



That's Interesting!



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

Katie Taylor does it again



Courtesy the Sportsman.com

In a sold-out Madison Square Garden in New York, in the biggest boxing match in the history of women's boxing, Katie Taylor beat Amanda Serrano from Puerto Rico. It was a tough and hard fight with the top two women boxers in the world giving it everything over the 10, two-minute rounds.

In the earlier rounds Katie was very much in control but in rounds 4 and 5, Serrano came back and at one stage Katie was lucky to stay on her feet as Serrano landed a powerful blow to her face. The last few rounds saw each of them battle to the end. However, it was Katie who was declared the winner holding on to her five World Light Weight title belts. It was a split decision by the judges, two of the three judges gave the highest score to Katie with the third judge scoring in Serrano's favour.

The thousands of Irish fans present nearly took the roof down when she was declared the winner. Katie herself said it was the greatest moment of her career. Shortly after the fight both women agreed to a rematch before the year is out. Katie and her management team are now in talks to try to bring the rematch to Croke Park in Dublin.

Following on from Katie's success, Irish women's boxing had more reasons to celebrate when Dundalk's Amy Broadhurst and Roscommon's Lisa O'Rourke each won gold for Ireland in the Women's World Boxing Championships held earlier this month in Turkey.

Roy Keane and Mick McCarthy, the Saipan Affair



In 2002 Ireland qualified for the World Cup which was held that year in South Korea and Japan. Fans looked forward eagerly to the matches ahead and dared to dream that Ireland might go far in the competition.

Prior to their first-round matches, the Irish team flew out to an island on the Pacific Ocean called Saipan. Here, they were to train before playing their first match. However, the team kits arrived late and the training pitch was dry and hard and believed by many to be unsuitable and dangerous. The Irish captain was Roy Keane. The Cork player was at the peak of his career playing at the time with Manchester United. He was not happy with the set up and voiced his opinion to the manager Mick McCarthy, himself a former player. Both men disagreed and had a falling out which saw Keane leave the squad and fly back to his home in Manchester. The rest of the Irish squad decided to back their manager.



Attempts were made by people from the media, sport and even the government to try to bring the two men together and resolve the row. However, it was not to be and the Irish team went on to take part without Keane.

Mick McCarthy/ Roy Keane
Courtesy Extra.ie

Since then, it has become known as the Saipan Affair. People still talk about it and are still divided in their opinion. Many believed that Ireland could have done really well and may have reached the quarter finals if Keane had been playing. At the time Roy Keane was regarded as one of the best in the world. They thought that Mick McCarthy was wrong to let him leave. Others believed that Keane was wrong to leave and as captain he should have stayed with the team and played for Ireland in the World Cup. Twenty years on and soccer fans still argue about it to this day.

Words that have silent letters



When you see a word that begins with **kn** the **k** is always silent

Know	knee	knot	knit	knob	knapsack
Knew	kneel	knock	knife	knuckle	knowledge

When you see a word that begins with **wr** the **w** is always silent

Write	wrong	wrist	wrench	wreck
Wrote	wrap	wrinkle	wreath	wren

Pick a word from the lists above that has the same meaning as the words/phrases below

- Door handle _____
- Use needles and thread _____
- Used for cutting _____
- Use pen and paper _____
- Not right _____
- Small bird _____
- Cover it up _____
- Line on your skin _____
- Tap on the door _____
- Information _____
- Damage _____
- Where you wear a watch _____
- Bag worn on your back _____
- A joint in your leg _____

