

## Death of Terry Wogan

There was shock and sadness across Ireland and Britain on hearing of the sudden death of broadcaster Terry Wogan. The 77-year-old passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup> after a short illness.

Born in Limerick in 1938, he began his career on RTE radio in the 1960s but moved to England a few years later when he was offered a job with BBC radio. He was to spend the next 50 years working on radio and TV in the UK. He spent many of these years presenting an early morning radio programme, 'Wake Up to Wogan'.

His witty comments and good **humour** made him one of the most popular broadcasters in the UK, especially with the thousands of Irish people living there. His radio show had almost 8 million listeners. He was the BBC commentator for the Eurovision Song Contest for many years. For 35 years he was the main presenter of Children in Need, a BBC charity TV show which raised more than £600 million for children all over Britain.

In 2005 Terry was given a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth for his many years of service as a broadcaster. In his native Limerick in 1997 he was given the Freedom of the City. This is the highest honour that a city can give to one of its people. Terry was extremely proud to be Irish and was a regular visitor to Limerick.

He is survived by his wife Helen, two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren. May he rest in peace.



Picture courtesy of [www.rte.ie](http://www.rte.ie)

## Election Fever

Over the next few weeks, the country will prepare for the general **election**, which will take place on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. It has been just over 5 years since the last general election. Since then, the country has faced some tough measures - including water charges and property taxes - in order to get back on its feet.

Ireland is divided into 40 areas, each of which is known as a **constituency**. Each constituency will have a number of **candidates** who will run for election. Many of the **political** parties will have people running in every constituency. People who are not members of any party can also run – they are known as **independent** candidates. The biggest parties are Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil, Labour and Sinn Féin. There are several smaller parties, including two that were set up in 2015. These are Renua and The Social Democrats.

In the coming weeks, we can expect to see election posters on every pole, leaflets through the letterbox and candidates calling to our doors hoping to encourage us to give them our 'number one'!

Remember, you cannot vote unless your name is on the voting register. You can check this in your local library, post office or garda station, or at [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie).

## Breaking down words

Some of the bigger words in this story have been broken down into parts. These parts are called **syllables**.

whole word	word broken down into syllables	number of syllables
humour	hum - our	2
commentator	com - ment - a - tor	4
election	e - lec - tion	3
constituency	con - stit - u - en - cy	5
candidates	can - did - ates	3
political	po - li - tic - al	4
independent	in - de - pen - dent	4



## Homophones

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

by / buy / bye	here / hear	to / too / two	sent / cent / scent	knot / not	dear / deer
write / right	hole / whole	would / wood	break / brake	sight / site	flower / flour
blew / blue	hair / hare	steal / steel	wait / weight	plain / plane	one / won
pair / pear	some / sum	male / mail	meat / meet	week / weak	waste / waist

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 flours and the lovely pear of blew shoes you scent to me. It was very kind of you to by them for me. Did you here the good news? We one a brake away, three hole weeks in Spain next June, I can't weight! I don't really like going on the plain and feel week just thinking about it, but hopefully it won't be two bad.

It wood be great if we could meat for a chat. I am getting my hare cut on Tuesday at 11am and we could go for lunch in a café write next door. Let me know if this does knot suit you.

Good buy for now!

Anne

### Maths Corner

1. Mary owns a small shop. Her total takings for Friday, Saturday and Sunday add up to €1256.

If her takings on Friday were €356 and she took in €298 on Saturday, how much did she take in on Sunday?

2. I can buy half a dozen apples for €3.60 in shop A.

I can buy 5 apples for €4.00 in shop B.

I can buy 4 apples for €2.80 in shop C.

Which shop is the best value?

3. Tim earns €480 per week.

Jane earns double this.

Peter earns  $\frac{1}{2}$  (half) of what Tim earns.

How much do Jane and Peter earn per week?

What is the total amount of all their earnings added together?

4. If I save €10 every week, how much will I have saved after 1 year?

If I save €50 every month, how much will I have saved after 1 year?

(Answers are across the page.)

Choose the correct words from the box above and fill in the blanks in each pair of sentences.

- It is wrong to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Builders must wear \_\_\_\_\_ toe capped boots.
- Come down \_\_\_\_\_!  
Can you \_\_\_\_\_ the birds singing?
- It is not good to have fat around your \_\_\_\_\_.  
Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in the bin.
- Everyone needs to take a \_\_\_\_\_ now and again.  
Press down on the \_\_\_\_\_ to slow the car down.
- I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ a new car.  
I go for a walk down \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
- I need a new \_\_\_\_\_ of runners.  
I have a \_\_\_\_\_ tree in my garden.
- Perfume has a nice \_\_\_\_\_.  
Did you get the letter that I \_\_\_\_\_ to you?
- There are 7 days in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
If you are unwell, you might feel a bit \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition last month. The answer was Nancy.

Congratulations to N. O'Connor, who was the winner of the book voucher. Well done!

### Answers to maths corner:

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|---------|-----------|--|-------------------------|
| 1. €602 | 2. Shop A | 3. Jane earns €960<br>Peter earns €240<br>Total: €1680 | 4. (1) €520<br>(2) €600 |
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## The 1916 Rising

On Easter Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1916, Irish men and women, members of the Irish Volunteers, the Irish Citizen Army and the Irish Republican Brotherhood, held an armed rising against British rule in Ireland.

From the start events did not go well for the Irish. A ship bringing guns in for the Rising was captured by the British, who sank it and arrested the crew. Also, the Rising was due to take place on Easter Sunday but, the day before, Eoin MacNeill, commander of the Irish Volunteers, put a notice in the paper calling it off.

Despite all the confusion and the shortage of guns, the other commanders decided to go ahead with their plans on Easter Monday. Under the command of seven leaders, the rebel forces took over most of the larger public buildings around the city centre. The General Post Office (GPO) in O'Connell Street was their headquarters and they raised the Irish flag from its roof. On the front steps of the GPO, Pádraig Pearse read out the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. In this statement, the leaders declared Ireland a free country with equal rights for all. The Proclamation was signed by the seven leaders.

Britain was at war with Germany at the time. It was believed the British would have fewer soldiers in Ireland for that reason and that the Rising would catch them off guard. However, Britain sent 16,000 soldiers into Dublin and bombed the GPO and many other buildings. The city centre was in ruins as fires raged through the streets. The Irish soldiers were forced to surrender. The Rising lasted for just 5 days.

O'Connell Street in ruins



Picture courtesy NLI

It is said that Pádraig Pearse sent a letter of surrender to the British commander, General Lowe, after seeing three elderly men, who were not involved in the Rising, shot down. He is reported to have said he didn't want any more innocent people killed. More than 500 people were killed and over 2,500 injured in the Rising.

Pádraig Pearse surrenders



Picture courtesy of Stairnaheireann.wordpress.com

The Irish soldiers were arrested and marched through the streets to prison. Onlookers shouted abuse and threw stones at them. Many were sent to prison in England and Wales. Within a few days, 15 of the prisoners, who were seen as the ringleaders, were put to death by shooting. As news spread of these executions, the public became angry and there was a lot of anti-British feeling. There was also worldwide sympathy for Ireland and support for its freedom.

The 1916 Rising itself ended badly, but from it came an Irish people who were no longer content with British rule in Ireland. Many of those who took part in the Rising went on to fight in the War of Independence and later played a major role in Irish politics. It was to take another 33 years before Ireland became an independent republic.

Next month is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. Events are planned for Dublin and across Ireland to honour the men and women who fought in the Rising. In particular we think of those who were willing to risk their lives so that one day Ireland would be free. Their courage will forever be remembered.



## More facts about the Rising

### Pádraig Pearse

Born in Dublin in 1879, Pearse was a teacher, a writer, a barrister and a student of Irish. His love of the Irish language and culture and his interest in education led him to set up a school for boys in Dublin, called Saint Enda's. Here, students were encouraged to speak Irish and have pride in Irish history.

