

# 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?

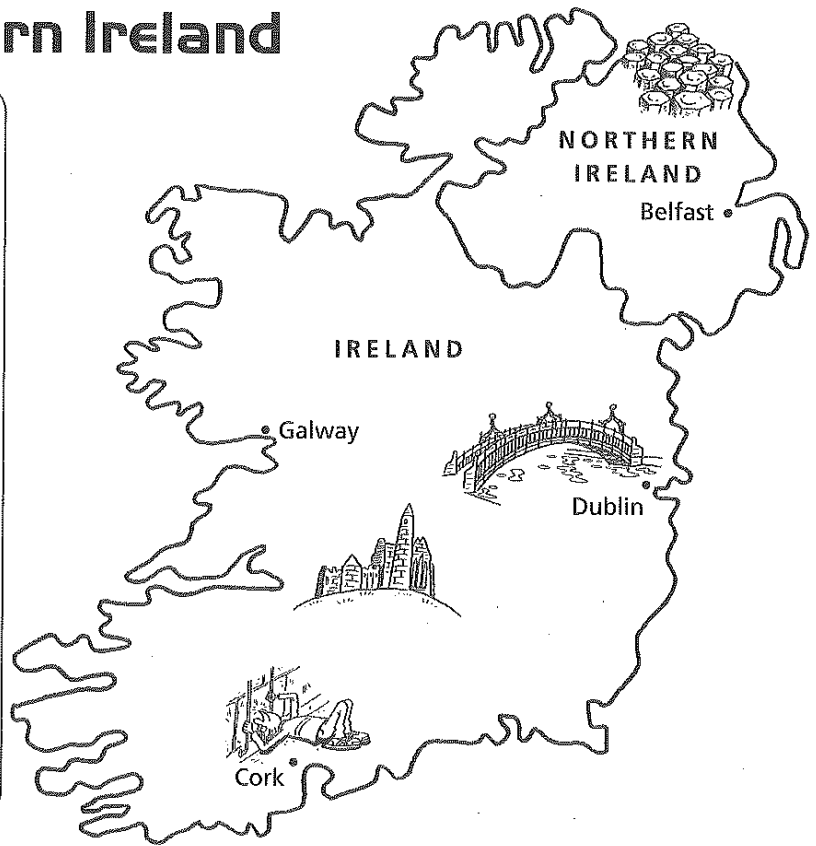
- It's the Gaelic\* name for Ireland. You can say Ireland or Eire.

### 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. ....



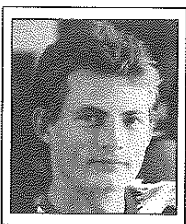
I live in Belfast. It's a modern city. It's had some troubles in the past but now it's a safe place to live. There are lots of clubs for young people and things to do. I like clothes and I'd like to be a fashion designer. Belfast has a good university but I'd like to study in London.

**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.

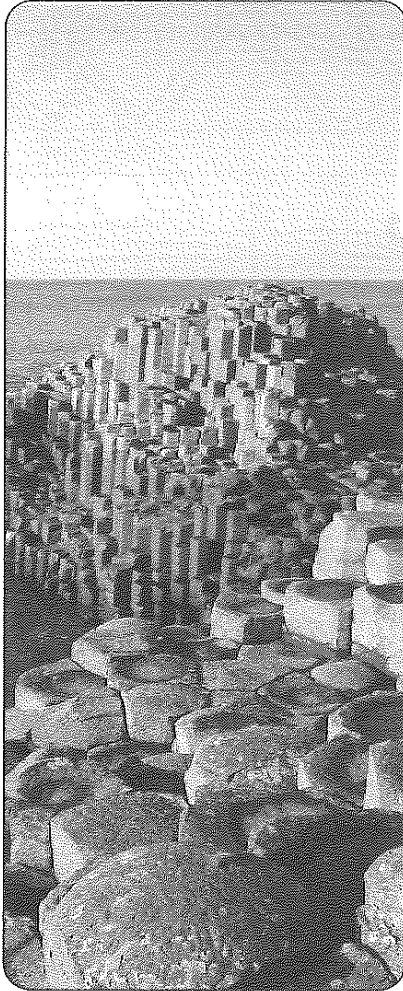
**Liam**



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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caused\* millions of people to die.

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

is used in Celtic music.

people kiss the Blarney stone and become brilliant at talking.

wrote the famous novel Ulysses.

monks lived many centuries ago.

is dressed in green and brings you good luck.

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!