

Step into Learning



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

Electricity in Ireland

In 1927, the **government** set up a company to manage **electricity in Ireland**. This company is called the ESB, which means Electricity Supply Board. In 1946, 80 years ago the first electricity pole was put up in Dublin. However, it took another 30 years for all parts of Ireland to have electricity in their homes. It made a big change to the way people live.

We use electricity every day in our homes and **businesses**. Electricity helps us in many ways. In our homes, it gives us light by just turning on a switch so we can see when it is dark. Before this people had to use candles and oil lamps. Electricity makes our homes warm. We use electricity to cook food on **electric cookers**. We can keep food cold in the **fridge**. We wash our clothes in the **washing machine**. We also use electricity to charge our phones and watch TV (television).

A business uses electricity. It runs **computers, machines** and lights. Shops use electricity for cash registers and lights and fridges. Offices use it for computers, printers and the internet. A **factory** uses electricity to run big machines. Electricity helps people do their work faster.

Electricity is very **important**. It makes our everyday life comfortable and helps businesses work well.

Words from the story



electricity cookers washing machine fridge computers
internet

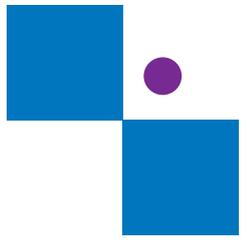
Writing practise



Use the words in the box above to answer these questions.

1. In 1927, the government set up a company to manage _____ .
2. We cook our food on electric _____ .
3. We wash our clothes in a _____ _____ .
4. We keep food cold in a _____ .
5. An office uses electricity for _____ and the _____ .

Matching words and pictures



Write the name of each item in the box under its picture. (The first one is done for you.)

washing machine ✓ fridge cooker TV laptop phone kettle

			
washing machine			

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Reading practice



Electricity

Electricity gives us light to see when it is dark.

Before this people used candles and oil lamps.

We can cook food on an electric cooker.

Before this people had to cook on a stove or an open fire.

We wash clothes in a washing machine.

Before this people washed clothes by hand.

We can keep food cold in a fridge.

We use electricity to charge our phones and laptops.

Electricity lets us use the Internet and watch TV.

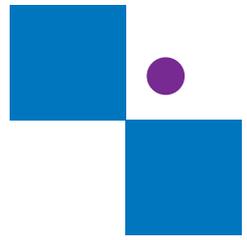
Read and answer



Read the story above and answer these questions.

1. Electricity gives us _____ to see in the dark.
2. Before this, people used _____ and _____.
3. Before electricity people cooked food on a _____ or an _____.
4. Today we can wash clothes in a _____.
5. Before this people washed clothes by _____.
6. We can keep food cold in a _____.
7. We use electricity to charge our _____ and _____.
8. Electricity lets us watch _____.

Spelling practise: Words ending in 'in'



bin gin sin tin win spin shin

Use a word from the list to complete these sentences:

1. We put rubbish in a _____ .
2. We buy paint in a _____ .
3. I hope my team will _____ the match.
4. I like to go for a _____ in my car on Sunday.
5. _____ is a drink.
6. When you do something bad, it is called a _____ .
7. The middle part of your leg is your _____ .

Spelling practise: Words ending in 'it'

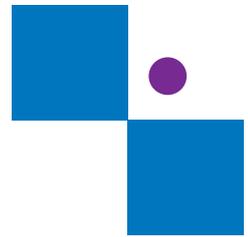


bit fit hit lit sit quit exit

Use a word from the list to complete these sentences:

1. I got him a new coat I hope it will _____.
2. Would you like another _____?
3. He _____ the ball with the hurley.
4. She _____ the fire.
5. Please _____ down.
6. To give up is to _____.
7. The way out is called the _____.

Word search



All the days of the week are hidden in this word search. See if you can find them. (The first one is done for you.)

Monday ✓	s	f	z	j	a	n	d	m	y	w	m	z
Tuesday	r	s	a	t	u	r	d	a	y	g	o	e
Wednesday	i	c	s	u	n	d	a	y	j	t	n	w
Thursday	u	c	d	r	m	h	p	e	v	p	d	f
Friday	w	g	h	f	r	i	d	a	y	p	a	e
Saturday	p	w	e	d	n	e	s	d	a	y	y	k
Sunday	t	u	e	s	d	a	y	e	d	v	j	d
	f	t	h	u	r	s	d	a	y	o	u	k

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