



Ireland and Northern Ireland

Info-stop

What is Northern Ireland?

- It's physically* part of the island of Ireland.
- It's politically* part of the UK.

What is Ireland?

- It's a country and a member of the European Union.

What is Eire?

- It's the Gaelic* name for Ireland. You can say Ireland or Eire.

Did you know?

- Don't call Irish people British. They aren't. They're Irish!

Is Queen Elizabeth the Queen of Ireland?

- No, she isn't. She's the Queen of the UK so she's only the Queen of Northern Ireland.



Find someone who ...

- 1 finds the place where they live boring.
- 2 can speak Gaelic.
- 3 is studying computer technology.
- 4 wants to study in London.
- 5 wants to live abroad.
- 6 is interested in fashion.
- 7 hates folk music.
- 8 lives in a small lively city.
- 9 never wants to leave Ireland.
- 10 plays traditional Irish music.



I live in Belfast. It's a modern city. It's had some troubles in the past but now it's a safe place to live. There are lots of clubs for young people and things to do. I like clothes and I'd like to be a fashion designer. Belfast has a good university but I'd like to study in London.

Jonny



I'm a Dubliner and Dublin is the coolest city in Ireland. It's home to U2, the best band in the world, and lots of foreign students come to Trinity College, the university. I never want to leave Dublin. I'm studying computer technology, Nowadays there are lots of job opportunities here.

Cait



I come from Galway on the West coast. It's a small city but very lively. It's full of young people and university students. I play in an Irish folk band and we do gigs* in pubs and bars. I'm really into Celtic mythology and I'm fluent in Gaelic. When I want to get away from the crowds, I cycle down to the sea. I love watching the waves come in.

Liam



I'm from Allihies, a small village in the county of West Cork. It's a bit boring here. There are lots of pubs, but nothing for young people to do. Everyone is into Irish folk music, which I hate! I love dance music. Cork's got a good music scene but it takes hours to get there by bus. I want to go to Dublin and study languages. Then I'd love to live abroad.

Eileen



The Giant's Causeway is an amazing volcanic* rock formation in Northern Ireland. It is made up of hundreds of huge, hexagonal pillars* of stone. Join up the information to find out more about Ireland.



1 The Irish harp is an instrument

2 James Joyce was a Dubliner

3 Guinness is a beer

4 A leprechaun is a small person

5 The 19th century potato famine* was an event

6 Blarney Castle is

7 The Skellig islands are

8 Trinity College is

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r caused* millions of people to die.

k you can see an old illustrated bible, the Book of Kells.

s is used in Celtic music.

o people kiss the Blarney stone and become brilliant at talking.

h wrote the famous novel Ulysses.

c monks lived many centuries ago.

m is dressed in green and brings you good luck.

a is black and white.

Write the letters in order and find the name of a lucky Irish plant.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____

* What is it in your language? Find out!