

Step into Learning



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

Wildflowers of Ireland

In spring and summer, after the long winter, it is lovely to see the wildflowers growing in fields, woods, by the sides of the road and in gardens.

A wildflower is a flower that grows wild in nature. Some people think wildflowers are weeds. They use weed killers to get rid of them. But wildflowers are important for nature.

Wildflowers give food to the bees, the butterflies, birds, and other small animals. Bees and birds help plants grow. They move pollen from one plant to another. This helps plants like tomatoes and strawberries make fruit. Most of the foods we eat from plants need bees to help them grow.



In the last 50 years, farming and gardening have changed. People use more sprays and weed killers. This has killed many wildflowers. Because of this, we are seeing less bees. Now, farmers and gardeners are asked to leave some land for wildflowers to grow. This helps bees and animals. A field of wildflowers can feed thousands of bees.

When you are outside, in the countryside or in a park, or when you are out for a drive, you can see many beautiful wildflowers if you take the time to look.



Here are some of the more common wildflowers that can be found in Ireland.



Dandelion



Foxglove



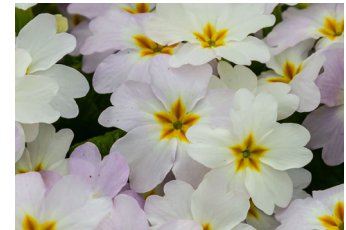
Ox Eye Daisy



Buttercup



Cowslip



Primrose



Fuchsia



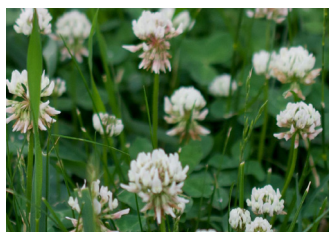
Bluebell



Wild Garlic



Elderflower

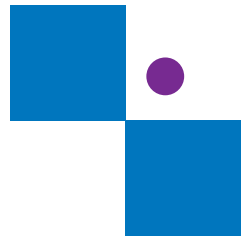


Clover

Dandelions, buttercups, foxgloves, clover, and cowslips grow in fields and near roads. Bluebells and wild garlic grow in woods. Elderflowers grow on Elder trees near roads and fields. Some people boil the elderflowers with water to make a drink.

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Words from the story



summer	road	wild	bees	butterflies
weeds	sprays	grow	thousands	plants

Writing practise



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

1. We see the wildflowers growing in spring and _____ .
2. We see wildflowers growing in fields, gardens and by the side of the _____ .
3. A wildflower is a flower that grows _____ .
4. Wildflowers give food to the birds, the _____ and the _____ .
5. We need the bees to help _____ to grow.
6. Some people think wildflowers are _____ .
7. They use _____ to kill them.
8. Farmers and gardeners are asked to leave land for wildflowers to _____ .
9. A field of wildflowers can feed _____ of bees.
10. Name 3 wildflowers: _____



Spelling practise: Words ending in 'ash' and 'ish'

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

Example: **c + ash = cash**

d + ish = dish

cash	mash	smash	dish
dash	rash	trash	fish
lash	wash	flash	wish

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

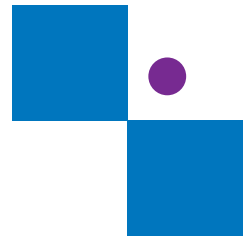
Words ending in 'ash'

1. Would you like to pay with a card or with _____ ?
2. I am in a hurry I will have to _____ .
3. My eye _____ went into my eye.
4. I like to eat _____ for dinner.
5. My arm is sore I have a _____ .
6. I _____ my clothes in a washing machine.
7. The robber was trying to _____ the window.
8. You have to put _____ in a bin.
9. In the storm there was a _____ of lightening.

Words ending in 'ish'

1. Will you put the food on a _____ .
2. I like to eat _____ and chips for dinner.
3. I _____ I won the Lotto.

Spelling practise: Words ending in 'ush'



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

Example: **b + ush = bush**

bush	push	blush	flush
hush	rush	brush	

Fill in the blanks with words that end in 'ush'.

1. I have a rose _____ in my garden.
2. When you need to be quiet you have to _____ .
3. Please pull the door do not _____ it.
4. There is no _____ , we have a lot of time.
5. When you _____ your face will go red.
6. You can sweep the floor with a _____ .
7. Remember to _____ the toilet after using it.

Put the words below into your own sentences.

wash _____

rash _____

cash _____

brush _____

push _____

fish _____

Word search



Find these words hidden in the word search.

	w	k	k	d	i	s	h	p	u	s	h	w
cash												
wash	c	z	s	f	w	c	l	r	f	z	y	i
lash												
dish	b	k	q	l	g	u	f	i	s	h	w	e
fish												
wish	q	a	o	u	o	i	b	l	c	b	i	b
bush												
brush	b	r	u	s	h	h	f	a	a	u	s	s
flush	q	j	k	h	l	j	b	s	s	s	h	w
push	z	s	b	y	v	j	y	h	h	h	i	n
	t	a	j	b	a	q	a	w	a	s	h	d

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