

That's Interesting!



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

Live Aid 40th Anniversary



Between 1983 and 1985, the African country of Ethiopia suffered a drought which resulted in one of the worst famines ever seen in the world. More than 2.5 million people had little or nothing to eat and over one million died of hunger. The BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) news was the first to show the heart-breaking scenes of little children and babies dying in the arms of their parents.

Irishman, Bob Geldof, singer with the band Boomtown Rats, was so moved by what he saw that he decided to raise funds to help. Geldof, along with the singer, Midge Ure, wrote a song for Christmas in 1984 called "Do they know it's Christmas".

Many well-known singers across Ireland and Britain joined in singing the song. The support for the song was huge and sales of the record made over £8 million for famine relief in Ethiopia. This would amount to over €13 million today.

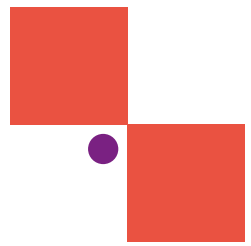
In America, a song written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie called "We are the World", became a hit and raised many more millions for famine aid.



Bob Geldof

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As the famine continued and spread to Sudan, more funds were urgently needed. On 13 July 1985, two concerts were held on the same day, one in Wembley Stadium in London and the other in Philadelphia in America. The concerts, known as Live Aid, were once again organised by Geldof and Midge Ure. Seventy five of the world's most famous and best singers and musicians all agreed to perform without payment.



In London, Elton John, Queen, George Michael, David Bowie and many more took to the stage in front of a sell-out crowd of more than 72,000 people. It was a scorching hot day.

In America, singers such as Madonna, Tina Turner and Bruce Springsteen were just some of the acts that took part. Singer Phil Collins, who had performed in London, took a Concorde flight to America straight after his Wembley appearance and managed to also appear in the American concert.



Live Aid in Philadelphia

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The concerts were broadcast live worldwide to over one billion viewers in 110 countries. The two shows raised more than £114 million for famine relief. This would amount to around €133.8 million today, based on the current exchange rate.

It is 40 years since Live Aid. It is still widely remembered and has gone down in history as the day the world's music greats came together to help those in need.

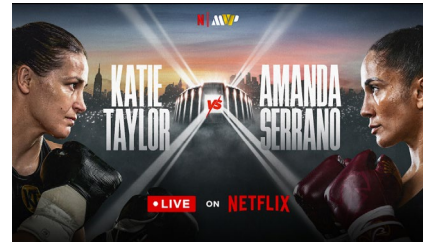
Katie does it again



In front of a sell-out crowd in Madison Square Garden in New York, Irish boxer Katie Taylor, beat boxer Amanda Serrano. Serrano comes from Puerto Rico, an island near America. This was the third time these two top boxers had met with Katie beating her each time. The fight was broadcast live on Netflix.

The fight which lasted for 10 rounds saw both boxers fight well. It was not as fierce as the two previous matches. In the end, victory went to Katie which saw her retain her super lightweight title.

The last time they met, many believed that Serrano should have been declared the winner. However, this time there was no doubt that Katie had the upper hand with two of the three judges giving Katie higher points. The third judge made it a draw.



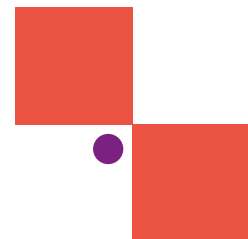
Katie Taylor and Amanda Serrano

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Katie Taylor, who comes from Bray in County Wicklow, is now regarded as the greatest female boxer of all time. She is 39 years of age.

When asked if she will continue boxing, Katie remained tight lipped and said she will make a decision in the coming months if she will fight again or retire. Most Irish people who would love to attend one of her fights, are hoping that her last fight before retiring might take place in Croke Park in Dublin.