Pearse was a leader in the Irish Volunteers and one of the writers of the Proclamation. He was commander of the group of soldiers who took over the GPO in 1916. On 29<sup>th</sup> April he gave the letter of surrender to the British commander. Pearse was sentenced to death for his part in the Rising and on 3<sup>rd</sup> May was shot in Kilmainham Jail. It is said that he whistled an Irish song as he was led to his death.

### James Connolly

Connolly was born in Scotland to Irish parents. His family were very poor so he joined the British Army when he was only 14. He was sent to Ireland and while here he grew very fond of the Irish people. He also met his wife in Dublin. After deserting the British Army, Connolly lived in America for a while and then returned to Ireland.

He was very interested in the rights of workers. In 1912, along with Jim Larkin, he set up the Irish Labour Party. Both men organised the first big strike of workers in Dublin in 1913. Connolly set up the Irish Citizen Army in 1913, which went on to take part in the Rising.



James Connolly



Pádraig Pearse

Connolly was one of the writers of the Proclamation. After the surrender he was sentenced to death and was shot on May 12<sup>th</sup> 1916. As he was unable to stand due to his injuries, he was tied to a chair in front of the firing squad.

### The Proclamation

This was a statement declaring Ireland an independent country with equal rights for all its people, men and women. Women are mentioned a few times in the Proclamation, which was unusual for the time. Women in most countries at this time could not vote, were paid less than men and were not treated as equal.



The Proclamation was printed the night before the Rising. On Easter Monday Pearse read it out from the steps of the GPO. The seven men who signed the Proclamation were:

Thomas J. Clarke, Seán Mac Diarmada, Pádraig Pearse, James Connolly, Thomas MacDonagh, Eamonn Ceannt and Joseph Plunkett. All seven men were sentenced to death and were shot by firing squad in Kilmainham Jail.

### Cumann na mBan (the Women's Council)

Early in 1914 a group of women held a meeting in Dublin and set up Cumann na mBan as the women's wing of the Irish Volunteers. During the Rising many of its members fought alongside the men. Others looked after the wounded, brought food and carried messages. After the surrender, over 70 women were taken to prison.

After the Rising, many members continued to fight for Irish freedom. The best known was Countess Constance Markievicz, who was elected three times as a TD. She became Minister for Labour, one of the first women in Europe to become a minister. She died in 1927 at the age of 59.



Countess Constance Markievicz





## 1916 Quiz

1. On what day and date did the Rising start?

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2. Name the organisations involved in the Rising.

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3. What 2 things happened before the Rising that made it difficult?

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4. Who read out the Proclamation?

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5. Name two of the people who signed the Proclamation.

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6. How long did the Rising last?

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7. Name the British commander to whom Pearse gave the letter of surrender.

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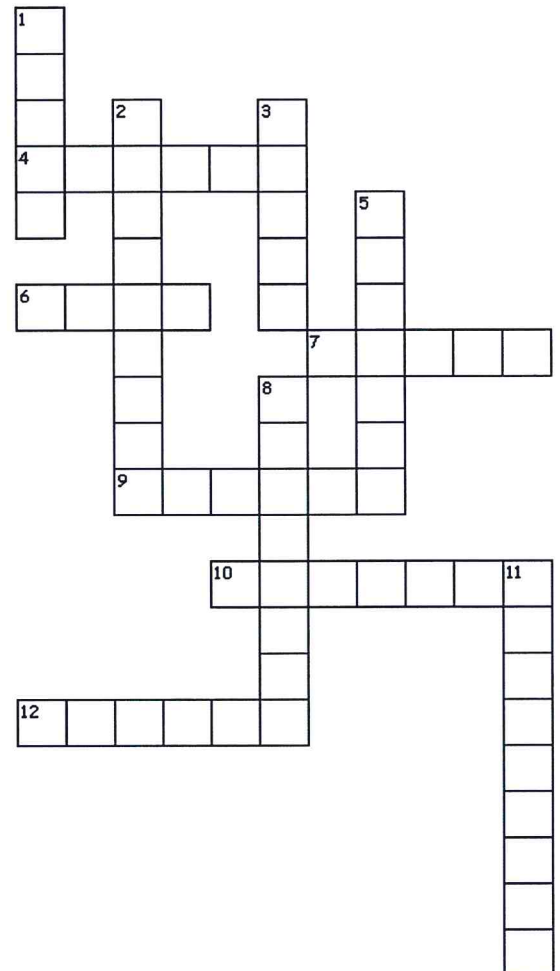
8. What was Cumann na mBan?

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## Crossword

The answers to the clues are all places in Ireland.



### Across

- 4. A Rose Festival takes place here. (6)
- 6. County known as the Rebel County (4)
- 7. A holy place in Mayo (5)
- 9. All Ireland football winners 2015. (6)
- 10. The Titanic was built here. (7)
- 12. The town of Birr is in this county. (6)

### Down

- 1. The smallest county in Ireland (5)
- 2. City with a famous glass factory (9)
- 3. This county is known as The Kingdom. (5)
- 5. An airport in Clare (7)
- 8. All Ireland Hurling winners 2015 (8)
- 11. Song: It's a long way to \_\_\_\_\_ (9)

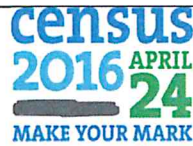






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## Census 2016



**Census night will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

Most of you will already have received a **census form**. On the night of 24<sup>th</sup> April, an adult in each home must fill out the form, giving details of every person staying there on that night.

What is a census? A census is a count of every person who is in Ireland on a given night. It gives us a number for the total **population** of the country as well as the population of each county, city, town, village and parish in Ireland. It also gives the number of men and women and the age breakdown of our population. This is important information for the Government when planning for the future in such things as education and healthcare, the building of schools and hospitals, and care for the elderly. The last census was in 2011 and the total population of the Republic of Ireland at that time was almost 4.6 million people.

The census is carried out by the **Central Statistics Office (CSO)**. The CSO employs people known as **enumerators** to call to every household in Ireland to deliver and collect the forms. More than 4,600 enumerators will visit more than 2 million homes across Ireland over the coming weeks. The enumerator will also give help to anyone who finds the form difficult to complete. The information given on the forms is confidential.

## Ireland loves chocolate

Over Easter it is believed that more than 17.7 million chocolate Easter eggs were eaten in Ireland. The total amount spent on chocolate eggs is thought to be in the region of €37 million.

With most supermarkets offering three eggs for €5 it is thought that on average every household will have eaten at least eight eggs over the holiday weekend with most children receiving an average of five eggs each!

## No government yet!

It is almost 6 weeks since the **General Election** and we are still waiting for our TDs to agree on a new **government**.

A party needs 79 seats to form a government. However, no one party won enough seats. So we now have a situation where the 2 biggest parties, Fine Gael (50 seats) and Fianna Fáil (44 seats), must enter into talks with the smaller parties and the Independent TDs, in the hope of getting their support. It is also believed that the leaders of these 2 parties, Enda Kenny and Micheál Martin, will sit down together to see if they can work together to form a government.



Micheál Martin and Enda Kenny  
Picture, courtesy Independent.ie

If all talks fail over the coming weeks and months, we may see another General Election being held before the end of 2016.

## Microchip your dog

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April all dogs must now, by law, be microchipped. A microchip is a tiny electronic device which is placed under the dog's skin. This must be done by a vet. It does not hurt the dog.

The chip contains a number which is entered into a government **database** which will also have the name and contact details of the dog's owner. So, if your dog goes missing and is found and brought to a vet or a dog pound, a scan of the dog's microchip will show up your name and phone number so you can be contacted.

