

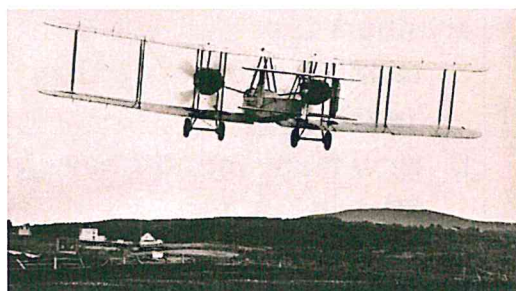
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Alcock and Brown

A hundred years ago one of the most important events in the history of air travel took place outside the town of Clifden in Connemara. On the morning of June 15 1919, the first ever airplane to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean landed in a bog a few miles south of Clifden. The plane which had been used as a bomber plane during World War 1 was flown by two British men who had been army pilots in the war, John Alcock and Arthur Brown.

The Daily Mail newspaper had put up a prize of £10,000 for the first pilots to fly nonstop across the Atlantic Ocean from America to Europe. Several attempts had been made already but with no success.

Alcock and Brown left Newfoundland in Canada on June 14 in the hope of winning the prize money. The flight took them 16 hours. It was nothing short of a miracle that the two men managed to survive the journey. On taking off they narrowly missed crashing into the tops of trees near the run way.



Alcock and Brown leaving Canada in 1919

After just a short time in the air they ran into a snow storm which froze parts of the engine and cut off the small amount of heat they had on the plane. They lost all radio contact with the outside world and could not even talk to each other as the noise of the engine was so loud. Thick fog and heavy rain followed and on at least two occasions they almost crashed into the ocean as they could barely see where they were going.

Their first sighting of land was the Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland and as they approached the mainland, they prepared to land on what they believed to be a green field.

However, the field turned out to be a bog into which the plane nose-dived and partly sank on landing. The two men were unhurt and immediately caused great excitement in Connemara and the surrounding county. It wasn't long until word of their achievement was known all over the world.



John Alcock and Arthur Brown

On returning to their native England a few days later they were presented with their prize money. Sadly, later that year John Alcock was killed when a plane he was flying crashed into a tree.

Ceremonies were held in Clifden in June to mark the 100 anniversary of the Alcock and Brown flight. A statue of the two men which stands in Heathrow Airport was brought over to Clifden for the celebrations. An Post also brought out a new stamp showing a picture of their plane, to mark the occasion.

Stamp collecting

Stamp collecting which is known as philately (fill a telly) is a hobby shared by thousands of people all over the world. There are all kinds of reasons why people collect stamps, some have an interest in history, or art others just enjoy the lovely variety of stamps and collect them to pass on to future generations.

