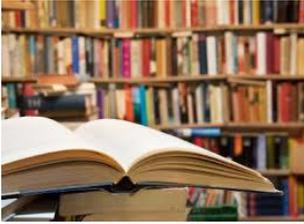


Have you been to your local library lately?



There are over 330 library branches in the republic of Ireland with almost 750,000 members. Over the next five years the library service hopes to double that membership.

Last year some major changes were made to the service. Each and every library in Ireland is now connected to the same computer system which means that a member can now request a book from a library in any part of the country and it will be delivered to their local branch within a few days. It won't cost you anything to join as membership is free.

There are 12 million books available to borrow to suit all tastes and on all topics. To make it easier for you to choose a book the books are split into categories. There are children's books for all ages, teenagers and young adults, adult sections, large print books for those with sight difficulties, adult literacy books for adults with reading difficulties and books available on a CD for anyone who is blind or would just like to hear a story read to them. A member can take out up to 6 books for a period of 4 weeks at a time. Since January this year there are no longer fines given for not bringing back the books on time.

Books are not the only things that you can borrow in your library. Films and music CDs can also be borrowed. All the newspapers and popular magazines are available to read in the library.

Throughout the year all libraries hold events for children. They range from arts and crafts classes and reading competitions to guided tours of local areas of interest and much more. Story telling is held weekly for young children. During the school holidays the larger libraries all hold daily children's activities which are very popular.

All libraries have computers and internet facilities available for members to use and many offer computer classes.

Age action organise computer training in many town libraries for people over 65. The library service in Ireland now offer eLearning courses to all members. These are courses that are done online either from your own computer at home or in the library by simply registering with your membership number. There are 400 courses available on a broad choice of subjects.

By registering online, you can also access a choice of books and many popular magazines which you can read or download to your computer, tablet, iPad or smart phone. for more information on all the library online services visit

<https://www.librariesireland.ie/elibrary>

Dolly's Imagination Library

3,200 children under five in the Tallaght area of Dublin will receive a free book in the post every month up until their 5th birthday thanks to a charity set up by American country and western star, Dolly Parton.

Dolly's Imagination Library which she set up in 1995 provides free age suitable books every month to over 1 million children in five different countries. Dolly set up the organisation as a tribute to her father who never learned to read, Dolly said "He was the smartest man I have ever known but I know in my heart his inability to read probably kept him from fulfilling all of his dreams."



The aim of the organisation is to encourage children to read and have a love of books. Parents say that children get so excited

when a book arrives in the post addressed to them. An Post have agreed to deliver the books free of charge. It is hoped that this project may be spread out to other parts of Ireland in the near future.

Plurals *Plural means more than one of something*

1. For most plurals, you just add s

Examples: dog/dogs boy/boys tree/trees

2. For words ending in s, ss, x, ch, sh, you add es

Examples: bus/buses glass/glasses box/boxes lunch/lunches brush/brushes

3. For words ending in f or fe, you change the f or fe to ves

Examples: calf/calves knife/knives life/lives

Note: For some words ending in f just add s examples: chef/chefs roof/roofs cliff/cliffs Chief/chiefs

4. For words ending in y

- If there is a **vowel before the y**, just add s (vowels are a, e, i, o, u)

Examples: boy/boys play/plays key/keys

- If there is a **consonant before the y**, change y to ies.

Examples: pony/ponies lorry/lorries lolly/lollies

5. For words ending in o

- If there is a **vowel before the o**, just add s

Examples: radio/radios video/videos

- If there is a **consonant before the o** add es

Examples: tomato/tomatoes hero/heroes echo/echoes

6. Some words do not change at all

Examples: fish deer sheep money cheese rice

7. Some words change completely

Examples: child/children mouse/mice man/men tooth/teeth

Write the plural of these words:

- child _____
- knife _____
- brush _____
- boss _____
- woman _____
- mouse _____
- tax _____
- berry _____
- toy _____
- lady _____
- tooth _____
- branch _____
- army _____
- echo _____
- hero _____
- thief _____
- pony _____
- shelf _____
- cliff _____

Find a word that means the **opposite** of these

The first one is done for you

- asleep awake
- sad _____
- wrong _____
- rich _____
- far _____
- empty _____
- short _____
- expensive _____
- heavy _____
- early _____
- fast _____
- love _____

Maths answers

Answers a) 75 b) 75 c) 20
d) 15 e) 18 f) 27 g) 18 h) 250
i) 65

MATHS

To get a fraction of a number you always divide by the bottom number and multiply by the top number.

Example: to get $\frac{3}{5}$ of 75
 $75 \div 5 = 15$ then $15 \times 3 = 45$

Find the answers to these:

- a. $\frac{3}{4}$ of 100 =
- b. $\frac{5}{6}$ of 90 =
- c. $\frac{2}{3}$ of 30 =
- d. $\frac{3}{5}$ of 25 =
- e. $\frac{3}{4}$ of 36 =
- f. $\frac{3}{8}$ of 48 =
- g. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 500 =
- h. $\frac{1}{10}$ of 650 =