The cost of microchipping varies between €20 and €50. If your dog is not microchipped then you could face a fine of up to €5,000.

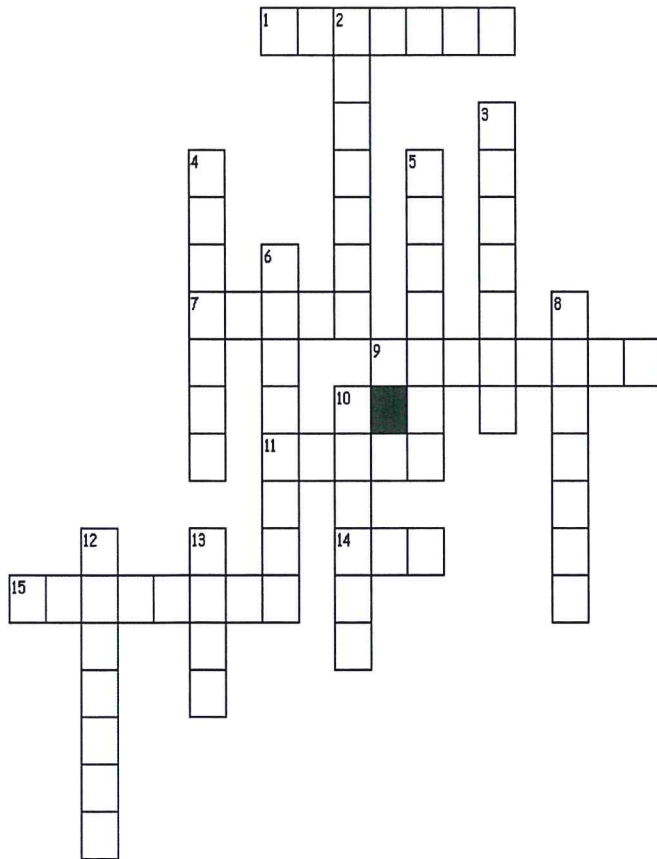


## List of words ending in *-age*

age	baggage	courage	image	marriage	postage	storage
page	bandage	damage	language	message	village	sausage
stage	cottage	garage	manage	package	shortage	wage

## Crossword

The answers to the clues are all words from the list above



### Across

1. A parcel (7)
7. A play is performed on this (5)
9. What we speak (8)
11. A picture (5)
14. This is how old you are (3)
15. When there is not enough of something (8)

### Down

2. A small house (7)
3. A small town (7)
4. This can be eaten for breakfast (7)
5. Suitcases (7)
6. A wedding (8)
8. You put this on a cut (7)
10. Where you keep your car (6)
12. You have this if you are brave (7)
13. What you are paid every week (4)

**Maths answers:** 1. a) €24 b) €32 2. €624  
3. €165 4. €20 5. €30 6. €40

**Fill in the blanks** using words from the list above.

1. Put a \_\_\_\_\_ stamp on the letter.
2. My car is in the \_\_\_\_\_ to be fixed.
3. I own a small \_\_\_\_\_ by the sea.
4. I have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ space in my attic.
5. Please leave a \_\_\_\_\_ on my phone.
6. There was a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ after the storm.
7. The singer stood up on the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In hot countries there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of water.
9. I read the first \_\_\_\_\_ of the new book.
10. I would like to learn to speak a new \_\_\_\_\_.

## Maths Corner

Mary earns €16 per hour in her job. She gets 50% more per hour on a Saturday and double the hourly rate on a Sunday.

1. a) How much does she earn per hour on a Saturday?  
b) How much does she earn per hour on a Sunday?
2. This week Mary worked 5 hours every day from Monday to Friday, 4 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday. How much did Mary earn this week?
3. Mary pays €5 per hour for childcare. What was her total childcare cost this week?
4. If Mary gets a pay increase of 25% what will be her new hourly rate of pay?
5. What will be her new Saturday hourly rate?
6. What will be her new Sunday hourly rate?

**Answers opposite**



## Darkness into Light



Last Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, more than 120,000 people took part in the annual Darkness into Light walk and run. It was held in over 100 **locations** all over Ireland, as well as in other parts of the world. The event, which is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, is **organised** by the charity Pieta House who offer help to people at risk of suicide and self-harm.

The walk is called Darkness into Light because the walk begins at 4.15 am, when still dark, and finishes as the sun rises to give wonderful daylight. This has also become the symbol for Pieta House, whose help and support brings light to those who are going through a dark time in their lives.

Pieta House was set up ten years ago by Dublin woman Joan Freeman, when a member of her family died by suicide. There are now 9 centres all over the country, with 180 trained staff who provide help, free of charge, to those in danger of suicide. Over the past 10 years they have helped more than 20,000 people. Sadly there are still many deaths by suicide in Ireland every year.

Staff at Pieta House realise that it takes a lot of courage for someone to admit they have a problem and seek help. Therefore every person who comes through their doors is welcomed with love and respect.

Events such as Darkness into Light are very important in **providing** much needed funds, so that they can continue to offer this support to those at risk.

Anyone in need of support can contact a local branch of Pieta House by going online to

[www.pietahouse.ie](http://www.pietahouse.ie). Also, the Samaritans can be contacted 24 hours a day on their Freephone number **116 123**.

## A Government at last

Finally, ten weeks after the general **election** we have a new government. It will be a Fine Gael led Government which will include a number of **independent** TDs.

After a lot of talks and meetings between the parties and the Independent TDs, Enda Kenny received enough support to, once again, become **Taoiseach**. In return for their support, 3 Independents will be given jobs as ministers, while many of the same people in the last Government will return as ministers.

Enda Kenny is now the longest serving TD in the Dáil, having being first elected in 1975. He is also the only Fine Gael leader to serve as Taoiseach for a second time. In his **acceptance** speech, he said this Government would concentrate on “improving the quality of the lives of people” with the housing crisis being one of the most important areas.

## Exercises

**A compound word** is a word that is made up of 2 or more words joined together.

**Examples:** anyone, somebody, inside, someone.

Match a word from each row to make a compound word. The first one is done for you.

every	cause
some	self
moon	ball
foot	port
be	where
an	give
him	body
for	light
with	other
air	corn
out	one
no	side
pop	out

**Compound word**  
Everybody \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

## Words ending in - ick or - ic

Words with 1 beat or syllable end in - <b>ick</b>	Words with 2 or more beats or syllables end in - <b>ic</b>
sick stick brick pick trick flick	attic fantastic traffic electric garlic comic
click lick kick quick thick slick	picnic mechanic music public plastic panic

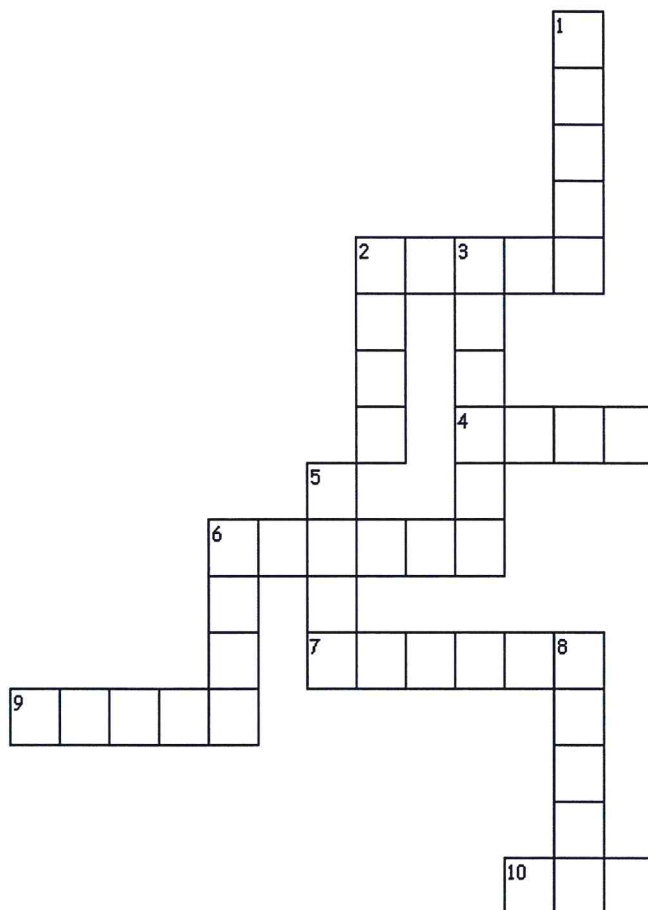
Solve the clues below, then find the answers in the word search. All the answers are words from the list above. The first one is done for you.