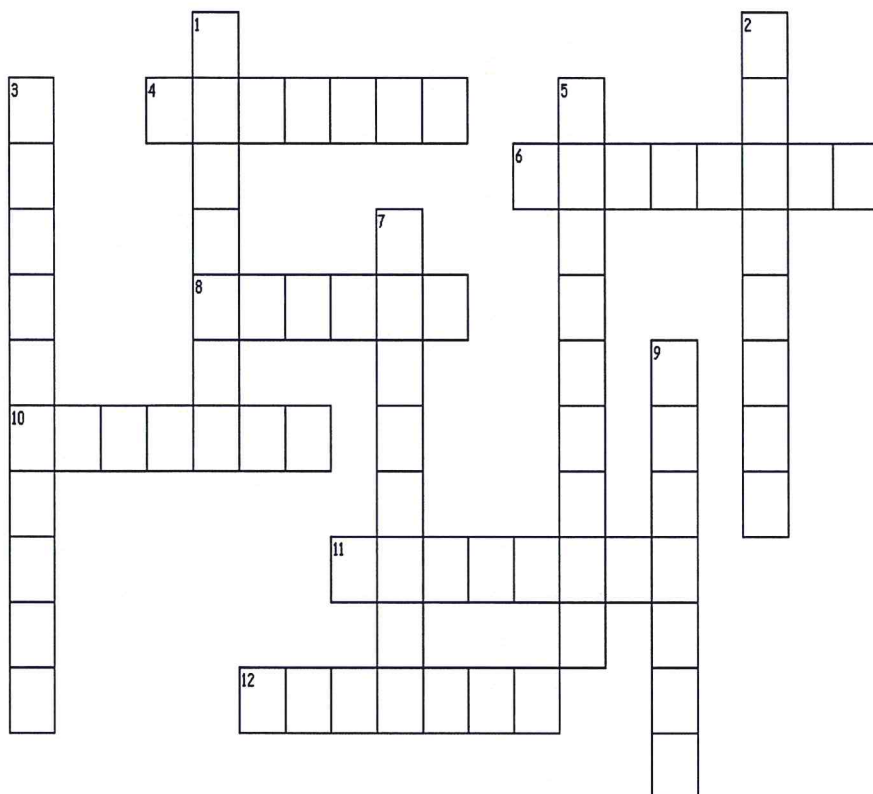
Here in Ireland, An Post issue as many as 12 new stamps every year. These stamps will usually mark a special event or a famous person or an achievement. This year already they have issued stamps to commemorate Alcock and Brown, Ireland's greatest folk songs and singers, the Irish Coast Guard and a stamp to raise awareness about organ donation. There is a special Stamp collectors' section which is based in the G.P.O. in Dublin that provides all the information you need to begin collecting.

Commonly mis-spelled words

<i>accident</i>	<i>beautiful</i>	<i>business</i>	<i>enough</i>	<i>invitation</i>	<i>nephew</i>
<i>across</i>	<i>bicycle</i>	<i>cough</i>	<i>exciting</i>	<i>library</i>	<i>niece</i>
<i>address</i>	<i>biscuit</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>favourite</i>	<i>licence</i>	<i>sandwich</i>
<i>autumn</i>	<i>believe</i>	<i>embarrass</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>neighbour</i>	<i>scissors</i>

Crossword

The answers are all words from the list above



Across

4. In America they call it a cookie (7)
6. Made with two slices of bread (8)
8. You are his uncle, he is your _____ (6)
10. Where you live (7)
11. Your Female child (8)
12. This has 2 wheels (7)

Down

1. When you pass your driving test you get this (7)
2. This is used for cutting (8)
3. This card is sent asking you to come to a special event (10)
5. The one you like best is your _____ (9)
7. Valentine's Day falls in this month (8)
9. A place to borrow books (7)

Numbers Quiz answers

a. 366 b. 4 c. 12 d. 10 e. 100
f. 72 g. 240 h. 3 i. 7 j. 5

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

1. A person who lives next door

2. Collection of books _____
3. Shame _____
4. Trust _____
5. Lovely _____
6. Crash _____
7. Season after Summer _____
8. Cookie _____
9. Thrilling _____
10. Your sister's son _____
11. Cutting tool _____
12. To clear your throat

Numbers Quiz

- a. Number of days in a Leap Year? _____
- b. How many months have just 30 days? _____
- c. How many make a dozen? _____
- d. How many years in a decade? _____
- e. How many years in a century? _____
- f. How many hours in 3 days?

- g. How many minutes in 4 hours? _____
- h. In GAA a goal is equal to how many points? _____
- i. How many years does the Irish President serve? _____
- j. How many counties in Connacht? _____

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United States President visits Ireland



The village of Doonbeg on the west coast of County Clare was at the centre of world news recently when the president of America, Donald Trump stayed there for two nights.

President Trump and his wife Melania flew into Shannon airport on the American government jet, Airforce 1, following a visit to England. After a short meeting in Shannon with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and local politicians, they flew to Doonbeg on the American Army helicopter, Marine 1, one of three helicopters which were brought over from the US especially for his visit. The Trumps along with other family members stayed in the Trump International Golf Links and Hotel which Mr Trump bought in 2014 before becoming US president.