Choose the correct prefix

un **dis** or **mis**

for each of the words below to give its opposite meaning

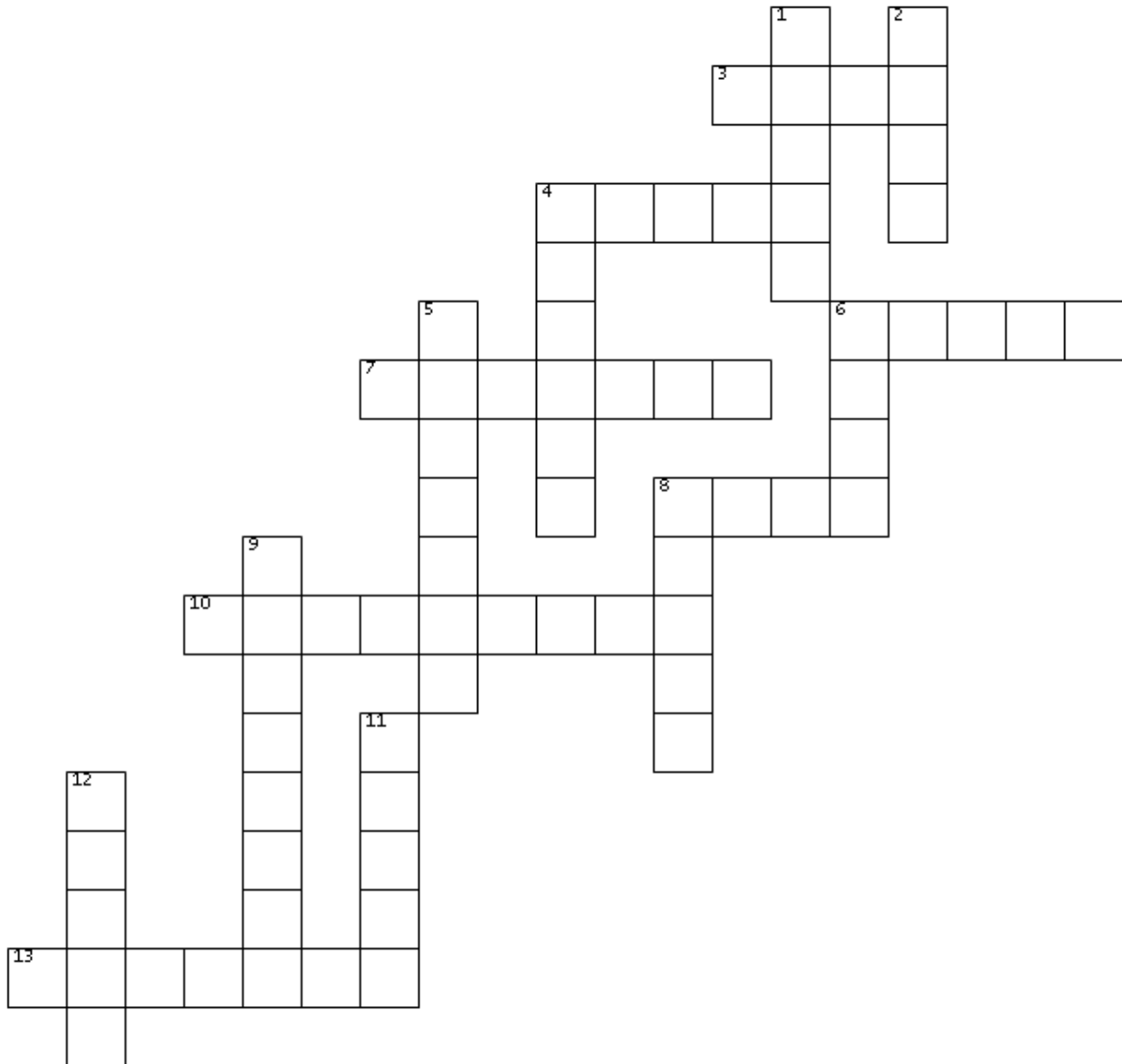
(The first one is done for you)

- happy **unhappy** _____
- honest _____
- agree _____
- understood _____
- allow _____
- obey _____
- believable _____
- spell _____
- real _____
- fit _____
- kind _____
- lead _____
- behave _____
- appear _____

Crossword



The answers to the clues are all words that begin with **kn** or **wr**



Across

- 3. A small bird (4)
- 4. Between your hand and arm (5)
- 6. A holy place in Co. Mayo (5)
- 7. A crease on your skin (7)
- 8. You put one on a tie. (4)
- 10. A wise person has a lot of this (9)
- 13. Part of your fist (7)

Down

- 1. Using pen and paper (5)
- 2. Door handle. (4)
- 4. Used to loosen bolts (6)
- 5. To fight (7)
- 6. Use needles and thread (4)
- 8. _____down and pray (5)
- 9. A bag worn on your back (8)
- 11. Used for cutting (5)
- 12. Not right (5)



There are two main ways to show time

“24 Hour Clock” or “am/pm”:

- **am/pm** (or “12-hour clock”): the day is split into:
the 12 morning hours running from midnight to 12 midday are am
the 12 evening hours running from midday to midnight are the pm hours.
examples: 2am is 2 o'clock in the morning.
5pm is 5 o'clock in the evening.
- **24 Hour Clock:**
The 24-hour clock runs from 1.00 to 24.00
The **12 morning hours** are 1.00 to 12.00
(the morning or am times do not change **but** we do not use am we just add .00 to the time.9 am is 09.00 and 11am is 11.00 in the 24-hour clock
The **12 evening hours** are 13.00 to 24.00
(just add 12 to all the times after 12 midday)
- example: in the 24-hour clock 2pm is 14.00
5.15 pm is 17.15
to change 24-hour clock back to am/pm just take away 12
example: 14.00 is 2pm and 18.00 is 6pm

Change the following am/pm times to 24-hour clock

1. 11pm _____ 2. 6.15am _____ 3. 4.45am _____
4. 2am _____ 5. 3.20pm _____ 6. 5.45 pm _____

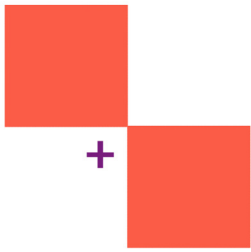
Change the following 24-hour times to am and pm

7. 13.00 _____ 8. 18.15 _____ 9. 02.15 _____
10. 07.00 _____ 11. 15.05 _____ 12. 23.20 _____

Answers

1. 23.00 2. 06.15 3. 04.45 4. 02.00 5. 15.20 6. 17.45
7. 11pm 8. 6.15pm 9. 2.15am 10. 7am 11. 3.05pm 12. 11.20pm

Notes



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