- Helps you to walk. A walking **stick**.
- The footballer had to \_\_\_\_\_ the ball.
- Roof space in your house \_\_\_\_\_
- A lot of cars and lorries \_\_\_\_\_
- I like to listen to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a vegetable that is good for you.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ fixed my car.
- In summer it's nice to go for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not slow \_\_\_\_\_
- My dog likes to \_\_\_\_\_ my face.
- Another words for being ill. \_\_\_\_\_
- A funny magazine with cartoons \_\_\_\_\_
- A lot of toys are made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Another word for amazing \_\_\_\_\_
- Stay calm and don't \_\_\_\_\_.

a g h p j e s v k c i c i y t  
b w a h a t l l w i i o i n j  
b b s r i b o h d n c s q q u  
a k i c l u r l a g h k u s f  
r z k i d i o h c i t t a m b  
x i n t z z c l r v a c x n a  
g j q s p e a i q i b f o h f  
x g f a m t p c n r k t q o g  
j b t t s a h k x u c k q p u  
g n v n p a n i c x i z h u j  
t d h a a p i v i d u p m g g  
y o r f b n a c y g q v r v p  
d p l a s t i c p u j r j d i  
v w b v q m s o i v d f q i q  
c c x i o i o d c h j s v v u  
p y k c c v o z n w v m s h u  
b s k k q m x n i i m t s s o  
g h b o m g j i c j i o x k z

## Crossword

The answers to the clues are all colours.



### Across

- Song "\_\_\_\_\_ Eyed Girl". (5)
- A very dark shade of blue (4)
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Rain" Famous song by the singer Prince. (6)
- Colour of daffodils (6)
- Colour worn by family members at a funeral (5)
- First colour in the rainbow (3)

### Down

- Colour of an Irish post box (5)
- Colour associated with feeling down (4)
- The last colour in the Irish flag (6)
- When you mix black and white you get this (4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ for a girl (4)
- Colour of peace (5)

If you would like help with reading, writing or numbers, contact NALA on 1800 20 20 65.

If you enjoyed this worksheet, you can find more of them on our website, [www.nala.ie](http://www.nala.ie).

Just click on: Resources > Workbooks and teaching resources > Teaching resources.



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## Death of Muhammad Ali

People all over the world were saddened to hear of the death of the most famous boxer of all time, Muhammad Ali. Known as “The Greatest”, Ali passed away on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 74. He had been suffering from Parkinson’s disease for over 30 years.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, and boxing since he was 12, he won an Olympic gold medal in 1960. Ali won his first world heavyweight title in 1964 and was the first boxer to become world champion three times. Ali was famous for the speed at which he moved around the ring and the power behind his punches. His boxing style was summed up by his famous saying “Float like a butterfly sting like a bee, the hands can’t hit what the eyes can’t see”.

In 1967 Ali refused to fight with the US army in the Vietnam war. He asked why would he help kill people in another country when his own black people in America were still not given equal rights. His world title was taken off him and he was not allowed to fight for more than 3 years.

Outside of boxing, Ali was a supporter of human rights and spoke out strongly against all kinds of **discrimination** on grounds of colour or disability. He was a supporter of the Special Olympics and in 2003 when the Special Olympics were held in Ireland, Ali, along with Nelson Mandela, attended the opening ceremony.

### Nelson Mandela and Ali at the Special Olympics



Picture courtesy Independent.ie

Muhammad Ali’s great grandfather was an Irishman who was born in Ennis in County Clare.

In 2009 Ali visited Ennis where thousands of people lined the streets to greet and honour the world’s most famous sportsman known as “The Greatest”. May he rest in peace.

## Winners all round

There was great excitement when County Down born Rory McIlroy recently won the Irish Open Golf tournament for the first time. McIlroy, who is 27, was moved to tears as he was presented with the trophy. Although he is among the top three golfers in the world and has won many major titles, the young golfer said it was special to win in front of a home crowd.

The Irish Open was held in the K Club in County Kildare. Weather during the event ranged from brilliant sunshine to thunder, lightning and hail showers with play being called off on two days. However, it did not stop the crowds from attending and they were rewarded for their efforts when McIlroy played some of his best shots ever to win the competition

Three years ago McIlroy set up a children’s charity known as the “Rory Foundation”, to help children in need from all over the world. All money from ticket sales for the Irish Open was given to the charity. Rory himself donated his prize money which was €666,000.

### Rory with the winner’s trophy



Picture courtesy Independent.ie

The children’s charities to receive the funds are: The Laura Lynn Foundation which runs a hospice for children; the Jack and Jill Foundation which provides home nursing and help for families of seriously ill children; and finally Barretstown which is a holiday and activity park for sick children and their families.



## When to use an apostrophe

An apostrophe looks like this '

1. We use it to show **ownership** - For example look at where the 's is in the phrases:

Mrs. Browne's cat, Mary's dog, the boy's bike, the doctor's hat.

2. We use it in **surnames** that contain O - Examples: O'Brien, O'Donnell

3. We use it when writing the **time** - Examples: 3 o'clock, six o'clock

4. We use it to shorten words and phrases, so that we write them more like we say them. For example, think of when we say 'did not'. We often make it shorter: we say the two words joined together, and we leave out the 'o' sound in 'not'. When we want to **write** that, we use the apostrophe to show where we left out the 'o'. So, **did not** becomes **didn't**

did not	didn't	have not	haven't	I am	I'm	I have	I've
do not	don't	had not	hadn't	you are	you're	he is	he's
can not	can't	are not	aren't	we are	we're	It is	it's
does not	doesn't	is not	isn't	they are	they're	we will	we'll
could not	couldn't	will not	won't	you have	you've	I will	I'll

## Try this! Use apostrophes to re-write the underlined words

I have a good friend called Jane O Mara. Jane is 80 years of age and she is funny and kind and we have been friends for many years. As we had not seen each other for a while I decided to ring her. I rang Janes number but she did not answer. I tried a few more times that day but again she was not answering her phone. I was not too worried but I rang other friends and they said they had not seen her in a while.

So, at 3 o clock, I drove over to Janes house and rang her doorbell. Janes car was parked outside but she did not answer the door. I walked round the back of the house and peeped through the window and there was Jane lying on the floor. I called out to her but she was not answering.

I did not know what to do for a few moments and then I rang the ambulance and the guards. I gave them Janes address and they arrived within 10 minutes and managed to get into her house and take Jane to hospital. It seems that Jane slipped off a ladder while painting and banged her head. She does not remember too much more but she is recovering well.

If I had not gone over to her house things would not have turned out so well. I cannot imagine what might have happened. From now on I will keep a closer eye on my friend Jane.

