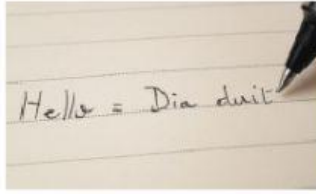


## Visual guide

Part A: Match the pictures of Irish landmarks and icons to the descriptions below



1) Blarney Stone



2) Irish (Gaelic)



3) the Burren



4) Monastery



5) Celtic harp



6) shamrock



7) Brú na Bóinne



8) Cliffs of Moher



9) St. Patrick's Day

- \_\_\_\_\_ a small plant with three leaves on each stem; the national symbol of Ireland
- \_\_\_\_\_ a building in which monks (members of a male religious community) live together
- \_\_\_\_\_ a musical instrument used in Scottish and Irish music
- \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of stone in Blarney Castle in County Cork
- \_\_\_\_\_ a language spoken in Ireland, sometimes also referred to as Gaelic or Irish Gaelic
- \_\_\_\_\_ a historic area in County Meath
- \_\_\_\_\_ sea cliffs located at the southwestern edge of the Burren region in County Clare
- \_\_\_\_\_ it takes place on March 17th every year, known for its celebration of Irish culture with parades, special food, music and dancing
- \_\_\_\_\_ one of Ireland's national parks, known for its interesting geology

Part B: Match the words to their images.

cove

hamlet

metropolis

oyster

peninsula

pint



1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Now match words to the definitions.

1. peninsula

2. pint

3. cove

4. hamlet

5. oyster

6. metropolis

a. a large, important city

b. a large flat shellfish

c. a unit for measuring liquids

d. a small area of sea partly surrounded by land

e. a very small village

f. an area of land that is almost surrounded by water



## Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match the words to their definitions.

- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. <u>boundary</u> (n)      | a. famous and respected  |
| 2. <u>renowned</u> (adj.)   | b. stay somewhere for longer because you do not want to leave  |
| 3. <u>easy-going</u> (adj.) | c. quiet and calm  |
| 4. <u>sedate</u> (adj.)     | d. a real or imagined line that marks the limits of something and separates it from other things or places |
| 5. <u>linger</u> (v)        | e. a fact that helps you to settle an argument or make a decision  |
| 6. <u>clincher</u> (n)      | f. full of life and energy   |
| 7. <u>vibrant</u> (adj.)    | g. a large area of land that has never been developed  |
| 8. <u>hum</u> (v)           | h. be full of activity /or/ sing a tune with closed lips   |
| 9. <u>wilderness</u> (n)    | i. mysterious or threatening   |
| 10. <u>brooding</u> (adj.)  | j. relaxed and happy to accept things without worrying or getting angry                                    |

Part B: Choose a word from part A to fill in the gaps.

1. We visited Ireland in winter, when the dark skies and windy weather created a \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere.
2. We couldn't decide whether to visit Ireland or Scotland. But then we found a cheap flight to Dublin; that was the \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Samuel Beckett and James Joyce are two \_\_\_\_\_ Irish writers. Their works have been read by people all over the world.
4. After a busy few days in Dublin, we tried to find a \_\_\_\_\_ place in the countryside to enjoy a quiet picnic.
5. I love Irish music. When I hear a song I like, I usually \_\_\_\_\_ it to myself for the rest of the day.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ St. Patrick's Day celebrations take place around the world on the 17th of March, with green beer and lots of colorful costumes.
7. We couldn't see any people or houses; there were only hills, rivers, and valleys. It really felt like we were alone in the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. We had such a great day exploring Ireland's coast. We really didn't want to go back to the hotel, so we found an excuse to \_\_\_\_\_ for a few more hours.

## 4

## Listening for detail



You're going to watch a video about visiting Ireland. Before you watch, match words from the two columns to make predictions about what you will hear, then check your answers by watching the video.

- |               |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. brooding   | a. people from Dublin          |
| 2. dramatic   | b. Irish folk music            |
| 3. renowned   | c. Connemara's hills and lakes |
| 4. vibrant    | d. old-fashioned pub           |
| 5. sedate     | e. County Donegal's wilderness |
| 6. easy-going | f. museums and entertainment   |

## 5

**Listening comprehension**

Watch the video again and choose the correct answers.

1. Ireland is described as:
  - a. a big country with a big reputation
  - b. a small country with a bad reputation
  - c. a small country with a big reputation
  
2. The narrator says that:
  - a. Ireland has changed a lot over the last fifty years
  - b. Ireland hasn't changed much in generations
  - c. Ireland has changed a lot in recent years
  
3. Dublin's *clincher* is:
  - a. its museums and entertainment
  - b. its dining experiences
  - c. its people
  
4. An Irish hamlet will almost certainly have:
  - a. no pubs
  - b. one or more pubs
  - c. regular concerts
  
5. Traditional Irish music is described as the most energetic kind of music in:
  - a. Western Europe
  - b. Europe
  - c. the world
  
6. Which place is famous for its oysters?
  - a. Dublin
  - b. Connemara
  - c. Galway
  
7. The best experiences in Ireland often happen:
  - a. when we take a road trip
  - b. when we don't do very much
  - c. in Connemara

## Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Fill in the gaps with the words below to create definitions for each vocabulary item.

in an activity  
study of history

is not sincere  
time in history

lasting forever  
when compared with

speaking in public  
young animals

- eloquent (adj.) - able to use language and express your opinions well, especially when you are \_\_\_\_\_
- flatter (v) - say nice things about somebody because you want to please them (often in a way that \_\_\_\_\_)
- archaeological (adj.) - connected with the \_\_\_\_\_ by examining buildings and objects found in the ground
- withdraw (v) - stop taking part \_\_\_\_\_ or being a member of an organization
- breed (v) - produce \_\_\_\_\_
- immortality (n) - the state of living or \_\_\_\_\_
- prehistoric (adj.) - connected with the \_\_\_\_\_ before information was written down
- density (adj.) - the number of things in a place \_\_\_\_\_ the size of the place

Part B: Underline the correct word

- When I tried to speak Irish, some people told me that my pronunciation was very good. I didn't really believe them, but I felt very flatterer / flattered / flattery.
- Dublin is the most dense / density / densely populated city in Ireland, followed by Cork.
- In 2020, a bird called a Marsh Harrier bred / bred / has bred in Ireland for the first time since the beginning of the 20th century.
- Did you hear the politicians on the news last night? I thought they spoke eloquent / eloquence / eloquently.
- A team of archaeologies / archaeologists / archaeological discovered hundreds of ancient bones on a site in the southwest of Ireland.
- An American college student specializing in prehistories / prehistory / prehistoric spent three months in Ireland studying the bones.
- After the team (they were scheduled to play) withdraw / withdrew / withdrawal from the competition, our team automatically progressed to the next round.
- Ireland is famous for its stories of mysterious creatures. Some of these tales have been immortalize / immortality / immortalized in popular books and films.

