

That's Interesting!



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

Little hero



Just before Christmas, 5 year old Ben Holland from Killaloe in County Clare was presented with a National Ambulance Service bravery award by members of the ambulance service. He was awarded this for his quick action in calling the emergency services when his mum became unwell last September.

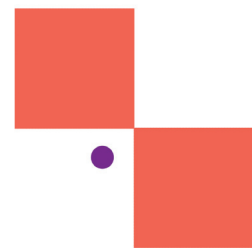
Jennie his mum, was diagnosed last year with a condition which causes her to feel dizzy and faint and lose consciousness which is what happened on that day. When he was unable to wake her Ben jumped into action and, using his mum's phone, dialled 999. He told the emergency operator that his mum felt dizzy sometimes but this was different because he couldn't wake her.



Ben pictured with Keith Mullane, assistant chief ambulance officer Mid-West and Dan New, advanced paramedic.

The five year old gave his full address to the emergency operator and as the house had no number, he told them the colour of the front door instead.

Ben's parents had shown him how to open a locked phone in the case of an emergency, while his grandmother had been telling him his address "over and over" in case he ever needed it. Although they were not really sure if he had actually been listening, but that day in September proved them wrong.



The operator on the phone asked Ben if he would open the door for gardaí who were closest to the house, to which Ben said: “She doesn’t need guards, she needs doctors.” When asked if he would go to his neighbours to seek help until paramedics arrived, Ben told the dispatcher he was not allowed to be out in the dark on his own as he is “only a small child”.

When the ambulance dispatcher asked Ben if he knew his dad’s phone number he said he didn’t but he told them where he worked and said if they “asked for Joe” they would find him.

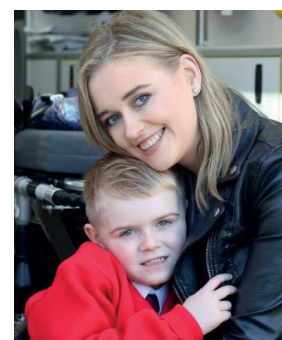
“The ambulance service said it was the kind of call you would get from an adult with the details he gave them,” Ben’s mum, Jennie said proudly.

“He let the guards in when they arrived and he was a little worked up at that stage but he calmly told them what happened and said the doctors were on their way.” The ambulance arrived shortly after.

Jennie said Ben was a bit shaken after the incident and was worried about going to school the following Monday in case he needed to “ring an ambulance for mammy again.” She said she only realised the extent of what her son had done when she saw him on stage next to the paramedics.

“I was very emotional. It was only when I saw him up there standing next to these adults that I realised how tiny he actually is!

The paramedic who was first on the scene that day, Dan New, praised Ben for his actions and his quick thinking in calling the emergency services and said he was a worthy winner of the bravery award.



**Ben and his mum
Jennie**

Soft C



The letter C has 2 sounds

It gives us the sound **k** as in **cake call car**

However **ce ci cy** sound like **S** as in **city cycle lace**

We call this the soft C

ceiling	cemetery	century	cinema	circus
cereal	cent	certain	circle	cycle
cement	centre	certificate	city	cyst

Choose the correct word from the list above

1. I went to see a movie in the _____.
2. Dublin is Ireland's biggest _____.
3. I like to eat _____ for breakfast.
4. When I passed the exam I was given a _____.
5. Many people _____ to work instead of driving.
6. I took the bus to the city _____.
7. There are 100 _____ in a Euro.
8. I visited a grave in the local _____.
9. The clown made me laugh when I went to the _____.
10. A round shape is a _____.
11. I need to paint the _____ in my room.

Words ending in ce or cy

lace	place	ice	price	slice
face	brace	rice	mice	dance
race	space	dice	twice	fancy

The answers to these are all words ending inace

1. I tie my shoe with a shoe _____.
2. My room is small and has very little _____.
3. During Covid we had to wear a _____ mask in public.
4. When I was young, I had a _____ on my teeth.
5. I am looking for a nice _____ to live.
6. I will run in the 10k _____.

Answers are words ending in ...ice

1. What _____ did you pay for that?.
2. We have to throw the _____ when we play Snakes and Ladders.
3. I eat _____ with a curry.
4. There are a lot of _____ running around the old house.
5. If you do it 2 times you do it _____.
6. Would you like another _____ of cake?
7. I like _____ cubes in my drink.
8. I like to put lots of sp_____ in a curry.



How to work out a percentage on the calculator

Example: I want to buy a TV. It costs €600.

In the sale there is 25% off everything

How much will be off the TV?

Steps: **On the calculator**

Press $600 \div 100 \times 25 = 150$

I will save €150 on the TV.

The new price will be $600 - 150 = €450$

There is a sale on in the electrical Shop.

There is 25% off everything for 1 week only

Find the **Sale price** of the following.



€56

Sale price



€0



€420



€120

Sale price



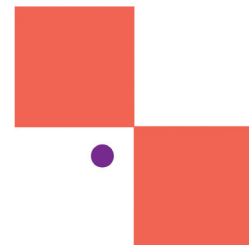
€520



€180

Answers a €42 b €45 c €315 d €90 e €390 f €135

Notes



Competition

Congratulations to the winner of our anniversary competition.

Rose from Limerick was the winner of our €50 One for All voucher

Well done Rose!

A big thank you to everyone who entered.

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