A ring of security surrounded the village of Doonbeg as hundreds of guards, army and US special security officers moved in to closely guard President Trump. All access to the village was by means of a special pass and all local people had to have security clearance.

President Trump and Melania flew to France on day 2 of his visit to attend the 75th anniversary celebration of D Day, the first big defeat of the German Army in 1944 which saw the end of World War 2.

Some anti Trump protests were held in Dublin and in Shannon which were all peaceful. However, Doonbeg locals extended a warm welcome to the Trumps. Two of the president's sons visited local pubs and bought rounds of drinks for those present. The president played a round of

golf before departing and met with some local school children.



President Trump meets with school children in Doonbeg

In a rural area that outside of farming has no other employment opportunities, the Trump International Golf Links and Hotel employs 300 people in peak season and creates a huge tourism spin off for the village that now has 5 pubs and 2 restaurants.

Katie wins again

Thousands turned out in her home town of Bray in Co. Wicklow to welcome home their hero, Katie Taylor, as the new women's lightweight champion boxer of the world. The 32-year-old had spent the last 6 months in America training and preparing for this title fight.

The fight which was held in Madison Square Gardens in New York was the toughest fight of her career with Katie beating Belgium's Delfine Persoon by just a few points.

Katie was delighted with the numbers who turned out to greet her in Bray and said she has plenty of more years left in her career and is looking forward to defending her titles in the Autumn.

The Irish president Michael D Higgins and Minister for Sport Shane Ross sent messages of congratulations to Katie on winning her 5th world title. She also holds an Olympic gold medal which she won 2012, making her one of the most successful Irish sports people ever as well as the greatest female boxer in the world.



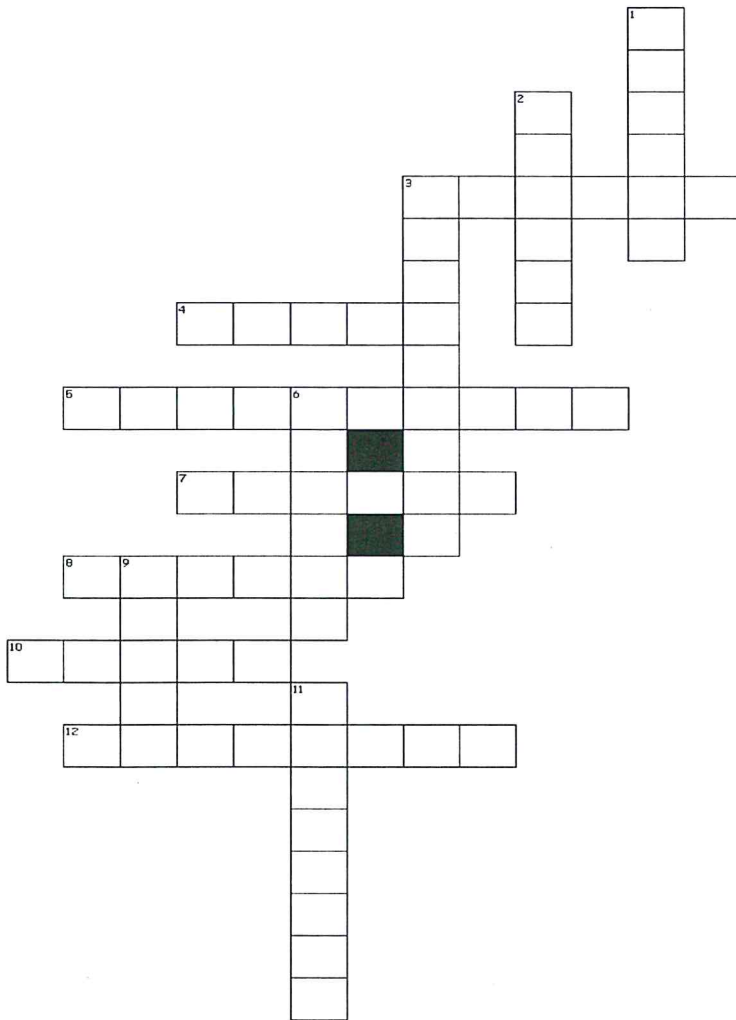
Katie shows off her 5 title belts at her homecoming in Bray