## Maths Quiz

- |  |                                      |                                       |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Number of days in June?                                 | 2. How many eggs in 3 dozen?         | 3. How many players in a soccer team? |
| 4. How much is it to post a letter to anywhere in Ireland? | 5. How many years in a century?      | 6. What is $\frac{1}{5}$ of 100?      |
| 7. How many years in a decade?                             | 8. How many counties are in Munster? | 9. How many seconds in a minute?      |
| 10. How many hours in 3 days?                              | 11. Number of months in 3 years?     | 12. How many cents in €5?             |
| 13. How many grams in a kilogram?                          | 14. What is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20?     | 15. How many goals in a hat trick?    |

**Answers:** 1. 30, 2. 36, 3. 11, 4. 70c, 5. 100, 6. 20, 7. 10, 8. 6, 9. 60,  
10. 72, 11. 36, 12. 500c, 13. 1000, 14. 5, 15. 3.

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## Olympics 2016



The 2016 Summer Olympic Games are all set to take place. The games will be held in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil from 5<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016. More than 10,500 athletes from over 200 countries will take part in competitions in 28 different sports.

To win an Olympic medal is every sportsperson's dream. This is the event that they have worked and trained for all their sporting life. To be given the chance to take part in the Olympics is the highest point in a person's sporting career. Only the world's top athletes can take part.

Ireland has been sending a team to the games since 1922. Over the years we have won 9 gold medals: 3 in swimming, 2 in boxing and 4 in athletics. Boxer Katie Taylor was our last gold medal winner in 2012 and she will take part again this year.

Brazil is one of the countries that is affected by the **Zika virus**, which is an illness that can be picked up by humans from a **mosquito** bite. If a pregnant woman gets the virus there can be a serious risk to her baby. Earlier it was believed that the Olympics would be moved from Brazil because of the virus. However, the World Health Organisation has said the risk to people is in fact very low. Despite this, several sportspeople have pulled out of the games, including Irish golfer Rory McIlroy.

More than 70 athletes will travel to Rio to represent Ireland. We wish them all every success.

## The Boys in Green

The Republic of Ireland soccer team have just returned from the European Championship which was held in France.

Under the **management** of Martin O'Neill and Roy Keane, the team did the country proud getting as far as the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the games.

They played four matches in total, with their matches against Italy and finally against France being two of their best ever displays of football.

Martin O'Neill and Roy Keane



Picture, courtesy Independent.ie

Many **thousands** of Irish fans travelled to France to support the team and they also did themselves proud. They won the hearts of the French people with their sense of fun, sing songs and good **conduct**. In one French town a number of Irish supporters were seen picking up rubbish on the street after a night of partying!

In fact the Mayor of Paris has written to President Higgins to say she is awarding the Irish supporters the Medal of the City of Paris as a reward for their good **sportsmanship**.

## Brexit

Brexit, a mix of the words **Britain** and **Exit**, is the term given for Britain leaving the European Union (EU). On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the British public voted in a **referendum** to leave the EU. It was a close finish with 48% voting to stay and 52% voting to leave. The British Prime minister, David Cameron, who had called for a stay vote, has said he will resign in October.

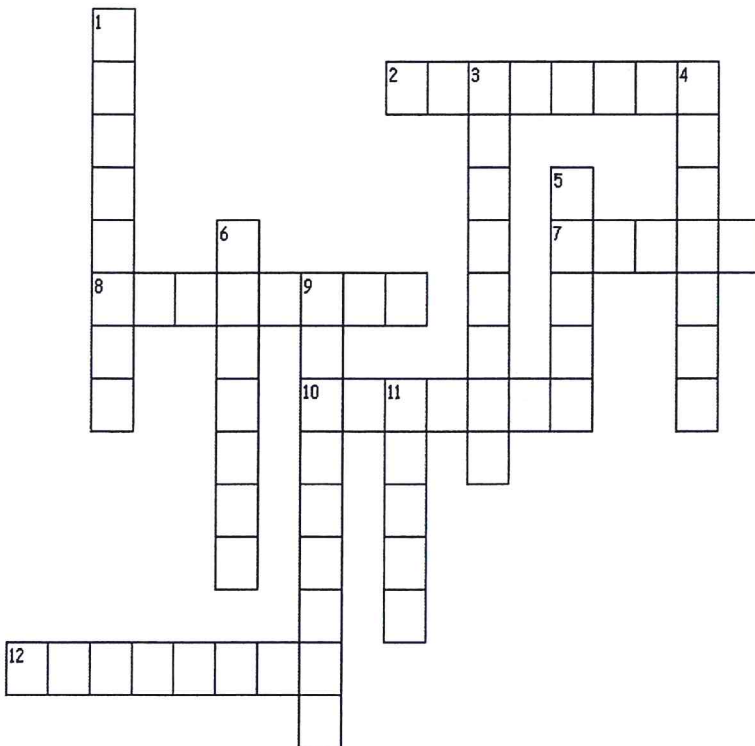
There will be many changes ahead for Britain as it breaks from the European Union. The full effect of Britain leaving will not be known for some time. Many British people are worried that it will no longer be easy to travel to, or to do business with, other countries in Europe. Others believe that Britain will now have more control over their own affairs. For now, we can only wait and see.

## Commonly misspelt words

accident	biscuits	bicycle	Wednesday	nephew	scissors
across	children	February	enough	niece	sandwich
address	cough	friend	height	daughter	special
believe	embarrass	favourite	library	uncle	fortnight

**Tip:** To learn these words, you need to practise them. Take three words every day and write each in a sentence. **Example:** biscuits – I like to eat biscuits with my cup of tea.

The answers to the clues are all from the word list.



### Across

2. Another name for cookies (8)
7. My sister's daughter (5)
8. A mishap (8)
10. Vehicle with 2 wheels (7)
12. You use this to cut. (8)

### Down

1. Second month of the year (8)
3. Made with 2 slices of bread. (8)
4. Stands out from the rest. (7)
5. My mother's brother (5)
6. A place you can borrow books (7)
9. Make someone blush. (9)
11. A chesty \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

Find a word from the list above with the **same meaning** as these:

1. Two weeks \_\_\_\_\_
2. Collection of books \_\_\_\_\_
3. Like best of all \_\_\_\_\_
4. How tall you are \_\_\_\_\_
5. Middle day of the week \_\_\_\_\_
6. A pal \_\_\_\_\_
7. Kids \_\_\_\_\_
8. Trust \_\_\_\_\_
9. Cookies \_\_\_\_\_
10. My sister's son \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where you live \_\_\_\_\_
12. Female child \_\_\_\_\_

### Maths

4 friends have won €20,000 in a raffle.

- John gets  $\frac{1}{2}$  the money.
- Mary gets  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the money.
- Ann gets  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the money.
- Paul gets the rest.

Q1. How much does each person get?

Q2. If they divide the money into 4 equal amounts, how much does each person get?

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### Maths answers:

Q1. John €10,000; Mary €4,000; Ann €5,000; Paul €1,000  
Q2. €5,000 each



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## Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

The 2016 All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann was recently held in Ennis in County Clare where over 400,000 people attended. The Fleadh, which is the Irish word for festival, is the biggest event of Irish traditional music, song and dance in the world.

Musicians, singers and dancers from all over Ireland and other parts of the world come to take part in the competitions to win a much valued All Ireland medal. In order to qualify for the All Ireland, each of these musicians will already have won in their own county and province. Others come to take part in music and dance classes. However, most people come to enjoy the many open air concerts, street sessions, sing songs and céilí dancing that are on day and night over the week.

Plans are already being made for next year's Fleadh which will be held again in Ennis.

### A young dancer performs on the street in Ennis



## Olympics 2016

The 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Brazil recently came to a close, with Ireland winning 2 silver medals. Annalise Murphy from Dublin won a silver medal in women's sailing. It was a great occasion for her as she just missed out on a medal in the 2012 Summer Olympics when she finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Her mother, Cathy, represented Ireland in the same sport in 1988.

Our second silver medal was won in the men's rowing by brothers Gary and Paul O'Donovan from Skibbereen in Cork. Thousands turned out in Skibbereen to welcome home the pair, who won the hearts of the nation with their funny comments

and talk of looking forward to "steak and spuds" for dinner!

