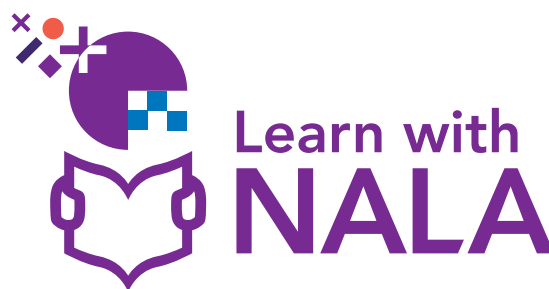


That's Interesting!



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

Festival time



In Ireland, we really love a good festival and during the summer months we are indeed spoilt for choice. From music events to horse shows, a festival can be found in every part of the country.

Galway Races

Horse racing is one of the most popular sports in Ireland and one of the oldest of these events is the Galway Races. The first Galway Races can be traced as far back as 1869. Held every year in the last week of July, it is now the biggest and most popular race meeting in Ireland with more than 250,000 race goers attending every year.



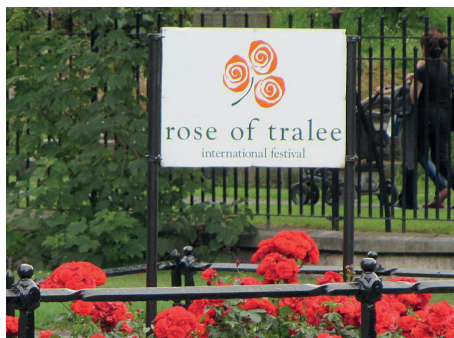
Galway Races

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All the top horses, with their jockeys and trainers, take part in the many races over the week. The biggest race is the Galway Plate which is always held on Wednesday. Race goers get all dressed up and on Thursday which is known as "Ladies Day", the women add beautiful hats to their outfits in the hope of winning the prize for the best dressed lady. However, it is about more than just racing. As thousands of visitors flock to Galway, the whole city gets involved in "race week" as it is called. Pubs, restaurants and hotels are jammed packed as good food, pints of Guinness, music, song and dance add to the occasion.

Rose of Tralee

Named after the Irish song, the “Rose of Tralee” is a festival that has been running since 1959. It is a five-day festival of music and street entertainment when thousands of visitors from home and abroad visit Tralee. This year it will be held from 19 to 23 August.



Rose of Tralee

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The main event of the festival is the competition for who will be chosen as the Rose for the year. The contestants are women from all parts of the world who have been chosen to represent their country. This year there is a change to the rules, married women and transgender women are allowed to enter the competition. Over two nights each of the competitors will be interviewed on stage by RTÉ’s Dáithí Ó Sé, and the event will be broadcast live on RTÉ.

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

Fleadh Cheoil, which is the Irish name for festival of music, is a celebration of Irish music and culture that is held annually in the month of August. A different town is chosen to host the event every two years. It is a week-long festival of the best of Irish music, song and dance.



Musicians and singers from all over the world come to compete in competitions. These competitors will already have won awards in their own country, county and province which has earned them the chance to take part in the all-Ireland finals.

Music sessions can be heard in every pub, hall and street corner. Concerts and dances are held each night. This year it will be held in Mullingar from 31 July to 7 August. It is expected that more than 500,000 people will attend the event over the week.

Opposites



right / left	quiet / loud	high / low	beginning / end
long / short	wrong / right	serious / funny	above / below
inside / outside	deep / shallow	heavy / light	easy / difficult
safe / dangerous	top / bottom	lost / found	often / seldom
thick / thin	start / finish	expensive / cheap	sharp / blunt

