

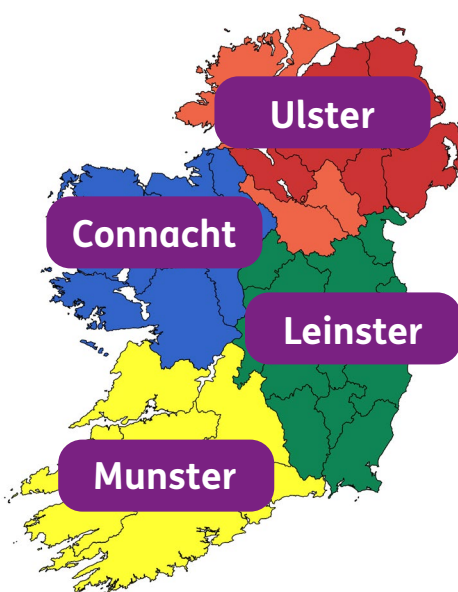
# Step into Learning



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

## Facts about Ireland

Ireland is made up of 4 parts. These parts are called provinces. Provinces were made in the 6th century when each one was ruled by a king. Each province also has its own flag. The 4 provinces are: **Ulster, Connacht, Leinster and Munster**



Each province has its own counties. There are 32 counties in Ireland.



### **Ulster has 9 counties**

Armagh, Antrim, Derry, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal.



### **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.

## Words from the story



### Word list:

Ireland, has, is, made, up, of, when, each, are, in, the, by, there, its, are

## Reading practice



### Living in Ireland

I live in Ireland.

Ireland has 4 parts.

Each part is called a province.

Each province is made up of counties.

Cork is big. Cork is the **biggest** county in Ireland.

Louth is small. Louth is the **smallest** county in Ireland.

## Writing practice



Fill in the blanks using words from the box:

Ireland	four	biggest	smallest	county
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1. I live in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ireland has \_\_\_\_\_ provinces.
3. Cork is the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Louth is the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We love our \_\_\_\_\_.

# Towns and cities in Ireland

This map shows the main towns and cities in Ireland. There are six cities in Ireland. Dublin is the capital of Ireland. It is the biggest city. The next biggest cities are:

- Belfast
- Cork
- Galway
- Limerick
- Waterford

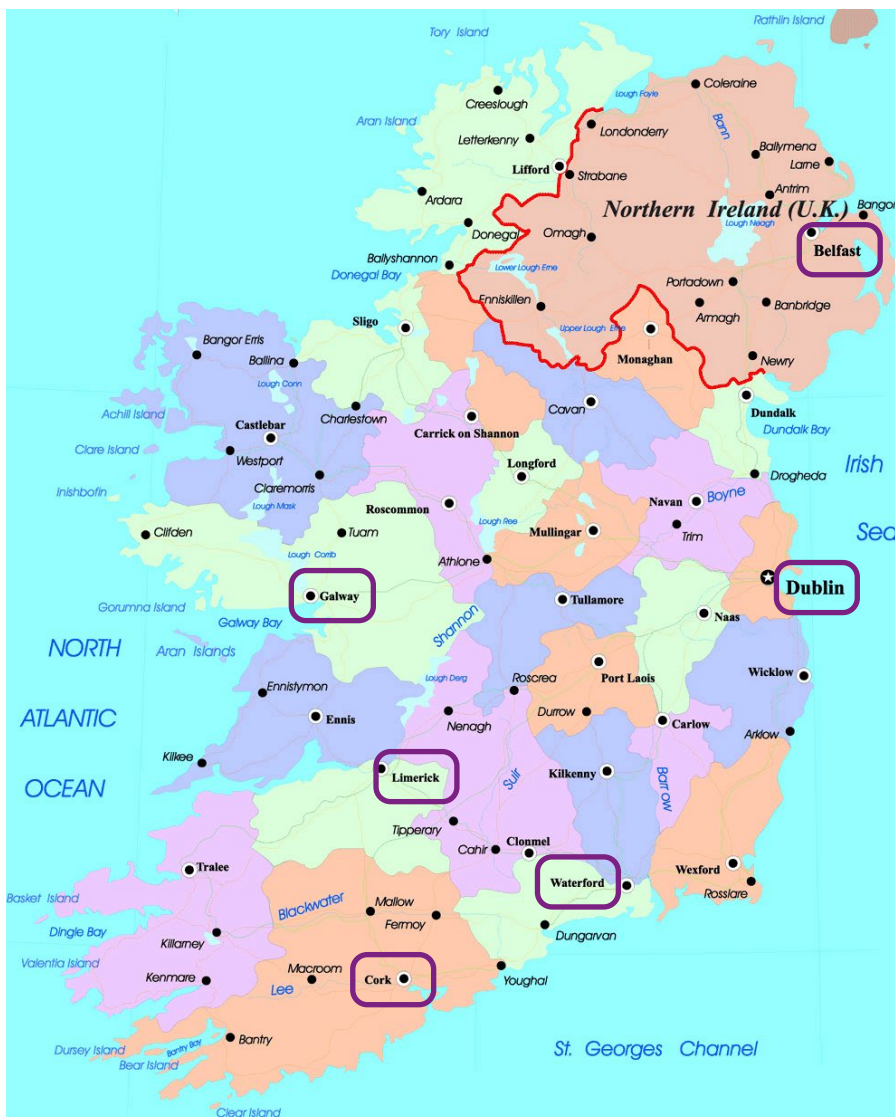


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# Rivers in Ireland

This map shows the main rivers in Ireland. Ireland has many rivers.

- The longest river is the River Shannon which is 260km long
- There are 3 large lakes on the Shannon: Lough Allen, Lough Rea and Lough Derg

Most of the river's flow through large towns. Hundreds of years ago, people built their homes close to rivers. The rivers were used to transport goods from one place to another.

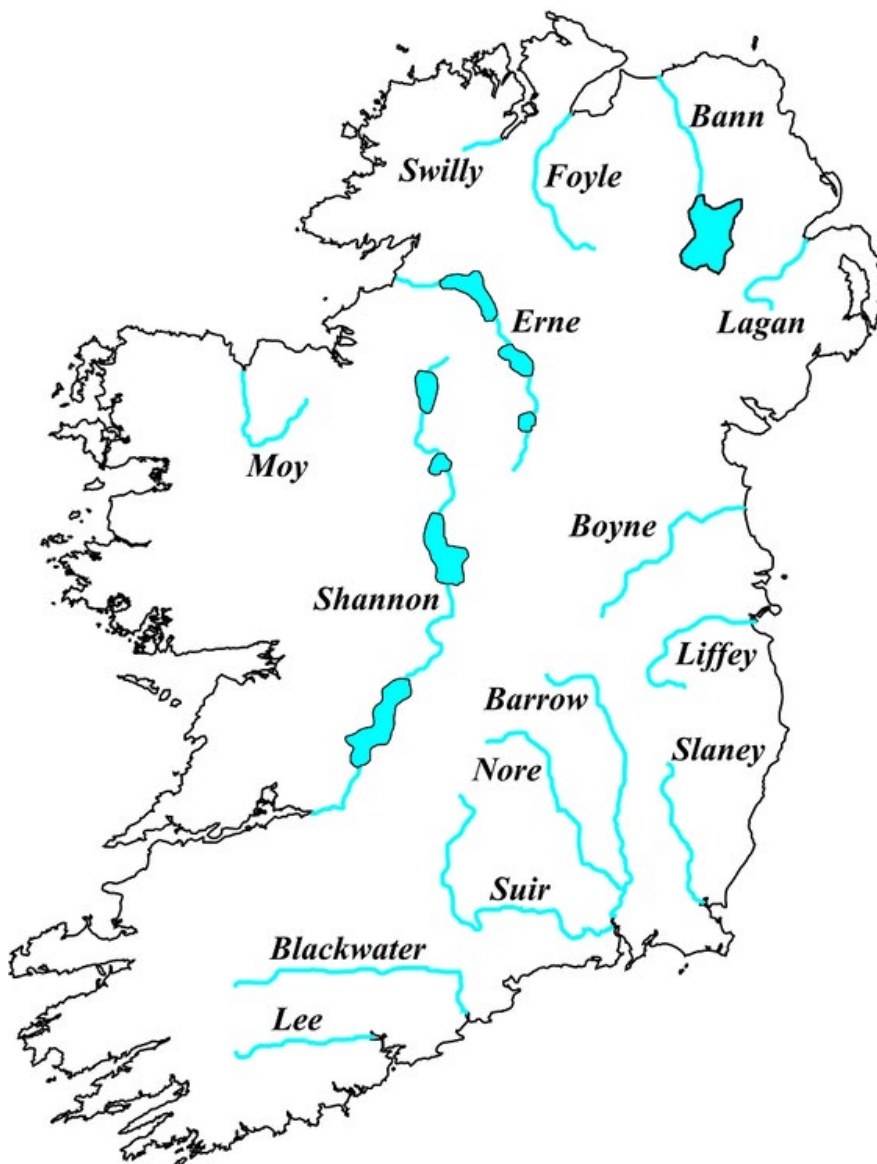


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- The River Shannon flows through the towns of Carrick on Shannon, Athlone, Killaloe and Limerick City
- The River Liffey flows through Dublin
- The River Lagan flows through Belfast
- The River Lee flows through Cork
- The River Slaney flows through Wexford
- The River Nore flows through Kilkenny
- The River Suir flows through Carrick on Suir and Waterford City

## Reading practice

### Rivers and towns

Ireland has towns.

