

That's Interesting!



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

Geography facts about Ireland



Ireland is made up of 4 provinces. These provinces date back to the 6th century when each province was ruled by a king. Each province has its own flag. Each province is made up of counties.



Ulster has 9 counties

Armagh, Antrim, Derry, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal. Six of these counties remained under British rule when a border was drawn in 1922.



Connacht has 5 counties

Galway, Mayo, Sligo, Roscommon and Leitrim.



Leinster has 12 counties

Dublin, Louth, Meath, Westmeath, Longford, Offaly, Laois, Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wicklow and Wexford.



Munster has 6 counties

Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork, Tipperary and Waterford.

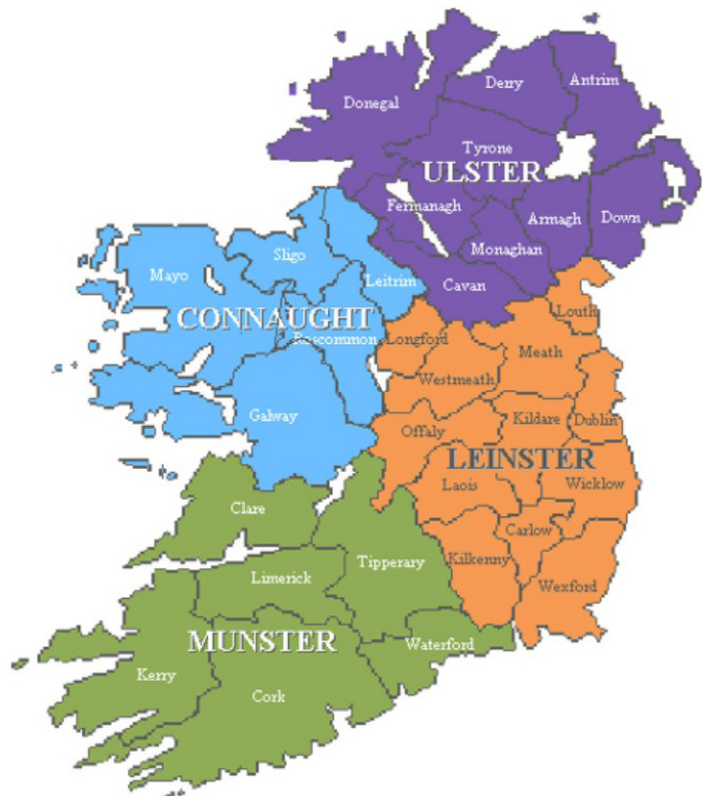
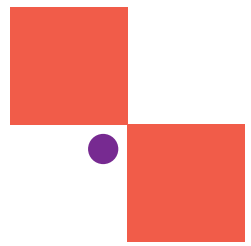


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There are 32 counties in Ireland. Cork is the largest county and Louth is the smallest. Leitrim is the county with the smallest population.

Some of the counties are often referred to by their nicknames. For example, Kerry is known as The Kingdom. Meath is called The Royal County. Clare is called The Banner. Armagh is called The Orchard. Cork is called The Rebel County and Tipperary is called The Premier County.

Towns and cities in Ireland

This map shows the main towns and cities in Ireland. Every county has at least one main town. There are also six cities in Ireland. Dublin, the capital of Ireland, is the largest city, followed by Belfast, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.



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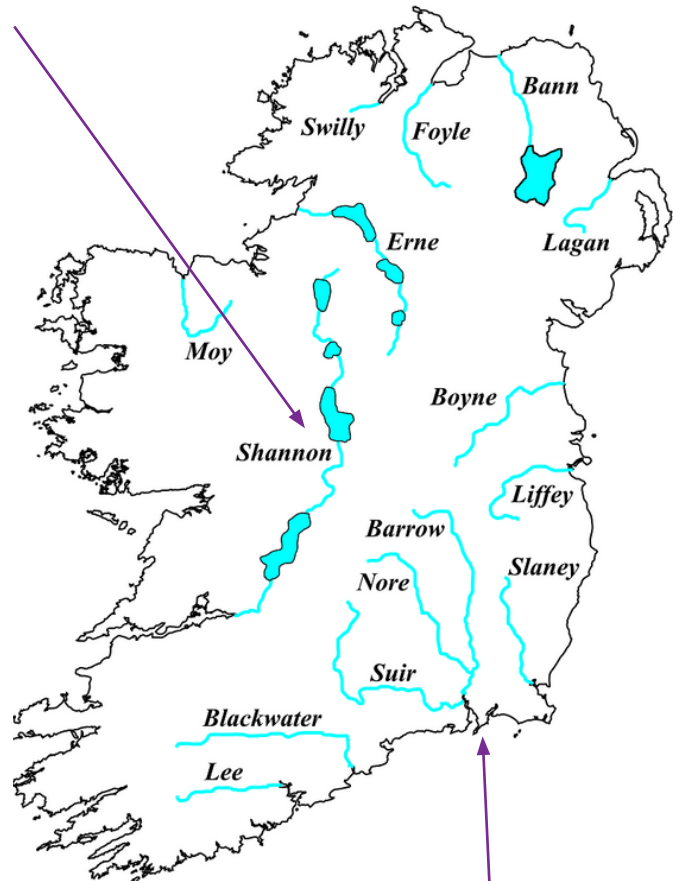
These are the largest rivers in Ireland

