

# 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

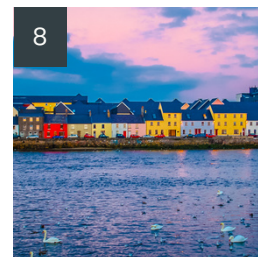
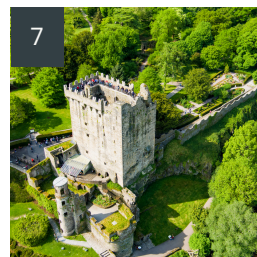
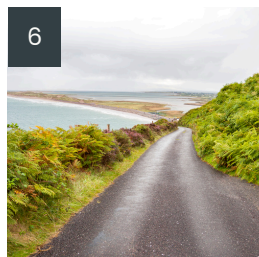
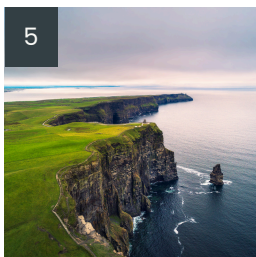
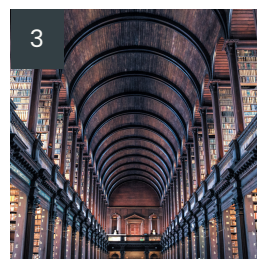
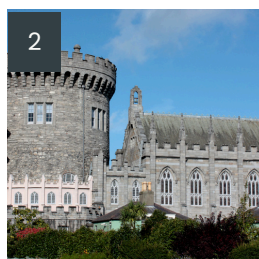
Ring of Kerry

Trinity College Library

Blarney Castle

Galway City

Newgrange



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

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Trinity College Library	Blarney Castle	Galway City	Newgrange

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

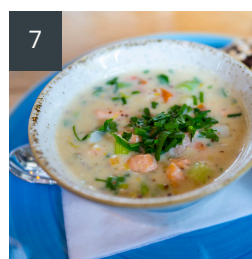
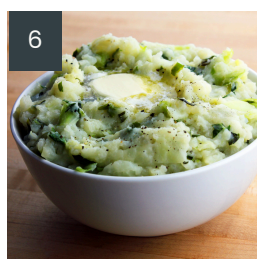
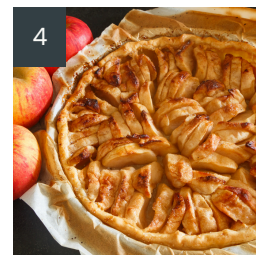
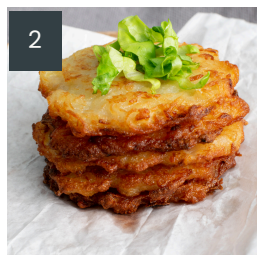
Colcannon

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.

The luck of the Irish

Make yourself at home

Have a crack at

The gift of the gab

A warm welcome

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?

