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## Breakdown of words

government	<i>gov ern ment</i>
independent	<i>in dep end ent</i>
coalition	<i>co al i tion</i>
election	<i>e lec tion</i>
department	<i>de part ment</i>
professional	<i>pro fess ion al</i>
championship	<i>champ ion ship</i>

## **A New Government.**

Finally, five months after the general election we have a new government. After many months of talks and promises between the leaders of all parties and independent TDs, Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and the Green Party have joined together to form a coalition government. Although Sinn Féin were the party that won the most seats in the election they did not have enough seats to form a government on their own and did not manage to get the backing of any of the other parties.

This is in fact the first time in history that the two big parties of FF and FG have come together to form a government, both parties being rivals on opposite sides since 1926. Leaders of the 3 parties, Michéal Martin, FF, Leo Varadkar FG and Eamon Ryan the Green Party, came together to form a programme of recovery for the country which includes managing the Covid emergency, getting people back to work, housing and Brexit.



The role of Taoiseach and leader of the government will be rotated, Michéal Martin will be Taoiseach now for 2 years after which Leo Varadkar will take it on for the next 2 years. The main members of the Government known as the Cabinet which is made up of 15 senior ministers are from each of the 3 parties, 6 from FF, 6 from FG and 3 from the Green Party.

## **Tony Holohan awarded Freedom of Dublin**

Chief Medical Officer with the Department of Health, Dr. Tony Holohan is to be awarded the freedom of the City of Dublin. Dr Holohan was the chief medical expert giving advice to the government and to the public during the Covid crisis of the last 5 months. He has recently stepped down from this position for family reasons.



To be awarded the freedom of a city is a great honour. The new Mayor of Dublin, Hazel Chu, who proposed him for the award, thanked Dr Holohan for the calm and patient manner in which he informed and gave updates to the country daily during the Covid crisis.

**Death of Jack Charlton** The death took place recently of Jack Charlton. He was a former professional footballer and a member of the England team, along with his brother, Bobby, who won the World Cup in 1966. However, it will be as former Republic of Ireland soccer manager that he will be most remembered for here, holding the position from 1986 to 1996. He led the Republic of Ireland soccer team to their first ever World Cup in 1990 where they reached the quarter finals. During Charlton's time as manager Ireland qualified for the European Championship in 1988 and also for the 1994 World Cup. He was made an honorary Irish citizen in 1996 and was also given freedom of the City of Dublin award in 1994. An Post and the British Royal Mail together created a postmark in his honour. The postmark, which read "Jack Charlton, 1935-2020" was stamped across all mail posted in England and the Republic of Ireland until August Ireland until August 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Ough

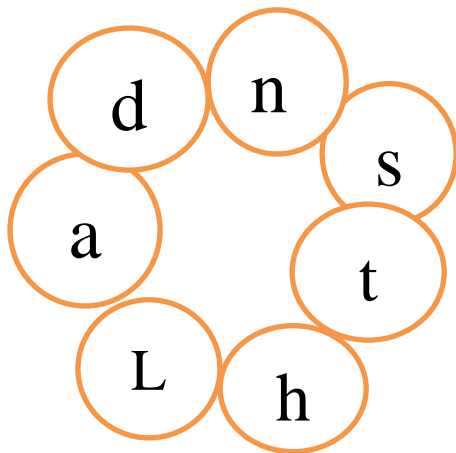
The letters ough gives us different sounds

Sounds like ff	Sounds like oo	Sounds like awt	
cough	dough	bought	thought
rough	though / although	brought	sought
tough	through	fought	drought
enough	thorough	nought	wrought

When you are learning to spell a new word try

- Look.** Look at the word, spell it out, spot any pattern, ( ough here )
- Say.** Say the word, count the syllables/beats, break word down into parts
- Cover.** Cover the word
- Write.** Write it down
- Check.** Go back and check if you wrote it correctly

