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Ireland Win the Grand Slam

It was the stuff dreams are made of! For the Irish rugby team beating England on their home ground in Twickenham on St Patrick's Day was certainly a dream come through. This win also meant Ireland won the six nations Grand Slam for just the 3rd time ever.



Team captain Rory Best and team head coach Joe Schmidt both praised the players for their fantastic performance in a

hard-fought game which saw them score 3 tries and win on a score of 24-15.

The match was a sell out with many people paying way above the price in order to get a ticket. However more than 1.3 million Irish viewers watched the match on TV.

Dancing with the Stars

After 12 weeks of live Sunday evening dance contests, Dancing with the Stars finally came to an end with 19-year-old Jake Carter and his partner Karen Byrne winning the Glitter Ball trophy. Jake who comes from Liverpool is brother of well-known country and Western singer Nathan Carter. In the final the pair beat off competition from All Ireland Camogie winner Anna Geary and comedian Deirdre



O Kane and their partners. This was the second year the show was held in Ireland and was

family entertainment at its best with more than half a million viewers every Sunday night.

Many well-known people took part again this year including sports commentator Marty Morrissey. A lot of hours of practice went into learning all the different dances performed each week. Most of the performers had never really done much dancing before this. However, everyone agreed they had a fantastic time while also managing to lose weight and become fitter. RTE has said the show will return for a 3rd series in 2019.

Martin Luther King's 50th Anniversary

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King. From 1954 until his death in 1968 King was leader of the civil rights movement which stood up for the rights of black people in America. The civil rights movement tried to get the government to change the laws of discrimination against black people through peaceful means by holding large marches and rallies.

This was a time in America when black and white people were not allowed to sit together in restaurants and when travelling on public buses had to sit in different sections. In 1955 in the town of Montgomery in Alabama, a black woman, Rosa Parks, refused to give up her seat in the black section of a bus to a white person. She was arrested and this caused uproar among the black community.

Martin Luther King instead of using violence organised a complete boycott by black people of all buses in the county. This boycott lasted for over a year until the bus company having lost a lot of money, ended the divide of black and white seating areas on the buses. This was the first big success of King's civil rights movement.

Many more non-violent protests and marches followed including a march to Washington in 1963. Here King gave his famous "I have a dream" speech when he spoke about his dream of a future in America where all people would be treated equally and not judged by the colour of their skin.

In 1964 he was given a Nobel Peace award for his work and that year he was successful in gaining the right to vote for all Black Americans. Separate seating areas in restaurants and school canteens also ended.

In April 1968 King was shot dead in a hotel room in Tennessee. Sadly, he never got to see Barack Obama become America's first black president in 2009. Martin Luther King is remembered today as a leader who inspired future generations with his dream of equal rights for all people of every race and colour.

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<i>paid</i>	<i>jail</i>	<i>rail</i>	<i>pain</i>	<i>again</i>	<i>train</i>	<i>air</i>	<i>chair</i>
<i>afraid</i>	<i>mail</i>	<i>snail</i>	<i>rain</i>	<i>plain</i>	<i>paint</i>	<i>fair</i>	<i>pair</i>

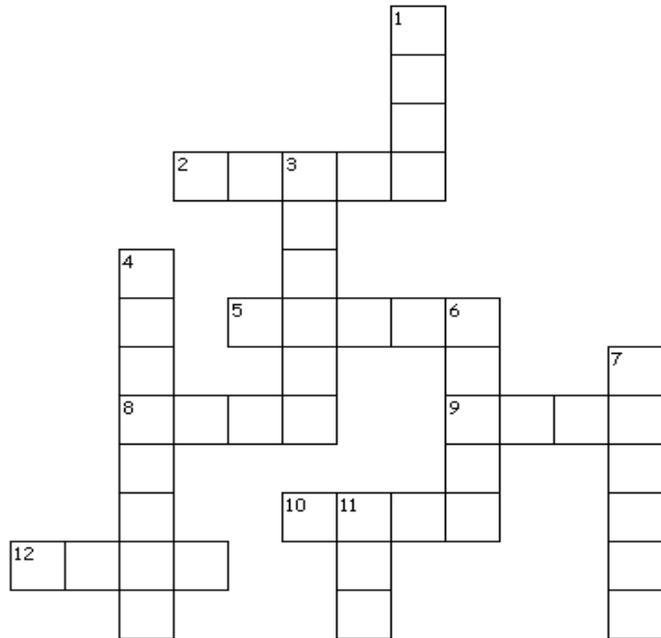
Choose a word from the list that has the **same meaning** as these

- Scared _____
- Post _____
- Not fancy _____
- Two of something _____
- Not successful _____
- Prison _____
- Help _____
- Seat _____
- Ache _____
- Lives in a shell _____
- Use this with a hammer _____
- Colour for the walls _____

Finish off these well-known sayings

- Too many _____ spoil the broth
- An apple a day keeps the _____ away
- Two wrongs don't make a _____
- When the going gets tough the _____ get going
- Better _____ than never
- Actions speak louder than _____
- You can't judge a _____ by its cover
- Don't count your _____ before they hatch
- Don't put all your _____ in one basket
- If at first you don't _____, try and try again
- Better to be _____ than sorry
- If you can't stand the heat get out of the _____

Crossword :All the answers are **words from the list**



Across

- 2. If you move slowly you are said to be like this creature (5)
- 5. Colour for the walls (5)
- 8. Handed over money for something (4)
- 9. A pain (4)
- 10. Falls from the sky (4)
- 12. Equal (4)

Down

- 1. In America, the postman is called the _____ man (4)
- 3. Frightened (6)
- 4. Find fault (8)
- 6. Type of transport (5)
- 7. Stay (6)
- 11. You take this in when you breathe (3)

Maths problem

There are 40 people on a bus, 20% of them are men, half of the women and all of the men wear glasses. 75% of all the people are over 50.

- 1. How many men are on the bus
- 2. How many women are on the bus?
- 3. How many people wear glasses?
- 4. How many are over 50?

ANSWERS OPPOSITE