Words with ight

fight	night	tight	flight	eight	fortnight	straight
light	right	bright	slight	weight	midnight	overnight
might	sight	fright	delight	height	tonight	flashlight

Crossword

Answers are all words from the word list above



Across

- A shock (6)
- Not heavy (5)
- Use this to see in the dark (10)
- Small (6)
- Shiny (6)
- The number 8 (5)
- Not crooked (8)

Down

- A trip on a plane (6)
- How heavy something is (6)
- 2 weeks (9)
- How tall you are (6)
- Not wrong (5)
- 12 o'clock at night (8)

- Find a word from the list that means the **opposite** of these words

- heavy _____
- midday _____
- dark _____
- left _____
- blindness _____
- sad _____
- wrong _____
- loose _____
- big _____
- today _____
- crooked _____

Maths

Mary and Tom sell their house for €230,000. They buy a small apartment for €95,000, fees cost them €5,200 and they will keep €20,000 in savings. The remainder of the money they will divide among their family.

They will give $\frac{1}{4}$ to Molly, $\frac{1}{5}$ to Sam, $\frac{1}{8}$ to Mike and the rest to Sue.

Q1 How much money will each child get?

Molly _____

Sam _____

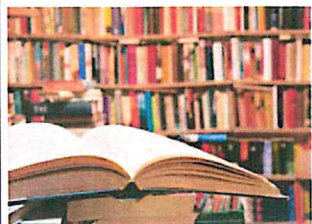
Mike _____

Sue _____

answers

Molly €27,450 Sam €21,960
Mike €13,725 Sue €46,665

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) 27 f) 18 g) 250
h) 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 =



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World Wide Web is 30 years old



The World Wide Web or the web as it is known is 30 years old. In March 1989 a British scientist Tim Berners-Lee invented a system in order to share information among scientists across the world.

The web as we know it today is a huge bank of information and documents which are stored in locations known as websites and can be shared through the internet to every part of the world. We use software known as a search engine to search for the website or the topic we wish to find. Google is probably the most well-known search engine.

Millions of people search the web daily for all kinds of reasons. It has given us opportunities for learning and communication across continents. Recently the founder Berners-Lee said that the web has changed the world forever and has become for people a library, a shop, a doctor's surgery, a cinema, an office, a bank, a school and much more. We now have information at our fingertips that before this would have taken hours of searching in books and newspapers.

However, with good also comes opportunity for evil. The web is often mis-used and has been used to spread lies and hatred and promote acts of violence as well as stealing money from credit cards and other crime. Children in particular are at risk of becoming targets for these scammers as today younger and younger children are allowed access to the web.

Earlier this year the Minister for Communications, Richard Bruton announced that he intends to bring in a new law to regulate online content. He said that online and social media companies cannot be depended on to regulate their own content. He will bring in the **Online Safety Act** which will set out the steps these companies must take to protect the safety of their users especially children.

In order to ensure that these steps are followed the Minister plans to appoint an online safety commissioner to oversee it.

Grand National win for Ireland

Irish horse, "Tiger Roll" with jockey Davy Russell and trained by Meath trainer Gordon Elliott made history this week when he won the Aintree Grand National for the second year in a row.

The Aintree Grand National held every year in Liverpool in England is regarded as being the toughest steeplechase in the world.

The 6.9 kilometre race which has 30 fences to jump has some of the most dangerous jumps of any race in the world." Becher's Brook" which is the tallest of the fences at nearly 1.5 metres, requires a lot of skill and experience of both horse and jockey to jump it safely. To win the race is regarded as a huge achievement but to win it twice is incredible. Tiger Roll is owned by Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary.