See how many 3 letter and 4 letter words you can make using the letters below



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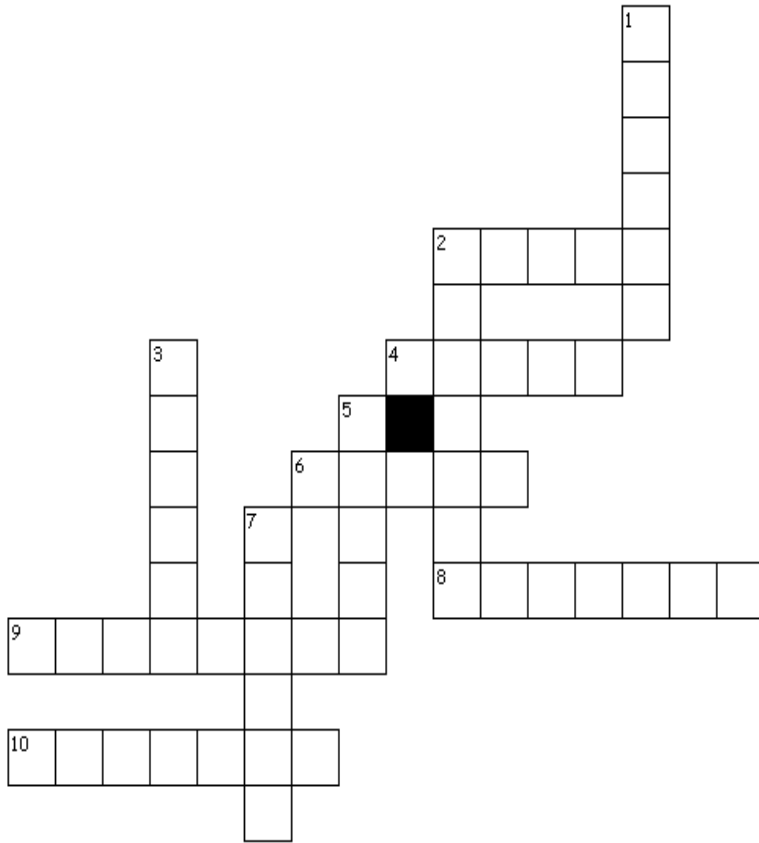
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Fill in the blanks with words from the list

1. A tickle in your throat - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Not gentle - \_\_\_\_\_
3. I went for a walk \_\_\_\_\_ the woods.
4. Looked for - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Shortage of water - \_\_\_\_\_
6. Nothing - \_\_\_\_\_
7. Purchased - \_\_\_\_\_
8. Took with you - \_\_\_\_\_
9. Not smooth - \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you want more or have you \_\_\_\_\_?
11. The soldier \_\_\_\_\_ in World War 1.
12. The gate is made of \_\_\_\_\_ iron.
13. An idea in your head - \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_ I had enough money I still did not buy it.

**Crossword** The answers are all words from the list of ough words



**Across**

2. The lockdown was very \_\_\_\_\_ for some people.

4. The baker makes bread from \_\_\_\_\_ .

6. The sea was very \_\_\_\_\_ and I was seasick.

8. I looked in \_\_\_\_\_ the window and I saw you inside.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ it was a nice day I still did not go for a walk.

10. I \_\_\_\_\_ my own water with me to the gym.

**Down**

1. Katie \_\_\_\_\_ a good fight.

2. An idea in your head.

3. Did you have \_\_\_\_\_ to eat?

5. Please \_\_\_\_\_ into a tissue.

7. I \_\_\_\_\_ it in Penney's

Break down the following words into syllables, the first one is done for you

- ❖ Operation op er a tion . Development \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Conversation \_\_\_\_\_ . Social \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ January \_\_\_\_\_ . September \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Location \_\_\_\_\_ . Application \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Picture \_\_\_\_\_ . Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Information \_\_\_\_\_ . Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

## Maths Questions

1. Pat works from 9am to 1pm, Monday, and Wednesday. He works 2pm to 6pm on Friday and Saturday. He earns €11 per hour and time and a half on Saturday. How much does he earn per week?
2. Mary earns € 1800 per month. Out of this she pays: a mortgage of €750, a car loan repayment of €180, phone bill of €25 and insurance of € 40. She also puts € 50 into savings every month. After all of these payments how much income has she left for spending?
3. Ann is saving for a car. She saves € 250 every month. She has been saving for 1 year. How much has she saved so far?  
How many more months does she need to save to have €9500?
4. In a survey of 500 drivers,
  - a.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of them have never had penalty points,
  - b.  $\frac{1}{5}$  of them said they have never broken the speed limit ,
  - c.  $\frac{3}{4}$  are driving cars less than 7 years old
  - d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of them wear glasses.Work out a \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_

Answers:

1 €198 2.€755 3.€3000, 26 months  
4. a 125 b 100 c 375 d 250