This map shows the main rivers in Ireland.

Ireland's longest river, **the River Shannon**, is 260 km long. It rises in a small lake in Cavan and flows down the centre of the country until it flows out to the Atlantic Ocean between Clare and Limerick. There are 3 large lakes on the Shannon: Lough Allen, Lough Rea and Lough Derg.

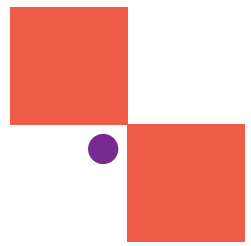
Most of the rivers flow through large towns. Hundreds of years ago, people settled and built their homes close to the rivers as the rivers were used to transport goods from one place to another.

The River Shannon flows through the towns of Carrick on Shannon, Athlone, Killaloe and Limerick City.



The River Liffey flows through Dublin, the River Lagan flows through Belfast, the River Lee flows through Cork, Wexford has the Slaney and The River Nore flows through Kilkenny. The River Suir flows through Carrick on Suir and Waterford City.

The three rivers of the Barrow, Nore and Suir are known as **The Three Sisters** as they all join together when they flow out to the Atlantic Ocean at Waterford.



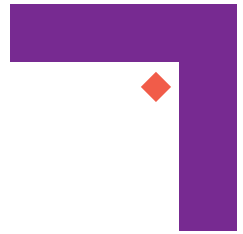
Mountains of Ireland

The largest mountains in Ireland are seen below. The highest mountain peak can be found in the **Macgillycuddy's Reeks** in Kerry. The next highest is also in Kerry at **Mount Brandon**. There are also high peaks to be found in the **Wicklow mountains** and **The Galtee** mountains which are located between the counties of Tipperary, Limerick and Cork.



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Quiz



Read over the facts about Ireland and then answer these questions

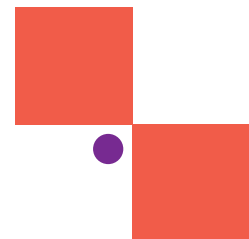
1. How many counties are in Ireland? _____
2. Name the four provinces.

3. What is Ireland's biggest county? _____
4. What is Ireland's smallest county? _____
5. What county has the smallest population? _____
6. In what province would you find Mayo? _____
7. Limerick can be found in what province? _____
8. How many cities are in Ireland? _____
9. Name the capital city of Ireland. _____
10. What is the second largest city in Ireland? _____
11. What county is known as The Kingdom? _____
12. What county is known as The Banner? _____
13. What is Ireland's longest river? _____
14. Where does it rise? _____
15. Name the 3 lakes that are on the River Shannon.

16. What river runs through Kilkenny? _____
17. What river runs through Wexford? _____
18. What 3 rivers are known as The Three Sisters?

19. Where is the highest mountain peak in Ireland? _____
20. Where else in Ireland will you find high peaks?

Word search



Find these Irish counties that are hidden in the wordsearch.