### Gary and Paul O'Donovan, Olympic silver medallists



Picture, courtesy sportsjoe.ie

Overall, the Rio Olympics were not a good one for Ireland. One Irish boxer was sent home after failing a drugs test. None of our boxing hopefuls was successful and an even bigger shock was when members of the Irish Olympic Council were arrested and questioned over illegal ticket sales.

The next Olympic Games are to be held in Tokyo in Japan in 2020.

## Robbie calls it a day

Irish international soccer player, Robbie Keane, has decided to retire from international soccer.

36 year old Robbie, who comes from Dublin, has played for Ireland for 18 years. He has played 145 matches in the Irish jersey and has scored an unbelievable 67 goals for Ireland over that time. He played in 3 major competitions, the 2002 World Cup, and the European Championships in 2012 and 2016. Keane said his proudest moment was when he was made captain of the Irish team, which he has held for the last 10 years. He will continue to play for his club LA Galaxy, in Los Angeles, for a few more seasons.

Robbie played his last match for Ireland in a friendly game against Oman, in the Aviva stadium on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a full house of fans, who gave him a great send off.

### Robbie Keane



Picture, courtesy Goal.com



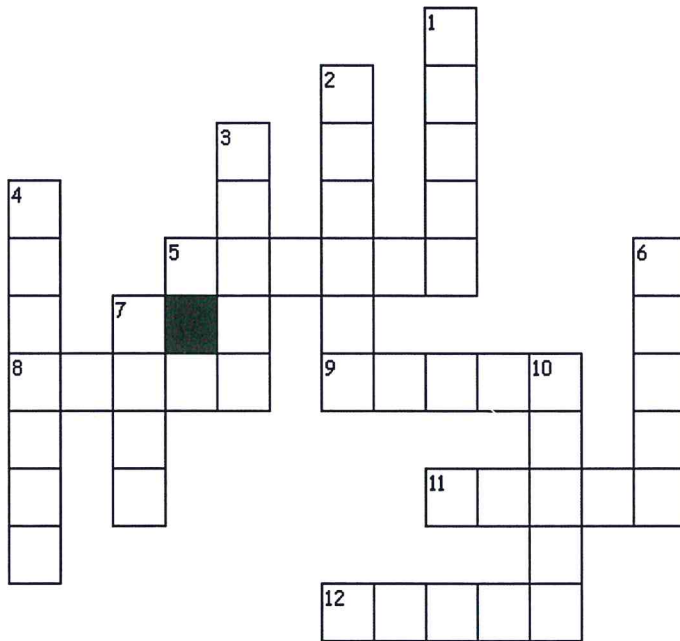
## tch words

batch	match	scratch	bitch	itch	switch	fetch	clutch
catch	patch	watch	ditch	pitch	witch	sketch	Dutch
hatch	snatch	hatchet	hitch	stitch	kitchen	ketchup	butcher

**Tip:** To learn these words, you need to practise them. Take three words every day and write each in a sentence. **Example:** snatch – The robber tried to snatch my bag.

### Crossword

The answers to the clues are all words from the word list.



#### Across

5. You make this using a needle and thread. (6)
8. When I throw the ball, try to \_\_\_\_\_ it. (5)
9. Thumb a lift. (5)
11. A female dog (5)
12. A person from Holland (5)

#### Down

1. This will tell you the time. (5)
2. You press this pedal when driving. (6)
3. She flies around on her broom. (5)
4. The room in your house where you cook (7)
6. He wears a \_\_\_\_\_ over his sore eye. (5)
7. A feeling on your skin that makes you want to scratch (4)
10. The hen sits on the egg so it will \_\_\_\_\_. (5)

Find a word from the list to fill in these blanks:

1. A drawing \_\_\_\_\_
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ in time saves nine.
3. Used to chop wood \_\_\_\_\_
4. To grab \_\_\_\_\_
5. Tomato sauce \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ on the light.
7. This person sells meat \_\_\_\_\_
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ ended in a draw.
9. To observe \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ it with your nails
11. Along the side of the road \_\_\_\_\_

### Maths

Mary needs to buy runners for her 2 children who are going back to school. She visits 2 sports shops. In both shops the price of the runners are €55 and €40.

But she is confused, as both shops are giving a deal.

- In "Get sporty" if she buys one pair she gets the second, cheaper pair half price.
- In "Sports for You" there is 20% off everything.

Q1. If she buys the runners in "Get Sporty", how much will she pay?

Q2. If she buys the runners in "Sports for You", how much will she pay?

Answers at the bottom of the page

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Maths answers: Q1. €75, Q2. €76



Edition 30, October 2016

## Race for the White House



On Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> the American people will vote to elect the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. There are several candidates running for the election but the two main ones are Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Hilary Clinton, who is 68 and a member of the Democratic (**dem o crat ic**) Party, is the first woman ever to run for president on behalf of either the Republicans or the Democrats. In 2008 she was unlucky not to run, when the Democratic Party picked Barack Obama as their candidate instead. She is no stranger to the White House as she was "First Lady of the United States" when her husband, Bill Clinton, served as president from 1993 to 2001. During this time she took an active role in health and matters affecting women, children and families. In 2011 she was elected as a US senator for New York, making her the only "First Lady" to ever run for the senate. During the Obama government she also held the job of Secretary of State.

**Hilary Clinton**

**Donald Trump**



Picture: The Journal.ie

The Republican (**re pub lic an**) candidate Donald Trump, who is 70, is a businessman and property developer and is said to be one of the world's richest people. He owns hotels and golf courses all over the world including one here in Ireland in County Clare. He also became well known on TV when he was on the popular TV show "The Apprentice".

He is known for his strong opinions especially on immigration (**imm ig ra tion**), and has said if he is elected, he will build a wall along the US-Mexico border to stop people entering the USA illegally. He is also against Clinton's plan to bring in stricter controls for the sale of guns in the US.

As both candidates battle and debate, the polls go up and down. Either way America will have a new president, but which of them it will be remains to be seen.

## Paralympic Games 2016

The Irish Paralympic team who returned recently from Brazil did the country proud winning 11 medals in total. The team won 4 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals. Runner Jason Smyth won a gold in the 100 metres for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row and holds the world record. He has just 30% eyesight.

The Paralympics, which always take place just after the Olympics, are for athletes who have a disability. It allows them to show the world that having a disability is not a barrier to sporting achievement.

**Jason Smyth**



Picture rte.ie

## No Luck for Mayo!

There was heartbreak for Mayo fans once again when Dublin beat them by a single point, in the replay of the All Ireland Football final. Dublin have won 26 All Irelands in total while Mayo have won just one. Mayo won the All Ireland 65 years ago, in 1951.

Many people believe that a priest placed a curse on the Mayo team at that time. They say that he was annoyed with the team because, when returning from the 1951 final, they had passed a funeral and had not shown respect. The story goes that the priest said that Mayo would never win another All Ireland while members of the 1951 team are still living. Mayo has played in eight All Irelands since then without luck.

Tipperary beat Kilkenny in this year's All Ireland Hurling final making it their 27<sup>th</sup> title. They last won it in 2010.

## Words '-ther'

other	brother	father	lather	heather	whether	neither
another	bother	rather	weather	leather	either	further
mother	smother	gather	feather	together	wither	panther

**Tip:** To learn these words, you need to practise them. Take three words every day and write each in a sentence. **Example:** another – Would you like **another** cup of tea?

Make as many words as you can using the letters in the square.

