

# IRELAND - A SMALL COUNTRY WITH A BIG IMPACT

Read the text and do the TRUE/FALSE questions.

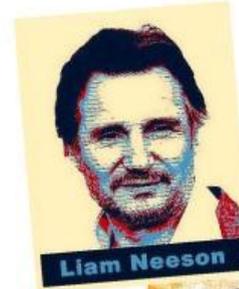
Ireland is a small island in the Atlantic Ocean with a population of only about five million people. However, its influence on world culture is much larger than its size might suggest.

Irish writers, musicians, and actors have had a strong impact internationally. Bands such as U2 became famous around the world, while singers like Sinéad O'Connor helped bring Irish music to a global audience. Ireland has also produced many successful actors, including Liam Neeson and Colin Farrell. Some Irish actors have interesting Irish names such as Saoirse Ronan and Cillian Murphy.

Sport is another important part of Irish culture. Football is popular, and Irish players such as Roy Keane became famous while playing in the English Premier League. Irish fans are also known for their enthusiasm and positive attitude at international tournaments.

Irish traditions have spread far beyond the island itself. Every year on March 17, millions of people celebrate St Patrick's Day around the world with music, parades, and the color green.

Although Ireland is small, its culture, sport, and music continue to influence people in many countries.



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| 1. Ireland is on the European continent.                          | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. Ireland has a population of about five million people.         | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. Irish musicians have influenced international music.           | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. U2 is mentioned as a famous Irish band.                        | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. Sinéad O'Connor helped bring Irish music to a global audience. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. "Saoirse" is a common English name.                            | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Basketball is described as the most popular sport in Ireland.  | TRUE | FALSE |
| 8. Roy Keane became famous while playing football in England.     | TRUE | FALSE |
| 9. St Patrick's Day is celebrated only in Ireland.                | TRUE | FALSE |
| 10. Irish culture has influenced people in many countries.        | TRUE | FALSE |