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Breakdown of words in this story

- anniversary *ann iv ers ar y*
- broadcaster *broad cast er*
- commentator *com ment a tor*
- commentary *com ment ar y*
- wireless *wire less*
- entertainment *en ter tain ment*
- funeral *fu ner al*
- responsibility *res pon sib il it y*

Voice of the GAA



This month marks the 100th anniversary of the

birth of the late great sports broadcaster Michéal O'Hehir. For almost 50 years he was the voice of sport and in particular the GAA as he brought live coverage of GAA football and hurling matches to all parts of Ireland.

This was a time in Ireland when most people did not have cars and couldn't travel to matches, electricity and TV were still to arrive and so the radio or the wireless as it was known was the only form of entertainment. Many homes did not even own a radio so it would not be unusual for large groups to gather around the radio at a neighbour's house to listen to matches on a Sunday afternoon. O'Hehir's commentaries brought games to life. His ability to describe the action and pace of a game had people on the edge of their seats.

Born in Dublin to Clare parents O'Hehir applied for the position of commentator with RTE in 1938 while still in school. In fact he went for the interview in his school uniform. In August of that year he did his first match commentary and it became clear that he had a special talent. From 1938 until 1985 he became part of every home in Ireland as his voice brought us all the major GAA matches and All Irelands on radio and later on TV. He was also a horse racing commentator with BBC.

In 1947, the GAA park in New York known as the Polo Grounds was opened and it was decided that the football All Ireland that year between Cavan and Kerry would be held there. O'Hehir gave one of his most outstanding commentaries, which was broadcast to Ireland by means of a telephone.

In 1963 former American President John F Kennedy was shot dead in America just a few months after his visit to Ireland. O'Hehir who was on holidays in America at the time, had the tough job of broadcasting the funeral to the Irish people. His coverage of the funeral won him much praise here and in the US.

A few weeks before he was to broadcast his 100th All Ireland, O'Hehir suffered a stroke which cruelly affected his speech and so ended his broadcasting career. He died in 1996.

A New Beginning

After almost three months shops, garages, and from end of June, restaurants will open again for business. However, shopping and going out is now very different.

All shops can only allow a set number of people in the shop at any one time. We have had to learn to queue, wash our hands very often, use hand sanitiser on the way in and out of every shop and in many cases wear face masks. Remember when I wear a mask it stops me from spreading to other people any germs that I might be carrying.

We can gather socially in a group of up to 6 people as long as we keep the 2-metre social distance at all times. The Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar has said that as the country begins to reopen the responsibility of preventing the spread of COVID-19 is now on each one of us. We must therefore continue to wash our hands very often, keep the 2-metre social distance at all times and remember to self-isolate if we have any of the symptoms of the virus.

List of words ending in **age**

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

When you are learning to spell a new word, break the word into parts/syllables to help you
Example: *courage* can be broken in to 2 syllables (*cour age*)

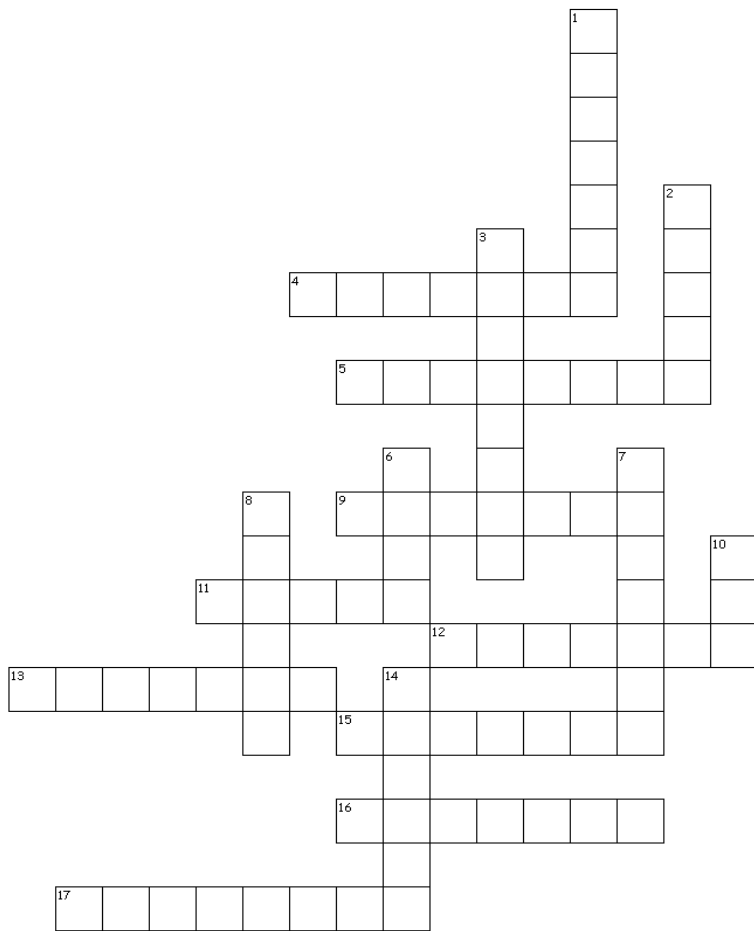
<p>Fill in the blanks using the words from the list</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The nurse put a _____ on the cut. Bacon, egg and _____ for breakfast. I read the first _____ of the book. The storm caused a lot of _____. She is from a small _____ in the country. I received a _____ in the post. We stayed in a small _____ by the sea. My car is in the _____. The singer stood up on the _____. He is 80 years of _____. There is a _____ of water in hot weather. You can only bring one piece of _____ on the plane. Leave a _____ on my phone. I would like to learn to speak a new _____. 	<p>Find a word from the list that has the same meaning as these</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A small house _____ A covering for a cut _____ A small parcel _____ The words we speak _____ To be in charge of _____ To cause harm _____ A wedding _____ A leaf of a book _____ To be brave is to have this _____ A picture _____ A very small town _____ A mechanic works here _____ When you pass on information, you are sending a _____ When you don't have enough, there is a _____
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Say each word and then break each one into syllables/parts