Words that have silent letters



Words that have a **silent L**.

walk	folk	would	half	calm
talk	yolk	could	calf	palm
chalk	salmon	should		psalm

Words that have a **silent B**.

numb	comb	lamb	doubt
crumb	bomb	limb	debt
thumb	womb	climb	
plumber	tomb		

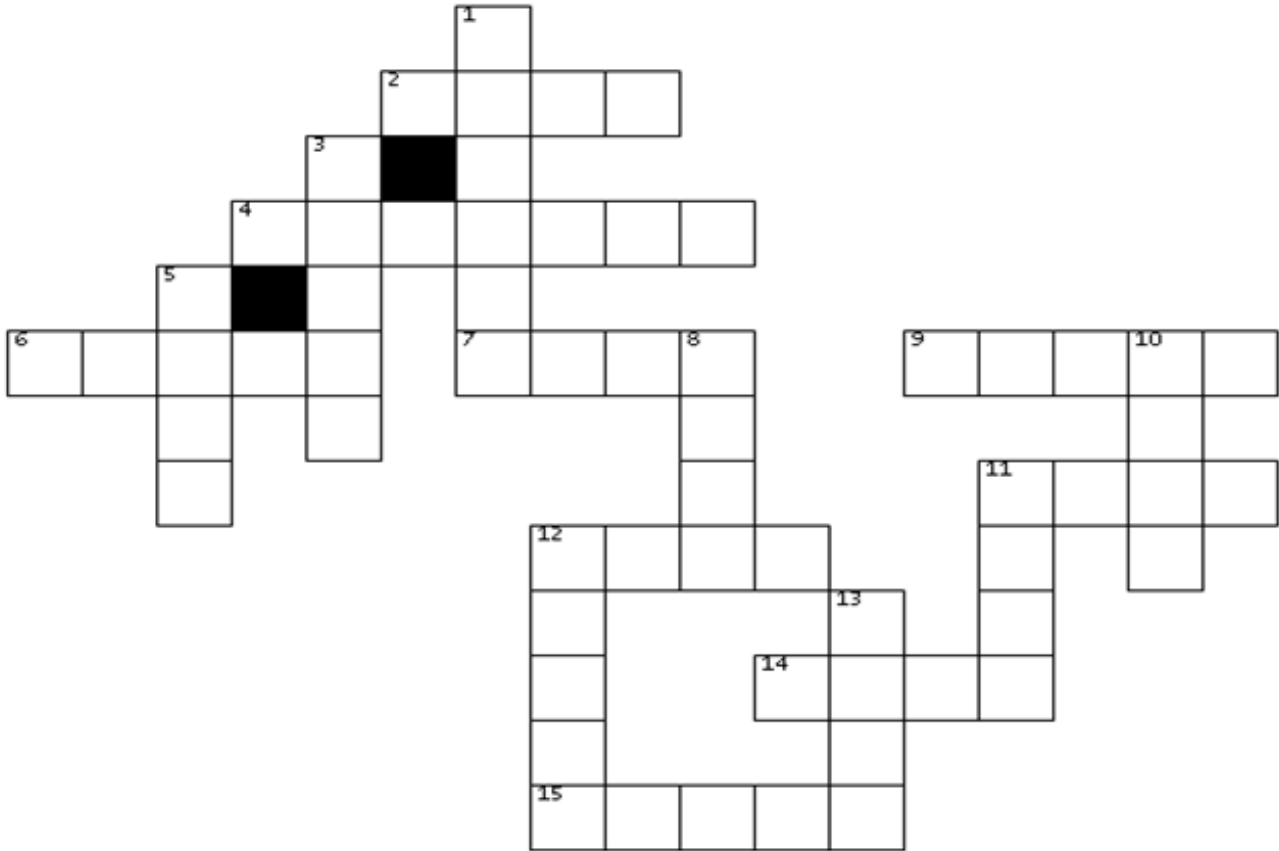
Fill in the blanks with words from the lists above.