The letter in the middle box ( a ) **must** be in each word.

s	k	r
t	<b>a</b>	n
m	e	p

Example: past tap \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Find a word from the list in the box above to fill in these blanks:

- As light as a \_\_\_\_\_
- Check the \_\_\_\_\_ forecast.
- My shoes are made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you water the flowers they will not \_\_\_\_\_.
- When you mix soap and water you get a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A 1970's film: "The Pink \_\_\_\_\_"
- A purple plant found on mountains \_\_\_\_\_
- If you can't get air then you could \_\_\_\_\_.
- That's no \_\_\_\_\_ at all!
- To collect in a group: \_\_\_\_\_
- Pick one or the \_\_\_\_\_.
- London is \_\_\_\_\_ from Galway than Dublin.
- I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ of these.
- Which or \_\_\_\_\_

### Maths Corner

- The bill for 4 people in a restaurant came to €96. If they divide the cost between them, how much will each pay?
- A dishwasher can be bought in a shop for a cash price of €480 **OR** on credit at €25 a month over 2 years.
  - How much will the dishwasher cost in total if paid monthly?
  - How much will I save by paying for it now in cash?
- Mary saves €50 a month in the Credit Union. How much will she have saved after 1 year?
- 3 tins of paint cost me €126. How much is it for 1 tin?

### Write the plural of the following:

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Child _____ | 7. Man _____    |
| 2. Mouse _____ | 8. Leaf _____   |
| 3. Sheep _____ | 9. Bus _____    |
| 4. Tooth _____ | 10. Box _____   |
| 5. Foot _____  | 11. Knife _____ |
| 6. Goose _____ | 12. Woman _____ |

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**Maths answers:** Q1. €24, Q2. a) €600, b) €120  
Q3. €600, Q4. €42



Edition 31, November 2016

## Death of rugby Giant

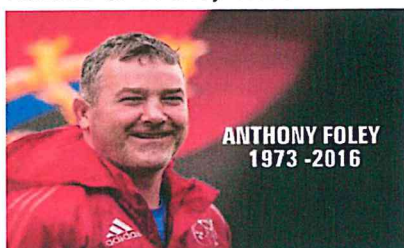
There was shock and sadness across Ireland on hearing of the sudden death of Munster rugby head coach, Anthony Foley. The 42-year-old died in his sleep while in Paris on the morning when the Munster team were due to play a European club match.

His body was flown home on a special Ryanair flight, FR 8, called after the number 8 jersey that Foley wore for many years playing with Munster and Ireland.

Clare man Anthony, who was nicknamed Axel, played professional rugby for Munster and was captain when they won the Heineken Cup in 2006. He also played for Ireland and played in two World Cups. He was Irish captain on three occasions and in all played 62 matches in the Irish Jersey.

In 2011, having retired from playing, he took on the job as coach with Munster. His father Brendan was also a Munster and Ireland player and his sister Rosie has played international women's rugby for Ireland.

Thousands of friends, rugby players and fans of all ages turned out to his funeral which took place in his native Killaloe in County Clare.



Picture courtesy Munsterrugby.ie

Two days after his funeral Munster lined out for their first match without Foley. The match was against Glasgow Warriors in Thomond Park Limerick. With a mixture of sadness and determination the players put in a massive performance which saw them winning on a score of 38 points to 17.

After the match, Foley's two sons joined the team on the field when they sang the Munster team anthem "Stand up and Fight".

Following Foley's funeral his young son, Tony, set up a Facebook page as a tribute to his father. In it he asked

people to attend Mass for the 8 Sundays following his Dad's death and to light a candle to remember his Dad and all loved ones who have passed away. He named it #8masses4no8, again remembering the number 8 jersey his father wore for many years. May the late Anthony Foley rest in peace.

## Ireland beat the All Blacks

Just weeks following Foley's death the Irish Rugby team beat New Zealand (the All Blacks) for the first time ever.

The All Blacks, who are the World Champions and who had been unbeaten in an unbelievable 18 matches before this, are said to be the greatest All Blacks team ever. Ireland beat them on a score of 40:29. Before the historic match the Irish team lined out in the shape of the number 8, in another tribute to the late Anthony Foley.

## Olympic medal at last for Heffernan

Race walker Rob Heffernan, from Cork, has finally received a bronze Olympic medal four years after he competed in the 50km road race in the 2012 British Olympic games. Heffernan came 4<sup>th</sup> at that time, just short of getting a medal. However, the athlete who came 1<sup>st</sup> has since been found to have taken drugs to improve his performance and he has had his medal taken away. This meant that Heffernan was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, giving him a bronze medal.

Race walking is said to be one of the toughest sports, with judges watching the walkers closely to check that one foot remains on the ground at all times.

38-year-old Heffernan already has a gold medal from the 2013 World Championships and a bronze medal from the 2010 European Championships. He has competed in five Olympic Games but this is his first Olympic medal.

## Rob Heffernan shows off his Olympic medal.



Picture courtesy theIrishexaminer.com

## - nch words

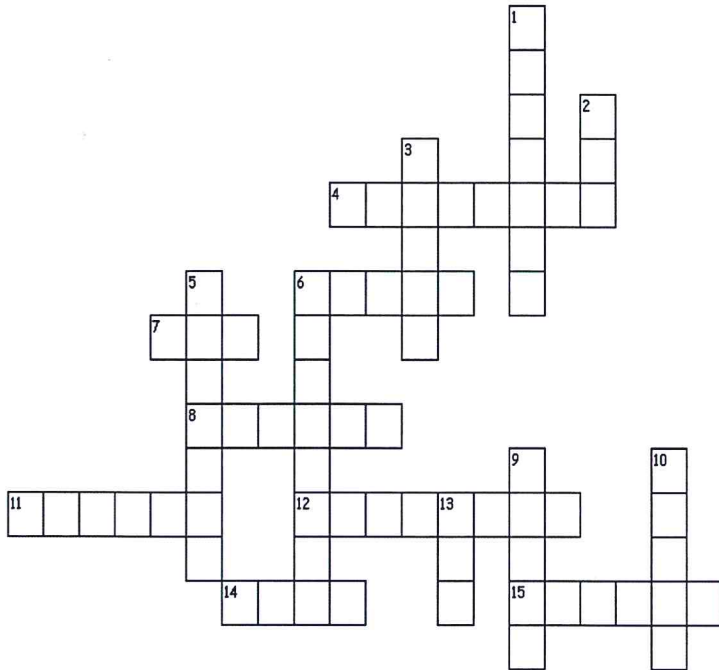
ranch	clench	quench	wrench	flinch	brunch	launch
branch	drench	stench	inch	pinch	crunch	munch
bench	French	trench	finch	bunch	lunch	punch

**Tip:** To learn these words, you need to practise them. Take three words every day and write each in a sentence.

**Example:** quench: If you blow the candle it will quench.

### Crossword

The answers to the clues are all **numbers**



### Across

- 4. People believe this number can be unlucky. (8)
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ shades of green (5)
- 7. How many counties in Munster? (3)
- 8. Number of days in November (6)
- 11. A dozen (6)
- 12. You can vote when you reach this age. (8)
- 14. A cat is said to have this many lives. (4)
- 15. Number of players on a soccer team (6)

### Down

- 1. Sweet \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
- 2. A decade (3)
- 3. Number of years in a golden wedding anniversary (5)
- 5. Number of players on a hurling team (7)
- 6. Number of days in a fortnight (8)
- 9. Days in a week (5)
- 10. Number of goals in a hat trick (5)
- 13. A pair (3)

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

- Large farm \_\_\_\_\_
- Long wooden seat \_\_\_\_\_
- Meal at midday \_\_\_\_\_
- Chew \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 of these in a foot \_\_\_\_\_
- Put out a fire \_\_\_\_\_
- Person from France \_\_\_\_\_
- A bad smell \_\_\_\_\_
- Thump \_\_\_\_\_
- A bird \_\_\_\_\_
- A spanner \_\_\_\_\_
- To wet or soak \_\_\_\_\_
- Long ditch dug in the ground \_\_\_\_\_
- A late breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- To close fist tightly \_\_\_\_\_
- Grip a person's skin \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the blanks in these well-known sayings

- Two wrongs don't make a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Too many \_\_\_\_\_ spoil the broth.
- There's no place like \_\_\_\_\_.
- Better late than \_\_\_\_\_.
- Practice makes \_\_\_\_\_.
- You can't judge a \_\_\_\_\_ by its cover.
- Don't count your \_\_\_\_\_ before they hatch.
- Don't put all your \_\_\_\_\_ in one basket.
- Waste not \_\_\_\_\_ not.
- Better safe than \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many \_\_\_\_\_ make light work.
- The best things in life are \_\_\_\_\_.
- There's no smoke without \_\_\_\_\_.