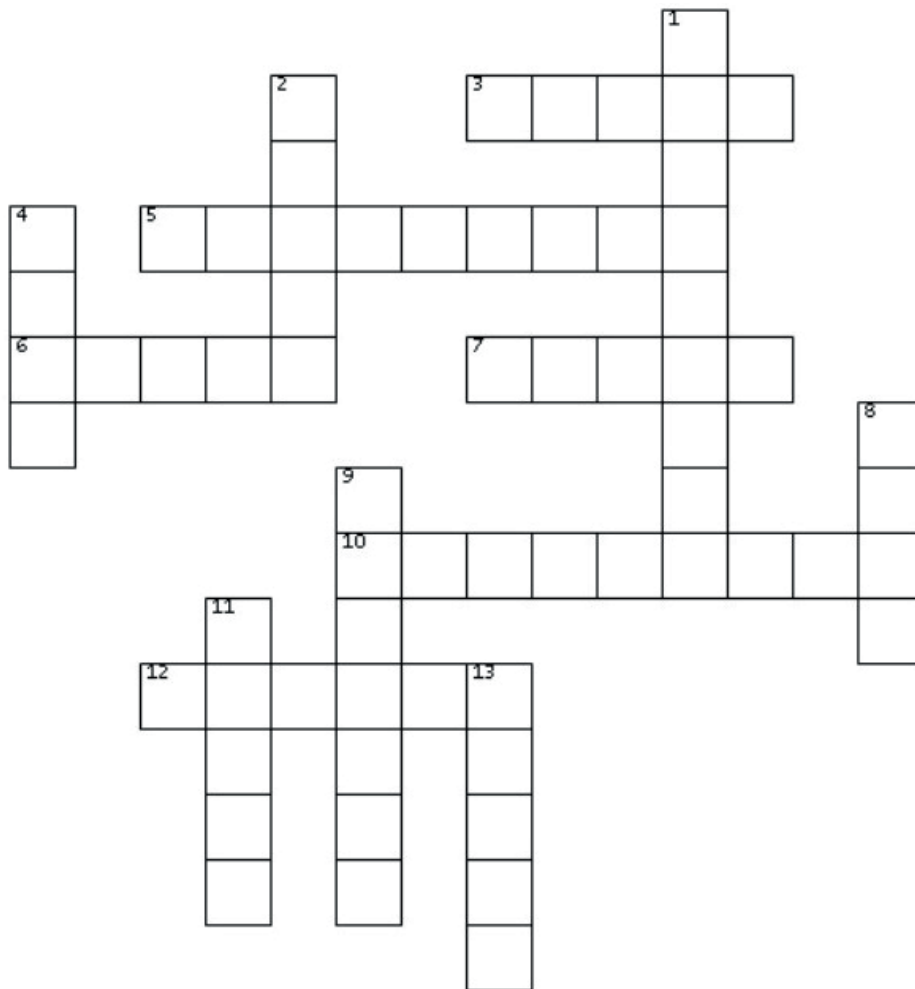
Fill in the blanks with words from the lists above:

1. In Ireland we drive on the _____ side of the road, in France they drive on the _____.
2. A joke is _____, a sad story is _____.
3. When you whisper you are being _____ but when you shout you are _____.
4. You always start at the _____ but finish at the _____.
5. The sky is _____ you but the ground is _____ you.
6. In summer the temperature is _____, in winter it is _____.
7. A stream is _____ but an ocean is _____.
8. Gold is very _____ but plastic is _____.
9. A feather is _____ but a rock is _____.
10. I _____ travel in a car, but I _____ travel on an aeroplane.
11. I _____ my phone but I _____ it later under the table.
12. I gave the _____ answer, you gave the _____ one.

Crossword



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



Across

3. The opposite to expensive (5)
5. Always start at the _____ and finish at the end. (9)
6. _____ and sweet (5)
7. A blade is very _____ (5)
10. Something that costs a lot of money is this. (9)
12. When you start something you should always _____ it (6)

Down

1. Not safe (9)
2. The opposite to heavy (5)
4. Not difficult (4)
8. The ocean is very _____ (4)
9. Not funny (7)
11. Should I go left or _____?
13. That bucket of water is too _____ to lift. (5)

Summer word search



See if you can find all these words in the word search below.

They are all words we think about in summer

T-shirt

beach

sunshine

barbecue

burgers

lotion

sunhat

sand

ice cream

seaside

sunglasses

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



- There are 60 seconds in 1 minute
- There are 60 minutes in 1 hour.
- There are 24 hours in 1 day.
- There are 52 weeks in 1 year
- There are 12 months in 1 year.

Answer the following questions

- Tom is paying back a loan to the credit union. He pays €150 per month.
After 3 years of payments, how much will Tom have paid back? _____
- Susan and Paul are going for a cycle. They leave home at 9.45am.
It takes them 45 minutes to get to the beach. They go for a walk for 20 minutes,
spend 30 minutes having lunch and then take a short nap for 15 minutes, before
cycling the 45-minute journey home.
What time will they arrive home? _____
- How many minutes are there in:
 - 2 hours = _____
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour = _____
 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours = _____
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour = _____
- How many hours are in:
 - 120 minutes = _____
 - 150 minutes = _____
 - 30 minutes = _____
 - 75 minutes = _____
- Jean saves €50 every week.
At the end of 5 years, how much will she have saved? _____

Answers

- Q1 €5400 Q2 12.20am
Q3 a) 120min b) 45m c) 90m d) 15m
Q4. a) 2 hours, b) $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, c) $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, d) $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours
Q5. €13,000

Notes



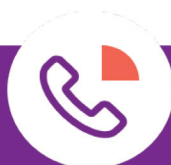
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