1. I called the _____ to fix my broken tap.
2. A child sometimes likes to suck their _____.
3. I go for a 5km _____ every morning with my friend.
4. I _____ really like go for a run but I feel lazy today.
5. Every year many thousands of people _____ Croagh Patrick.
6. A baby grows in the mother's _____.
7. It was so cold my hands went _____.
8. The _____ of the egg is yellow.
9. I need to _____ my hair.
10. A sheep and her _____ are in the field.
11. A cow and her _____ are in the meadow.
12. There is no _____ about it, I know what I saw.

Crossword



The answers are all words taken from the lists of **silent L** and **silent B** words on page 4.



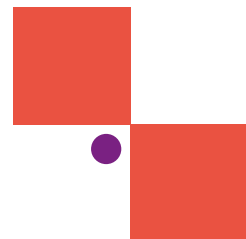
Across

- 2. Middle of your hand. (4)
- 4. This person will fix your broken tap. (7)
- 6. A reading from the bible. (5)
- 7. When you have no feeling. (4)
- 9. A white material used to write on a blackboard. (5)
- 11. A baby grows in this for 9 months. (4)
- 12. When you owe money, you are in _____. (4)
- 14. Can you please _____ to her about it. (4)
- 15. I hit my _____ with the hammer by accident. (5)

Down

- 1. A fish that is a popular choice for dinner. (6)
- 3. To go up a ladder. (5)
- 5. Try to stay _____ in a crisis. (4)
- 8. An explosion. (4)
- 10. Another name for an arm or a leg. (4)
- 11. I like to go for a long _____ every day. (4)
- 12. When you are not sure, you have this. (5)
- 13. A young sheep. (4)

Summer activities



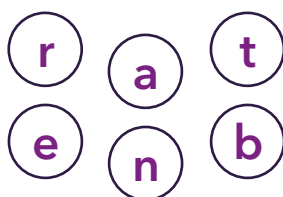
1. Put the letters of each word in the right order to show 3 well-known sayings.

"Many hansd meka ight wrko"

"No enws is godo nwse"

"An aplep a ayd kpees the dcotor aayw."

2. See how many words you can make using the letters below.



3. Match each word with a word of the same meaning.

The first one is done for you.

- | | |
|-------------|--------|
| • rush | choose |
| • break | tumble |
| • help | unsafe |
| • decide | hurry |
| • fall | assist |
| • begin | smash |
| • little | scared |
| • dangerous | quick |
| • fast | watch |
| • look | small |
| • afraid | start |

4. Match each word with a word that means the opposite.

The first one is done for you.

- | | |
|-------------|-------|
| • right | awake |
| • expensive | quiet |
| • sad | slow |
| • asleep | wrong |
| • loud | cheap |
| • fast | happy |
| • true | near |
| • full | dark |
| • open | false |
| • bright | empty |
| • distant | shut |

Summer maths quiz



The answers to all these questions are **numbers**.

1. How many counties are in Ireland? _____
2. How many minutes are in one hour? _____
3. How many months in a year? _____
4. How many eggs in 2 ½ dozen? _____
5. How many years are in a century? _____
6. How much does it cost to post a letter in Ireland? _____
7. How many players make up a hurling team? _____
8. In a match if you score a "hat trick", how many goals have you scored?

9. How many days are in the month of September? _____
10. Mary was born in 1965, Tom was born in 1980, how many years older is Mary than Tom?

11. What is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 60? _____
12. 20% is the same as what fraction? _____
13. How many cm in a metre? _____
14. What is the maximum speed limit on an Irish motor way? _____
15. How many years does the President serve in Ireland? _____
16. How many grams in a kilogram (kg)? _____

Answers

1. 32, 2. 60, 3. 12, 4. 30, 5. 100, 6. €1.65, 7. 15, 8. 3, 9. 30, 10. 15, 11. 15, 12. 1/5, 13. 100, 14. 120km, 15. 7, 16. 1000

Notes



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