Tiger roll was led through the streets of Summerhill in Meath home of trainer Gordon Elliott where crowds turned up to welcome him home.



Easter

Have you ever wondered why Easter falls on a different date every year and how that date is decided?

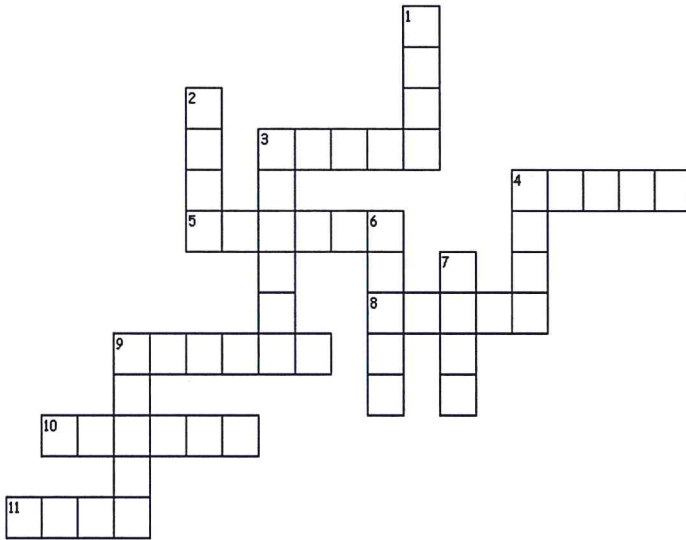
As far back as the 5th century it was decided that Easter Sunday would fall on the first Sunday following the first full moon that comes after the spring equinox on March 21st. The Equinox is the day that we have equal hours of day and night and falls twice a year on March 21st and September 21st.

Words with *mp*

<i>camp</i>	<i>ramp</i>	<i>empty</i>	<i>dimple</i>	<i>bump</i>	<i>lump</i>	<i>stump</i>
<i>damp</i>	<i>cramp</i>	<i>temper</i>	<i>pimple</i>	<i>dump</i>	<i>pump</i>	<i>grumpy</i>
<i>lamp</i>	<i>stamp</i>	<i>limp</i>	<i>simple</i>	<i>jump</i>	<i>plump</i>	<i>trump</i>

Crossword

The answers are all from the word list above



Across

- 3. Put this on a letter to post it (5)
- 4. A pain (5)
- 5. A red spot on your skin (6)
- 8. A little bit fat (5)
- 9. Someone who gets angry easily is said to have a t..... (6)
- 10. another word for angry (6)
- 11. Lift your two legs in the air (4)

Down

- 1. If your foot is sore you might do this when you walk, l... (4)
- 2. If something is not quite dry it is this (4)
- 3. Easy (6)
- 4. Another word for a tent (4)
- 6. Not full (5)
- 7. Throw rubbish around (4)
- 9. The American president (5)

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You can also download it by going to nala.ie/resources and search for Distance Learner Worksheet.

Maths

1. John is twice Peter's age. Paul is half Peter's age. Mary is $\frac{3}{4}$ of John's age
If John is 60
 - a. What age is Peter?
 - b. What age is Paul?
 - c. What age is Mary?
2. The rate for staying in a hotel is €99 per night per person for bed and breakfast. Children under 12 are free but are charged €5 each for breakfast. Children over 12 are €50 per night for bed and breakfast.
Q If I book 2 nights bed and breakfast in the hotel for myself, my partner and our 3 children aged 9, 11 and 15 how much will I have to pay?
3. Mary owns a small shop. Her total takings for Friday, Saturday and Sunday add up to €1,256. Her takings on Friday were €356 and she took in €298 on Saturday.
A) How much did she take in on Sunday?
4. My car can travel 120 km for €25 of petrol. How far should it travel for €75?

answers

1) 30, 15, 45 2) €516 3) €602 4) 360km



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CPR SAVES LIVES

In the news recently we heard the story of a Dublin Bus driver who suffered a cardiac arrest while driving. His life was saved by a passenger who gave him CPR. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation or CPR for short involves a series of steps that are simple to do but are vital in saving a person's life.

When a person stops breathing someone trained in CPR will perform steps which involve sending for the Emergency Services, giving clear instructions to the location, the type of emergency involved, starting a series of 30 chest compressions on the patient followed by giving the person two mouth breaths and continuing with more compressions and mouth breaths until the ambulance arrives. The responder will also send for a defibrillator and will have training in using this on the patient.

Every year in Ireland more than 5,000 people of all ages suffer a cardiac arrest, many of these happen in the home. For every 1 minute that the person is unconscious their chance of survival reduces by 10%. If CPR is not given within 10 minutes then chances of recovery are almost zero. An automated external defibrillator, also known as an AED, is a device that when attached to the patient will give electric shocks to the patient's heart to get it beating. Defibrillators can be found in every community in Ireland. CPR, defibrillator or

First Response training as it is known, is widely available and everyone is encouraged to complete a course. The course will also show how to help a person who is choking. Although the steps involved are not difficult it is important to be shown the correct way of carrying them out. It is important to remember we might someday be in a situation where we are the only person available who can provide assistance when a person stops breathing. Anyone providing this help is protected by the "Good Samaritan Law". This is a law that legally protects anyone giving assistance to another person who is ill or injured even



if they do not recover. To watch a training video on CPR and to check out training courses available in your area visit the Irish Heart Foundation <https://irishheart.ie>

Clocks no longer to change

Last year the EU commission conducted a survey online across Europe asking people about their opinion on changing the clocks back and forward. 84% said they no longer wanted the clocks to change. So, from March 2021 due to a new EU policy, we will no longer have to change our clocks back or forward an hour.

On the last Sunday of March each year the clocks have been brought forward an hour for Summer time and on the last Sunday in October put back an hour for Winter time. This was done so that in summer we would have more daylight in the evenings and in winter more daylight in the morning. The idea was to use as much daylight as possible thus saving on electricity and fuel. However, in winter it really was no advantage as evenings became very long with darkness beginning as early as 4pm. Day Light Saving Time or DST as it was known was first introduced in Ireland and Britain in 1916.

EuroMillions winners

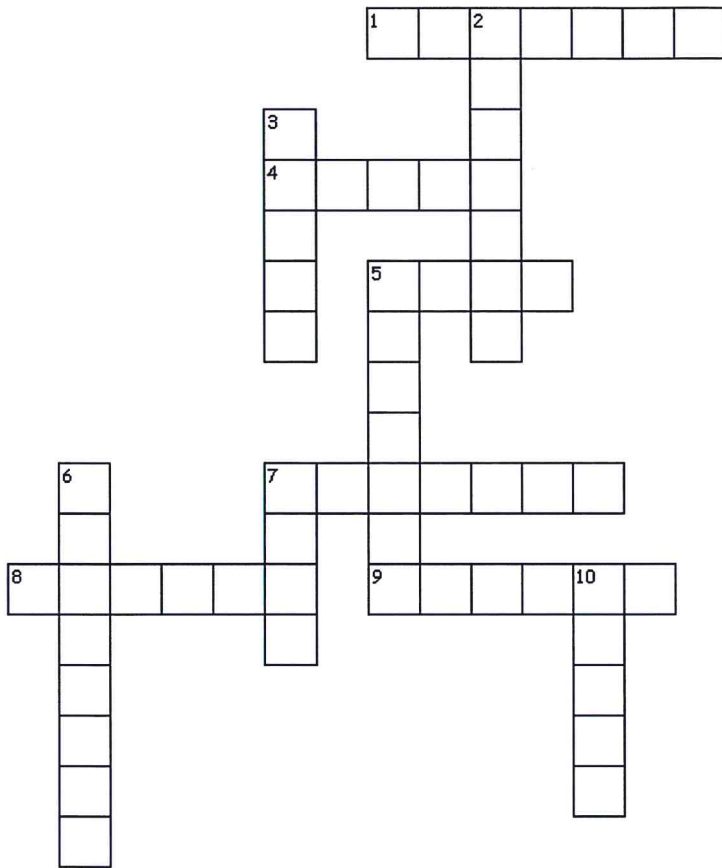
The largest ever EuroMillions win in Ireland worth €175.4 million was recently won in north Dublin by a family syndicate. The family who are mostly retired, have been playing the EuroMillions once a week for several years. The winning ticket was an €11 quick pick. They plan to share their winnings with children, grandchildren and other family and friends.