Ireland has rivers.

A river is water.

It moves. It flows.

Big towns are often found near rivers.

People live near rivers.

They used to use the water for transport.

The **River Shannon** is long.

It flows through many towns.

**Athlone, Limerick,** and more.

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## Words from the story



### Word list:

river, town, water, flows, live, near, big, long, use, many

## Writing practice



Fill in the blanks using words from the box:

water

flows

big

live

long

1. A river has \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. A river \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The town is \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ near rivers.
5. The river is \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Mountains of Ireland

Ireland has some mountains. The mountains are high. Some are very high. The highest mountain is in Kerry, in **McGillicuddy's Reeks**. It is called **Carrauntoohil**. There are more mountains in **Wicklow** and **Tipperary**.

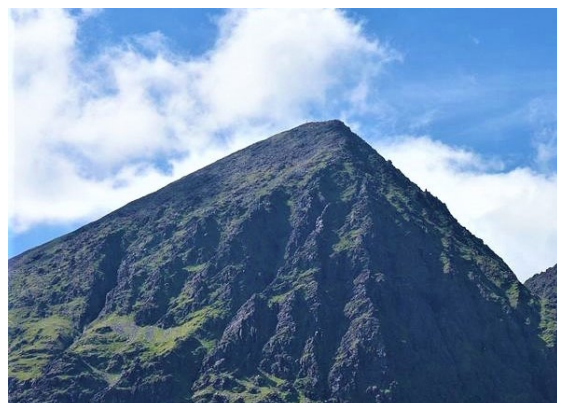


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## Reading practice

### The mountain near where I live

There is a big hill near my house. I also have a very high mountain near where I live. This mountain is very high.

We can walk up the hill every day, it only takes an hour to walk.

People climb up the mountain every weekend. It is very famous. People like to climb it, but it takes all day.



## Writing practice

Fill in the blanks using words from the box:

high

hill

climb

more

walk

1. A mountain is very \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I see a big \_\_\_\_\_.
3. People \_\_\_\_\_ up mountains.
4. There are \_\_\_\_\_ mountains.
5. We can \_\_\_\_\_ the hills.

# Reading practice

## Tom's trip around Ireland

Tom lives in Ireland.

He wants to see more of the country.

Tom gets on a bus.

He goes with his friend, Meg.

They go to Cork.

Cork is big.

Then they go to Louth.

Louth is small.

They see the River Shannon.

"It is long!" says Tom.

The river flows and flows.

They stop to look.

Next, they go to Kerry.

Tom sees a mountain.

"It is high!" says Meg.

They take a photo.

Tom and Meg go home.

"I love Ireland," says Tom.

"It is a great place."

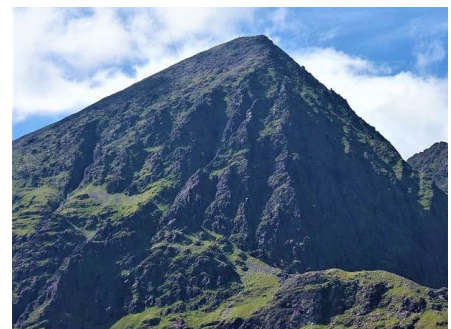


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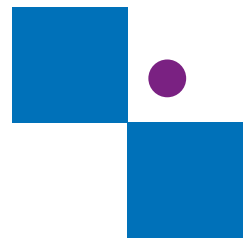
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## Words from the story



### Word list:

go, see, with, big, small, long, high, look, get, take, home, love, says, stop, friend, place

## Read and answer



Read the story on page 9 again and answer the questions below.

Tick ✓ the correct answer.

1. Where does Tom live? (tick the correct answer)

☐

America

☐

England

☐

Ireland

2. Who goes with Tom?

☐

His dog

☐

Meg

☐

His teacher

3. What county is big?

☐

Cork

☐

Louth

☐

Wicklow

4. What is long?

☐

A tree

☐

The river

☐

The mountain

5. What is high?

☐

The river

☐

The road

☐

The mountain

## Writing practice

Fill in the blanks using words from the box:

friend	bus	long	high	home
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1. Tom goes with his \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. They get on a \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The River Shannon is \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. The mountain is \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Tom and Meg go \_\_\_\_\_ .

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### Further help is available

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