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Edition 32, December 2016

## Heroes

When people speak of heroes they often think of famous sportspeople, singers or actors. However, real heroes are often those people who have spent their lives caring for and fighting on behalf of those who need a helping hand.

**Brother Kevin Crowley** has been running the Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin since 1974. Now in his 80's and despite having had two major heart operations, Brother Kevin is working harder than ever. Nothing has prepared him for the increase in numbers attending the centre in recent years. The centre provides two meals a day to almost 600 people. They give out 2,000 food parcels a week and also provide showers, clothes and a health clinic.

Above all, Brother Kevin says that everyone who comes to the centre is made feel welcome and is treated with kindness. He says that in recent years it is alarming to meet the number of families, with young children, who are homeless. Many of these have been given temporary homes in hotels, therefore they have

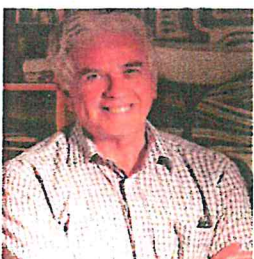


nowhere to cook and the children have nowhere to play.

It costs over €2.5 million a year to run the centre. They get €450,000 from the government

so they depend on donations from the public to make up the shortfall. With Christmas just around the corner, the centre expects to cater for more than 3,000 people during Christmas week.

**Father Peter McVerry** set up his first hostel in Dublin in 1979, for young people who were living on the streets. Now the Peter McVerry Trust has 11 hostels,



100 apartments and 3 drug treatment centres and reaches out to more than 4,000 young homeless people every year.

For 40 years, Peter has stood up for all those who have no one to talk for them. He believes

that any one of us could become homeless at any

time. He believes the first step in helping people to get back on their feet is to treat them with respect and help them to feel good about themselves. He says that this starts with giving them a home.

**Adi Roche** set up the organisation Chernobyl Children International to help children affected by the Chernobyl Nuclear disaster.

In April 1986, a major explosion took place at a nuclear power factory in Chernobyl in Russia. As a result, radioactive gas spilled out and poisoned the air and countryside for hundreds of miles. In the 30 years since the explosion, over a million people have died as a result of cancer, heart problems and other illnesses.

The area around Chernobyl is still contaminated and babies are still being born with health problems. The land cannot be used for farming and more than 17 million people live in poverty.

Since 1991, Adi Roche and Chernobyl Children International have been bringing children to Ireland from affected areas of Russia, for life saving treatment and holidays. Over 25,000 children have stayed here with Irish families. Even a short period away from the contaminated areas can make a big difference to the health of a child.

Over €100 million has been raised in Ireland to buy lifesaving equipment for local hospitals in affected areas of Russia, and to build homes for homeless children and young adults.

## Adi Roche



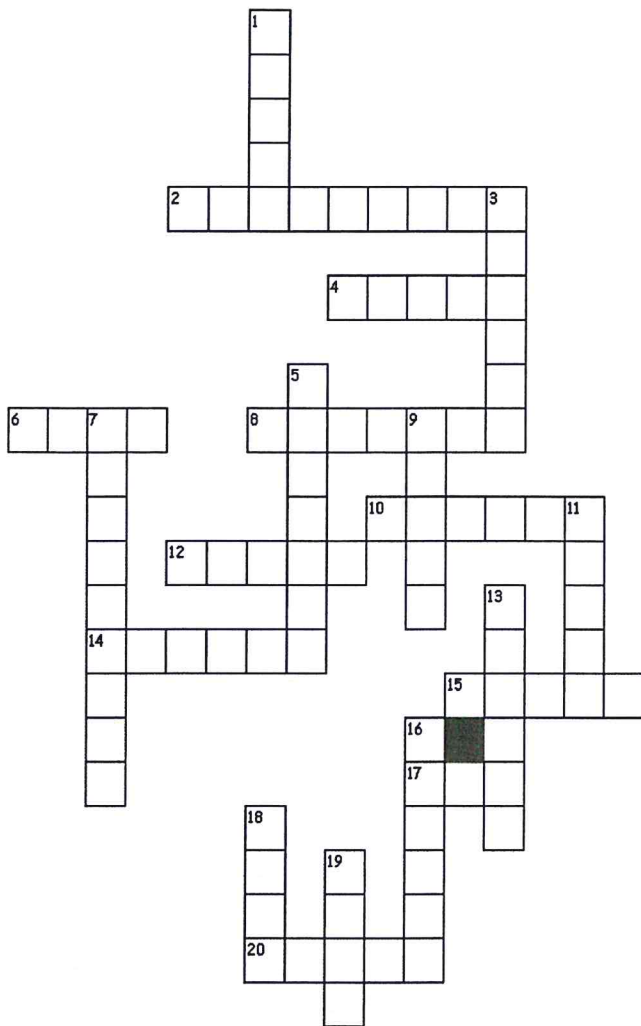
Picture courtesy Chernobyl-international.com

Adi Roche has made helping children from Chernobyl her life's work. She continues to work tirelessly and without pay.





## Christmas Puzzles



### Across

2. Which meal is known as the "full Irish"? (9)
4. Michael and Danny Healy-Rae are TDs for which county? (5)
6. Fair \_\_\_\_\_ is a popular Irish TV Drama (4)
8. The late Anthony Foley was head coach for this team (6)
10. 2016 All Ireland football champions (6)
12. Capital city of France (5)
14. The 1916 \_\_\_\_\_ was celebrated this year. (6)
15. This food is popular in Italy. (5)
17. Surname of famous boxer who passed away this year (3)
20. Enda \_\_\_\_\_ is the Taoiseach. (5)

### Down

1. Cider is made from this fruit. (5)
3. Katie \_\_\_\_\_ Irish female boxer (6)
5. Plum \_\_\_\_\_ a Christmas dessert (7)
7. 2016 All Ireland hurling champions (9)
9. New American President (5)
11. "Silent \_\_\_\_\_" a popular Christmas song (5)
13. In what country were the Olympic Games held this year? (6)
16. In which county would you find Salthill? (6)
18. Mallow is a town in which county? (4)
19. Lead singer with the band U2 (4)

Find these Christmas words in the word search.



s l r k k c t b p c b d e k n  
a p e e l m d j j v s e h u a  
n u e a e i j s i h a c m t t  
t o u z b d t w j p k o p j g  
a s o r n o n z f t u r k e y  
p h b w c d p i u k w a h r y  
v c r k b e g a e c p t p t d  
n j i s t n e s e r p i l n u  
w n l w i y l l o h w o o e s  
g d n d r l r e s a m n d i u  
j e d x c e u t b v h s u n d  
u u e x i d a y l x w m r v y  
p k a r x e s t q s s f s y y  
e k p b t t v z h n x e w f w  
k b g l y w t h p j a n a h a

**Santa Claus**  
**presents**  
**holly**  
**wreath**  
**Rudolph**  
**pudding**  
**turkey**  
**decorations**  
**tree**  
**reindeer**

See how many words you can make using the letters in the box.

The letter **O** must be used in each word.  
Example: post, told

n	p	s
t	O	L
d	e	c

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