There have been some other large wins in Ireland among them a €130 million win in Co. Down before Christmas and in 2005 €115 million was won by a Co. Limerick woman.

More homophones: words sounding the same, but with a different spelling and meaning.

allowed/ aloud	board/ bored	higher/ hire	place/ plaice	threw/ through
bare/ bear	desert/ dessert	knew/ new	real/ reel	vain/ vein
beach/ beech	grate/ great	leak/ leek	son/ sun	wood/ would
berry / bury	heal /heel /he'll	pain / pane	tail / tale	road / rode

Crossword for St Patrick's Day 



Across

1. Surname of famous Irish/American President , John F (7)
4. This Irish sport has the only international team made up of players from the north and south of Ireland (5)
5. Largest county in Ireland (4)
7. Longest river in Ireland (7)
8. One of these is held in every city in the world on St Patricks day (6)
9. Green, white and _____ Colours of the Irish Flag (6)

Down

2. The biggest St Patricks Day parade in the world takes place here every year (7)
3. _____ Park Irish national sports stadium (5)
5. The river in this US city is turned green on St Patricks Day (7)
6. A bowl of this is given to the US President on Patricks Day (8)
7. Irish _____, a traditional Irish dinner (4)
10. Everything turns this colour on St Patricks Day (5)

Choose the correct word for each

1. I like to eat ice cream for _____.
The Sahara is a big _____.
2. I _____ her years ago.
I need a _____ pair of shoes.
3. I have a bad _____ in my head.
He put in a new _____ of glass.
4. I hope my cut will _____ soon.
The _____ of my foot is sore.
5. There is a _____ in the water pipe.
A _____ is a vegetable.
6. _____ is a type of fish.
I know a good _____ to hide.
7. She _____ the ball at me.
I will walk _____ the fields.
8. I need to _____ out a car on holidays.
Ten is a _____ number than five.
9. Put the poster up on the notice _____.
I 'm _____, I have nothing to do.
10. Smoking is not _____.
Read the text _____ to me.
11. That's _____ news!
I like to _____ cheese on my toast.
12. On the beach I walk on my _____ feet.
A _____ is an animal.
13. A straw _____ is red.
My dog likes to _____ things.
14. She loves herself and is so _____.
The nurse had to get blood from my _____.

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The UK prepares to leave the EU

In June 2016 the British public voted by a narrow margin to leave the European Union (EU). Once they said that they were leaving, they were given two years to work out a deal with the EU known as an exit agreement. The two years are up on March 29. So far the UK has not reached a deal with the EU.

All 28 member countries of the EU pay for membership and in return they can work together in a special way. The single market allows citizens to move freely between countries without border checks. Goods can be imported and exported without any difficulty making it easier and cheaper to buy and sell products in this single market. After Brexit the UK and its people will no longer have these benefits. It was hoped that an agreement would have been reached to allow the UK, for a period of time, to continue to have free movement between them and the other EU members. This is known as a **soft** Brexit. So far this has not been agreed.

The biggest problem for Ireland is that it could now mean that there will be a border between the north of Ireland and the south of Ireland. Up until the 1998 peace agreement there were customs checks along this 499 km border for many years. If this happens again it is feared that it may affect relations between Ireland and the UK and threaten the peace agreement.

