now, thanks.
3. You're only here a _____, but you're already a local!
4. That comedian was _____ altogether!
5. It's just a bit of _____, no need for an umbrella.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

📚 Grammar Focus: Past Perfect Simple vs Continuous

Mini-lesson:

Tense	Use	Example
Past Perfect	Completed action before another	*She had left before I arrived.*
Past Perfect Continuous	Ongoing action before another	*He had been working all day.*

- Use **Past Perfect Simple** to show *completion.*
- Use **Past Perfect Continuous** for *duration/emotion/fatigue/etc.*

✍️ Grammar Practice

A. Choose the correct tense

1. She _____ (live) in Cork before moving to Galway.
2. They _____ (drink) for two hours when we arrived.
3. I _____ (not hear) "craic" before that night.
4. He _____ (play) the fiddle all evening—his hands were shaking!
5. We _____ (chat) for ages before we ordered food.

✍️ B. Transform the sentence using the other tense

1. She had been waiting for hours → _____.
2. They had finished their drinks → _____.
3. I had walked for miles → _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS