

# Step into Learning



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

## Chernobyl

In April 1986, there was an accident at a power station in a place called Chernobyl, in Ukraine. There was a big explosion. Dangerous gas went into the air.

The gas was radioactive. It spread very far, across many countries in Europe.

Many people died. Many more people became very sick. We do not know how many people got sick and are still getting sick from the gas. It could be many thousands of people.



**Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant**

The land near Chernobyl is still dangerous. People cannot live there.

They cannot grow food there. Some people say it may take 20,000 years for this land to be safe to live in again.

An Irish woman called Adi Roche wanted to help. Doctors in Ukraine and Russia sent her a message. The doctors asked for help for the children. They asked her to take the children away from the danger. The children needed clean air and safe food.



In 1991, Adi Roche set up a group. It is called **Chernobyl Children International**. The group brings children to Ireland. The children come for holidays and hospital care.



**Adi Roche**

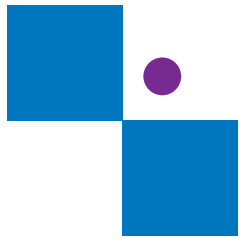
The children come and stay with an Irish family. Even a short time away can help their health. Over the years, more than 25,000 children have come to Ireland.

People in Ireland have given over €100 million to help. The money helped hospitals. It also helped to build homes for children.

Adi Roche and her group still help there today. Their work is harder now because of the war in Ukraine.

Source: [chernobyl-international.com/about-us/](https://chernobyl-international.com/about-us/)

## Words from the story



Chernobyl

explosion

dangerous

message

holiday

health

hospitals

## Writing practise



**Pick a word from the box above to finish these sentences**

1. In 1986 a big accident happened in \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. There was a big \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The land around Chernobyl is still very \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Doctors in Ukraine sent Adi Roche a \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Children come to Ireland for a \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Even a short time away can help their \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. People in Ireland have given €100 million to help the  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

# Spelling practise: Words ending in 'atch'



When we add a letter or letters to **atch** we can make new words.

Example:        **c + atch = catch**

catch	match	watch
hatch	patch	scratch

**Fill in the blanks with a word from the list above.**

1. If I throw the ball, will you \_\_\_\_\_ it?
2. The hen will \_\_\_\_\_ her eggs.
3. I like to go to a good hurling \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When I had a hole in my jumper, I put a \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
5. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ TV (television) in the evenings.
6. Try not to \_\_\_\_\_ that cut.
7. I wear a \_\_\_\_\_ to tell me the time.

**Make your own sentences with the words below.**

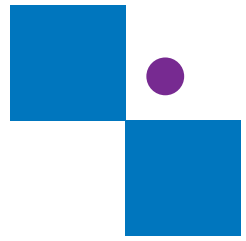
watch \_\_\_\_\_

match \_\_\_\_\_

catch \_\_\_\_\_

scratch \_\_\_\_\_

# Spelling practise: Words ending in 'itch'



When we add a letter or letters to **itch** we can make new words.

Example: **sw** + **itch** = **switch**

itch	ditch	pitch	stitch
bitch	hitch	witch	switch

**Fill in the blanks with a word from the list above.**

1. I have a red \_\_\_\_\_ on my arm.
2. A female dog is called a \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The car was going too fast and hit the \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ on the back of my car to pull a horse box.
5. There is a football \_\_\_\_\_ in the village.
6. We might see a \_\_\_\_\_ at Halloween.
7. When I had a hole in my coat, I had to put a \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
8. Turn on the light \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Make your own sentences with the words below.**

switch \_\_\_\_\_

itch \_\_\_\_\_

stitch \_\_\_\_\_

ditch \_\_\_\_\_

# Word search



Find these words hidden in the word search.

catch	p	n	a	s	i	f	l	w	h	m	d	d
watch	p	o	c	a	t	c	h	m	n	s	r	w
match	z	s	t	i	t	c	h	a	h	r	g	i
patch	o	s	v	q	k	p	a	t	c	h	i	t
itch	x	l	l	d	d	u	u	c	b	o	t	c
switch	j	k	s	w	i	t	c	h	a	z	c	h
witch	m	s	e	o	l	a	s	z	n	n	h	w
stitch	w	a	t	c	h	h	c	y	w	c	n	s

## Further help is available

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