The Irish government is hoping for what is known as a **"Backstop Agreement"** which means that Northern Ireland will remain in the single market so that border controls will not be needed. The President of the EU Jean Claude Juncker has said that the EU supports Ireland in this, but the Unionist Party in the North are opposed to this.

Britain is the largest market for Irish products. Without a free trade deal, all of our lorries and ships going to Britain will have to go through border checks. Many of our lorries going to mainland Europe go through the UK.

Custom checks at the border will mean that travel will become slower and more expensive. It is likely that lorries bringing goods to Europe that travel through the UK will face long delays.

The British Prime Minister Theresa May is not only finding it difficult to agree a deal with the EU but is also not getting the full support of her own party in the British Parliament – the House of Commons.



Theresa May and Leo Varadkar meeting in Dublin

She has been travelling between Brussels, Dublin and Belfast in an effort to get a deal before the March 29 deadline, but so far she has failed to do so.

Farmers Picket Food Plant

Poultry farmers and members of the IFA (the Irish Farmers Association), recently held protests outside a food producing factory in Co. Wicklow. The reason for this is due they say to incorrect information on the food packets. The packets which contained cooked chicken were labelled "Made in Wicklow" when in fact the chicken used was not Irish. The farmers insist that this is misleading for customers who believe they are buying Irish meat.

The food company involved claim that because they are preparing and packaging the chicken, they are correct in putting Wicklow as where it is made. Shoppers are reminded that if they want to be certain they are buying food using Irish ingredients and produced in Ireland then they should look out for the Irish logos on the packaging.



Homophones

These are words that sound the same, but have a different spelling and meaning.

buy / by / bye	hear / here	pair / pear	thought/taught	dear /deer
write / right	there/their	break / brake	hair / hare	know /no
wait / weight	knot / not	meet /meat	week /weak	waste /waist
one / won	plane/plain	close / clothes	Sent / scent /cent	To /two/ too

There are 22 errors in the letter below. Try to spot the incorrect homophones and replace them with the correct ones.

Dear Sarah,

I had to right and thank you for the close and the lovely pear of shoes you scent to me for my birthday. I really taught it was so kind of you to by them for me.

Did you here the good news? We one a brake away, three weaks in Spain next June, I can't weight! I don't really like travelling on a plain and feel week just thinking about it, but hopefully it won't be two bad.

Would you like to meat for a chat this weak? I am getting my hare cut on Tuesday at 11am and we could go for lunch in the café which is write next door. Let me no if this does knot suit you.

Good buy for now! Amy

Choose the correct word for each sentence

1. Blue/ blew

- My favourite colour is _____.
- The wind _____.

2. Our/ hour

- _____ car has broken down.
- I will be home in an _____.

3. Hole/ whole

- There is a _____ in my shoe.
- I spent the _____ day cleaning.

4. See/ sea

- Did you _____ what I saw?
- I like to swim in the _____.

5. Sail/ sale

- I saved €100 by buying it in the _____.
- The ship will _____ across the ocean.

6. Steel/ steal

- The robber tried to _____ my bag.
- My frying pan is made of _____.

7. Peace/ piece

- Would you like a _____ of cake?
- When the war ended, we had _____.

8. Some/ sum

- Would you like to try _____ of this?
- What is the total _____ I owe you?

Maths

1. Mary's pay is twice as much as John's.

Anne's pay is $\frac{2}{3}$ of Mary's.

If Mary's pay is €630

- What is John's pay?
- What is Anne's pay?

2. If it takes me 30 minutes to drive 40 km,

- How far will I travel in 15 minutes?
- How far will I travel in 45 minutes?
- How far will I travel in one hour?

3. A cinema ticket for an adult costs €12.

A child's ticket is 50% less.

A ticket for a person over 65 is 25% less.

- How much does each ticket cost?
- If I buy tickets for 2 adults under 65, 3 children and 1 person over 65, how much will I have to pay?

Answers

1. A) €315 b) 420
2. A) 20 b) 60 c) 80
3. A) child €6 over 65 €9 b) €51