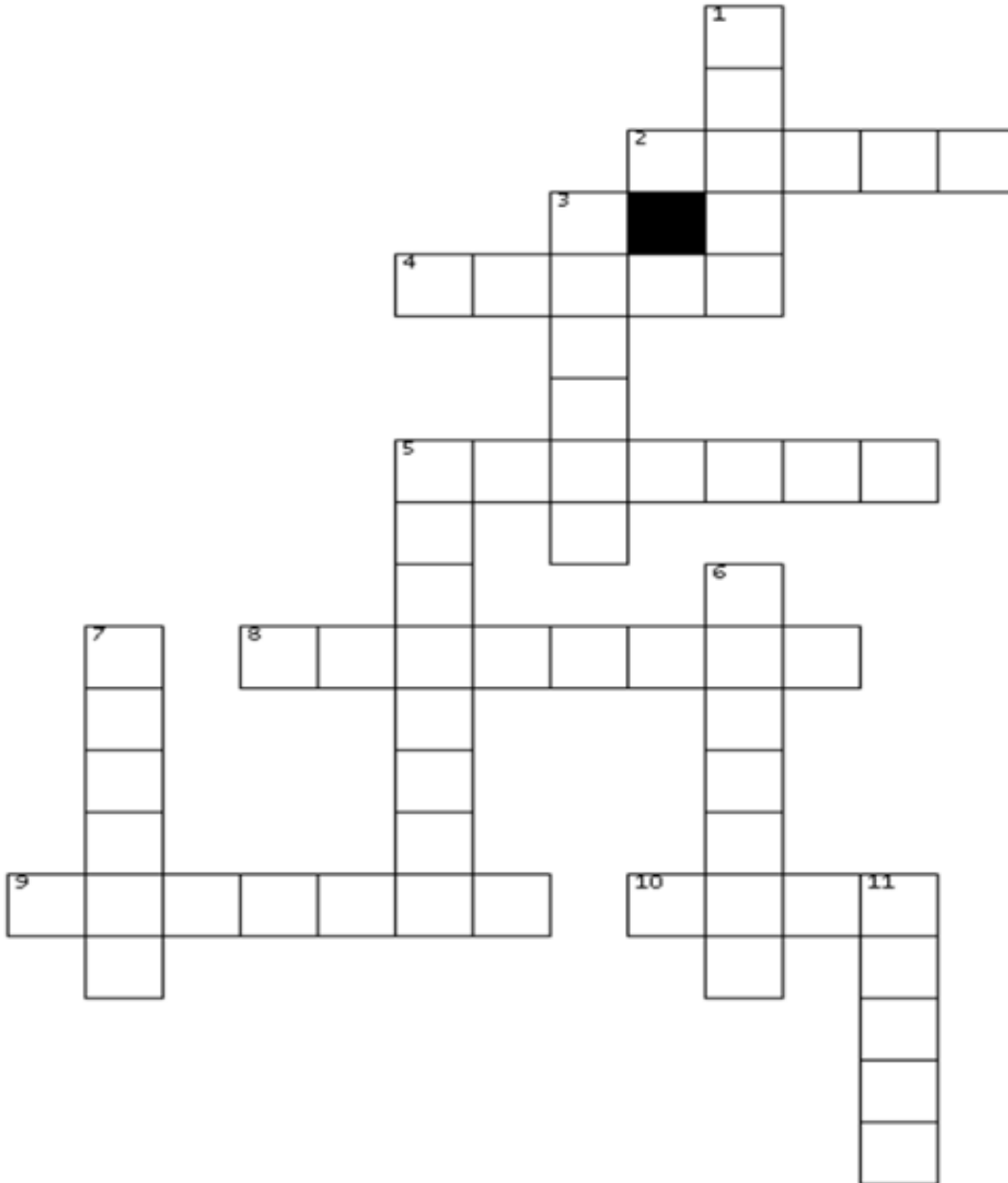
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| Louth | Meath | Westmeath | Longford | Offaly |
| Laois | Kildare | Carlow | Kilkenny, | Wicklow |
| Wexford | Clare | Limerick | Tipperary | Waterford |
| Cork | Kerry | Galway | Mayo | Sligo |
| Leitrim | Roscommon | | | |

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Crossword



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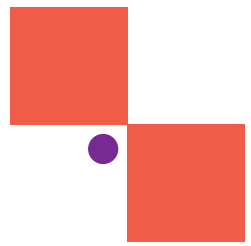
Across

- 2. The River Shannon rises in this county.
- 4. Smallest county in Ireland
- 5. County with the smallest population
- 8. Mayo can be found in this province
- 9. The river Slaney runs through this town
- 10. Largest county in Ireland

Down

- 1. County known as The Royal County
- 3. Capital of Ireland
- 5. The flag for this province has a harp
- 6. Longest river in Ireland
- 7. This river flows through Dublin
- 11. County known as The Kingdom

Notes



Further help is available

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