

# That's Interesting!



A worksheet for adults to practise reading, writing, spelling and numbers

## Climb with Charlie



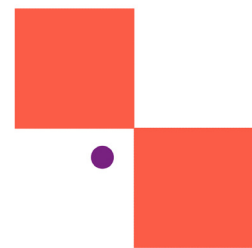
More than two million Euro has so far been raised by the “**Climb with Charlie**” event which took place on Saturday 2 April. The former RTÉ journalist, Charlie Bird, who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) last year, set himself the goal of hiking to the top of Croagh Patrick in Co Mayo. The climb was to represent all those with serious illness whose every day struggles can be like climbing a mountain.



Photo: Twitter @charliebird49

Several hundred walkers joined him in Mayo on the day including some well-known people such as Ryan Tubridy and singer Daniel O'Donnell. Thousands of others took part in the very many other “Climb with Charlie” events which took place across Ireland and in parts of the world such as America, Australia and Africa.

Motor Neuron Disease is an illness that affects a person's brain and nerves and causes the muscles of the body to become weaker over time. Unfortunately, there is no cure for this illness but there are treatments and medications that can help a person to live with it. A person with the disease can also lose the ability to speak which is what has happened to Charlie. However, with the help of technology that recorded him speaking before he lost his speech, he can type words into a device that will then play his message using Charlie's own voice.



The RTE concert orchestra along with some of Charlie's former workmates in RTÉ also came together to record a song , **“Shine a Light”**, all the money raised from sales of the song will be added to the fund. The money raised will go the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta, Ireland's national suicide prevention charity.

Pieta is an organisation that provides free counselling and support to those who are in danger of suicide or self-harm. They have 20 centres around Ireland and employ over 200 trained staff. They also run a 24-hour freephone helpline. Since the service first opened its doors in Dublin in 2006, Pieta has helped more than 60,000 people. They also support families who have been affected by suicide.



On 7 May Pieta will hold their annual “Darkness into Light” sponsored walks all across Ireland. At sunrise on that morning thousands of people in many parts of the world will walk and pledge money so that the organisation can continue to support people who are struggling to cope. The walk is called “Darkness into Light” because Pieta offer light and hope to those who feel they are in a dark and lonely place.

The Pieta 24-hour Free crisis helpline is available every day so please call **1800 247 247** or Text **HELP** to **51444** if you or someone you know is in need of support.

# GAA Hurling and Football Championship 2022



The GAA hurling championship for 2022 kicked off over the Easter weekend, with the football starting a week later. The earlier start dates means that the All Ireland Finals will now be held on 17 and 24 July instead of the traditional first and third weeks in September.



Limerick won the 2021 GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship.

The GAA decided to bring the finals forward because of the demands being put on players who play for both club and county. From this year all the county games will be finished in July and players will be then be able to concentrate on playing club matches.

## Synonyms



A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Find a word that means the same as these. The first one is done for you.

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|----|-----------|-------|-----|-----------|-------|
| 1. | Angry     | cross | 9.  | Money     | _____ |
| 2. | Starving  | _____ | 10. | A rest    | _____ |
| 3. | Expensive | _____ | 11. | Neat      | _____ |
| 4. | Chilly    | _____ | 12. | A pants   | _____ |
| 5. | Begin     | _____ | 13. | Delighted | _____ |
| 6. | sleepy    | _____ | 14. | A tumble  | _____ |
| 7. | ill       | _____ | 15. | A journey | _____ |
| 8. | Wealthy   | _____ |     |           |       |

# Words with ou



Words that have **ou** that sounds like **ow** as in cow

loud	our	found	ouch	out	house	mouth
proud	hour	hound	couch	about	mouse	south
	sour	pound	pouch	shout	blouse	
		round		stout		
		ground		grout		

Choose a word from the list above to place in these sentences.

1. That music is too \_\_\_\_\_, my ears hurt.
2. An orange is sweet but a lemon is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I saw a little \_\_\_\_\_ running around the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I lost my glasses but I \_\_\_\_\_ them later.
5. I like the \_\_\_\_\_ of the birds singing.
6. My sister bought a new white \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I'm going to town I will be home in an \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ of myself when I passed the driving test.
9. Donegal is in the north of the country, Cork is in the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I was at the dentists for a filling and now my \_\_\_\_\_ is very sore.
11. Please do not \_\_\_\_\_ out the answer.
12. Be careful where you walk the \_\_\_\_\_ is very icy after the frost.
13. A ring is \_\_\_\_\_.
14. It is great to see you out and \_\_\_\_\_.



1. **Mary is travelling from Galway to Dublin. It is a journey of 200km.**

- a. When Mary has  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her journey completed, how far will she have travelled? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. She is travelling at a speed of 80km per hour. How long should it take her to travel the journey? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. If she leaves home at 9.45 am what time should she arrive in Dublin? \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Use your calculator to work out these sums.**

- a.  $17,467 - 16,300 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  $75.25 \times 2.5 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- c.  $3.14 \times 49 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- d.  $63.90 + 23.22 + 50 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- e.  $2,500 \div 250 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- f.  $6.75 \times 3.2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- g.  $256.75 \times 1.25 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers

- 1. a 40km, b 2.5hours, c 12.15
- 2. a 1,167, b 188.125, c 153.86, d 137.12
- 3. Shop A €8, Shop B €10, Shop C €8.80
- 4. Ann is 50, Jane is 25, Pat is 12, Paul is 24

3. **Tom wants to buy Easter eggs for his family.**

**In Shop A** the eggs are €2 each but there is a 3 for 2 offer. This means that he can get 3 eggs for the price of 2.

**In Shop B** he can buy 3 eggs for €5

**In Shop C**, the eggs are € 2.20 each but there is an offer, if he buys 2 eggs he will get the 3rd egg free.

If Tom buys 6 eggs, how much will he pay in each shop?

Shop A \_\_\_\_\_

Shop B \_\_\_\_\_

Shop C \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Ann is twice as old as Jane.**

**Pat is half Paul's age.**

**Paul is 1 year younger than Jane.**

Pat is having his birthday this week. There will be 12 candles on the cake.

How old are each of them?

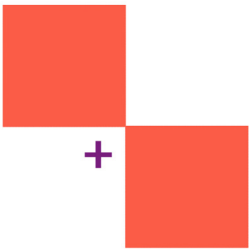
Ann \_\_\_\_\_

Jane \_\_\_\_\_

Pat \_\_\_\_\_

Paul \_\_\_\_\_

# Notes



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