○ management <u>man</u> <u>age</u> <u>ment</u>	○ different _____
○ wonderful _____	○ remember _____
○ pencil _____	○ apartment _____
○ favourite _____	○ another _____

Crossword

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



Across

4. A small house (7)
5. When there is not enough of something (8)
9. Suitcases (7)
11. A picture (5)
12. You have this if you are brave (7)
13. A small parcel (7)
15. This can be eaten for breakfast (7)
16. You put this on a cut (7)
17. What we speak (8)

Down

1. A small town (7)
2. A play is performed on this (5)
3. A wedding (8)
6. There are many of these in a book (4)
7. Leave this on the phone (7)
8. To cause harm to something (6)
10. This is how old you are (3)
14. Where you keep your car (6)

Spelling quiz (the first letter of each answer is given)

1. **A** _____, Granny Smiths are a type of this fruit
2. **B** _____. First meal of the day
3. **C** _____, Use this to take photos
4. **D** _____, We need to keep 2 metres of this from other people
5. **E** _____, This animal never forgets
6. **F** _____, If you are well known then you are this
7. **G** _____, The colour associated with Ireland
8. **H** _____, How tall you are
9. **I** _____, The capital city of this country is Rome
10. **J** _____, A dessert eaten with ice cream
11. **K** _____, Use this to boil water
12. **L** _____, Climb up this to go higher

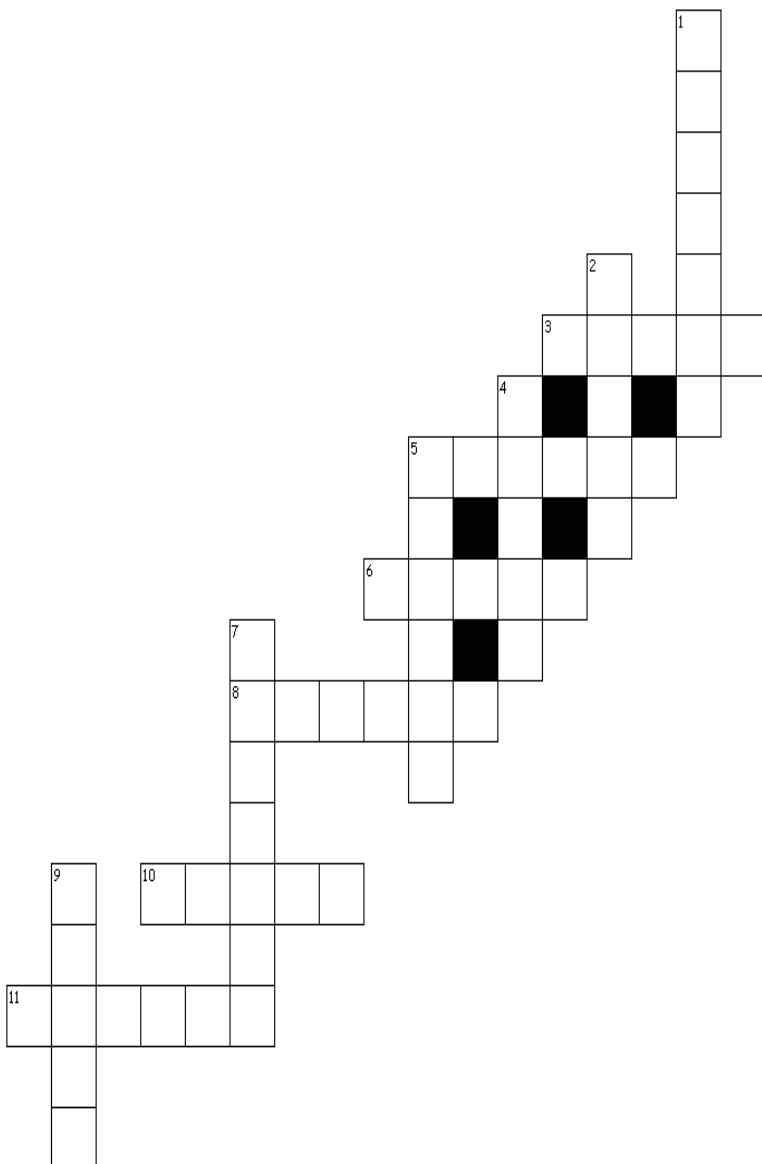
Answers
1. Apple 2 breakfast 3 camera 4 distance
5 elephant 6 famous 7 green 8 height
9 Italy 10 jelly 11 kettle 12 ladder

Words ending in **tch**

catch	patch	scratch	itch	stitch
hatch	watch	fetch	bitch	switch
match	snatch	stretch	ditch	clutch

Crossword

The answers are all from the word list



Across

- 3. When the egg does this, a chick will appear (5)
- 5. To grab (6)
- 6. This is at the side of every road (5)
- 8. Helps to change gears in the car (6)
- 10. A Female dog (5)
- 11. You sew this with a needle and thread (6)

Down

- 1. You might do this after getting out of bed in the morning (7)
- 2. This tells you the time (5)
- 4. If I throw the ball will you ____ it? (5)
- 5. Use this to turn on the light (6)
- 7. You need to do this if you have an itch (4)
- 9. A game played between two teams (5)

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