

Let's Visit: Ireland

Intermediate (B1-B2)



WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. What comes to mind when you think of Ireland?
2. Would you like to visit Ireland? Why or why not?
3. Do you prefer coastlines, castles, or lively cities when travelling?

Part 2. How much do you know about Ireland? Test your knowledge!

1. What is the capital city of Ireland?
2. Which cliffs are one of Ireland's most famous natural sights?
3. What is the national holiday celebrated on 17 March?
4. Which sport is unique to Ireland: hurling or baseball?
5. What famous stone is kissed at Blarney Castle?



VIDEO ACTIVITY & PICTURE MATCHING

Part 1. Watch a video showing different places and experiences in Ireland. After watching, answer the questions.

1. Which part of Ireland looked most impressive?
2. Would you prefer to travel around the countryside or stay in the cities? Why?

Part 2. Look at some of Ireland's famous places and landmarks below. Match the name to the picture.

Cliffs of Moher

Dublin Castle

Killarney National Park

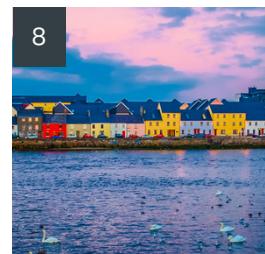
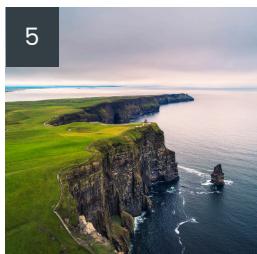
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Trinity College Library

Blarney Castle

Galway City

Newgrange



Part 3. Match each place or landmark to the correct description.

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1. _____ Historic government building in the capital.
2. _____ Lakes, forests, and mountains in County Kerry.
3. _____ Dramatic cliffs on Ireland's west coast.
4. _____ Famous scenic driving route.
5. _____ Home of the Book of Kells.
6. _____ Colourful harbour city with music and pubs.
7. _____ Castle with the famous Blarney Stone.
8. _____ Prehistoric passage tomb older than Stonehenge.

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which landmark would you most like to see? Why?
2. Do you prefer natural scenery or historic buildings when you travel?
3. Would you try kissing the Blarney Stone for good luck?



Part 5. Look at some of Ireland's famous food below. Match the name to the picture.

Irish stew

Boxty

Soda bread

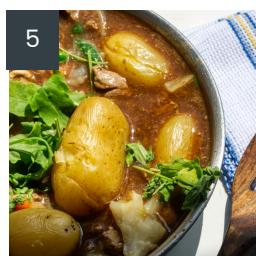
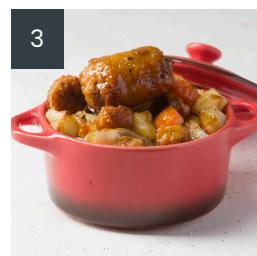
Colcannon

Coddle

Black pudding

Seafood chowder

Apple tart



Part 6. Match each dish to the correct description.

1. _____ Classic Irish dessert.
2. _____ Creamy soup with fish and shellfish.
3. _____ Blood sausage with oats.
4. _____ Dense bread made with baking soda.
5. _____ Traditional potato pancake.
6. _____ Lamb and vegetable stew.
7. _____ Mashed potatoes with cabbage or kale.
8. _____ Stew of sausages, bacon, and potatoes.

Part 7. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which Irish dish would you like to try first?
2. Do you prefer sweet or savoury foods when travelling?
3. What food from your country would you recommend to an Irish person?

Part 8. Look at the pictures of Ireland's culture. Match each cultural aspect to the correct picture.

St Patrick's Day

Irish Music & Dance

Gaelic Sports

Storytelling & Folklore



Part 9. Match each cultural aspect to its correct description.

1. _____ Hurling and Gaelic football.
2. _____ Myths, legends, and fairy tales.
3. _____ Traditional fiddles, pipes, and step dancing.
4. _____ National holiday with parades, music, and green clothes.

Part 10. Discuss the following questions.

1. Would you enjoy joining a big parade with music and dancing?
2. Do people in your country have traditional music or dance styles?
3. Do you prefer to watch or play fast, energetic sports?
4. What is a legend or fairy tale from your culture?



READING ACTIVITY

Part 1. Sean and Maria are in Ireland.

Maria: Wow, the Cliffs of Moher are incredible. The view is amazing!

Sean: Yes, people say you need a bit of the luck of the Irish with the weather here.

Maria: True! Yesterday in Dublin, the locals gave us such a warm welcome.

Sean: They really did. At the pub, the owner told us to make ourselves at home.

Maria: And in Galway, everyone seems to have the gift of the gab. They love to talk!

Sean: I know. Tomorrow I might have a crack at trying Gaelic football.

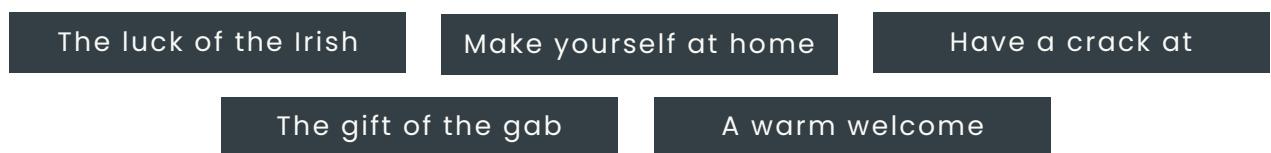
Maria: That's brave! Ireland is full of friendly people and unforgettable experiences.

Part 2. Answer the questions below based on the dialogue.

1. What landmark do Sean and Maria see first?
2. What do they say you need in Ireland because of the weather?
3. How did the locals treat them in Dublin?
4. What sport does Sean want to try?
5. What do they say Galway people are good at?



Part 3. Match the expression to its meaning.



1. _____ ability to talk easily and persuasively
2. _____ try something
3. _____ be comfortable as if in your own home
4. _____ friendly greeting that makes you feel included
5. _____ good fortune

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever had **the luck of the Irish** in your life? What happened?
2. When was the last time someone made you **feel at home**?
3. What would you like to **have a crack at** in the future?
4. Do you know someone with **the gift of the gab**?
5. When have you received **a warm welcome** while travelling?

FINAL THOUGHTS...

Part 1. Discuss the question below to reflect on what you've learnt during this lesson.

1. Would you like to travel around Ireland? Which landmark, food, or tradition would you choose first, and why?

