

That's Interesting!



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

Wildflowers of Ireland



From early spring, the Irish countryside comes alive with colour after the long winter months, as wildflowers appear in woodlands, ditches, roadsides and gardens.

So, what is a wildflower? A wildflower is a flower that grows naturally in the wild. Some people see these as weeds and use dangerous weed killers and chemicals to get rid of them. But these flowers and plants are far from being weeds; they play a big part in nature.

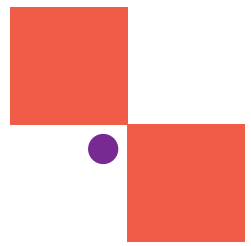


Wildflowers provide food for bees, butterflies, moths, insects, birds and other creatures. Bees and birds are really important as they help to pollenate and move pollen and seeds from one plant to another. Plants such as tomatoes, strawberries and other fruits need to be pollinated if they are to produce fruit. More than one third of the plant food we eat depends on bees for pollination.

Farming and gardening methods have changed over the past 50 years, with more chemicals and fertilisers being used which has, sadly, killed off many of the native wildflowers. With nothing to feed on, our honeybee and insect population is falling at a fast rate.

Farmers and gardeners are all now being encouraged to leave parts of their gardens or fields over to wildflower meadows to encourage bees and wildlife. An acre of wildflowers could produce enough nectar to feed 60,000 honeybees.

When you are out and about in the countryside, or the park in your town, you will be amazed at all the colourful wildflowers you can find if you take the time to look!



Here we look at some of the more common wildflowers that can be found in Ireland.



Dandelion



Foxglove



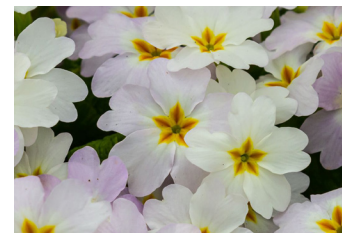
Ox Eye Daisy



Buttercup



Cowslip



Primrose



Fuchsia



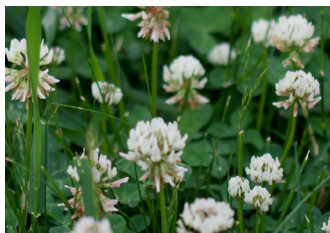
Bluebell



Wild Garlic



Elderflower



Clover

Dandelions, Buttercups, Foxgloves, Clover, and Cowslips can be found in fields, meadows and on the roadsides. Ox Eye daisies are usually seen on waste ground and gravel but will also grow in gardens. Bluebells and Wild Garlic can be found in woodland areas. The Elder flower can be seen growing on the Elder tree found on roadsides and fields. The Elderflower petals can be picked and boiled with lemon to make a drink called Elderflower Cordial.

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More homophones



Homophones are words that sound the same but have a different spelling and meaning.

aloud / allowed

board / bored

flour / flower

heal / heel

our / hour

pain / pane

peace / piece

reel / real

see / sea

stairs / stares

three / tree

through / threw / true

waist / waste

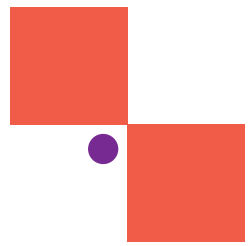
where / were

wood / would

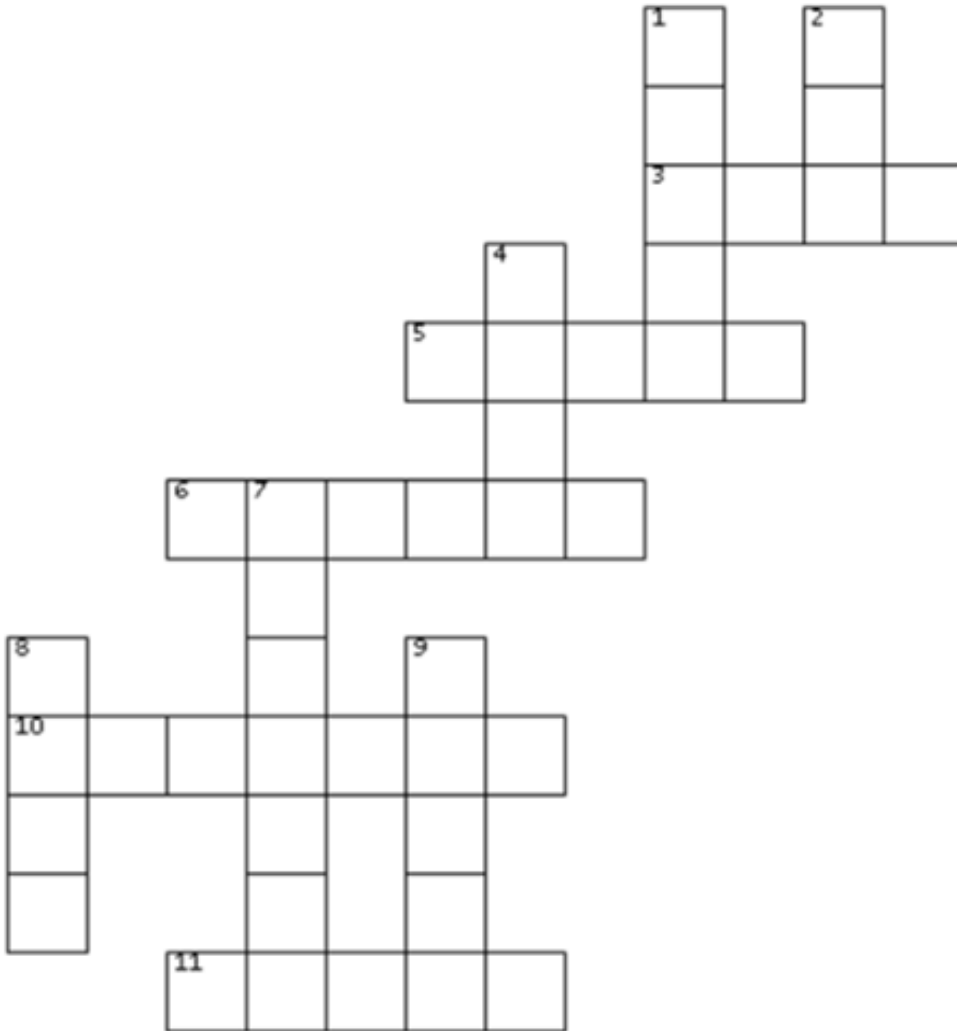
Fill in the blanks below with a word from the list above

1. _____ did I leave my glasses?
2. A table is made of _____ .
3. I broke the _____ of my shoe.
4. To make a cake, you need butter, sugar, eggs and _____ .
5. I hope my sore finger will _____ soon.
6. I have a _____ in my ear.
7. There are a lot of steps on that _____ .
8. He climbed in _____ a window.
9. Put all your _____ in the bin.
10. Is it _____ or false?
11. Can you read it _____ so we can hear you.
12. There is a bus leaving every _____ .
13. Would you like another _____ of cake?
14. A rose is a lovely _____ .

Crossword



The answers are all words from the word list on page 3.



Across

- 3. The opposite to fake is _____.
- 5. I'm _____, I have nothing to do.
- 6. There are steps on a _____.
- 10. Smoking is not _____ indoors.
- 11. She _____ the ball and I caught it.

Down

- 1. One, two, _____.
- 2. She lives in a cottage overlooking the _____.
- 4. I was stuck in traffic for over an _____.
- 7. I can see you _____ the window.
- 8. A toothache is a _____ in your tooth.
- 9. The opposite to war is _____.

Maths



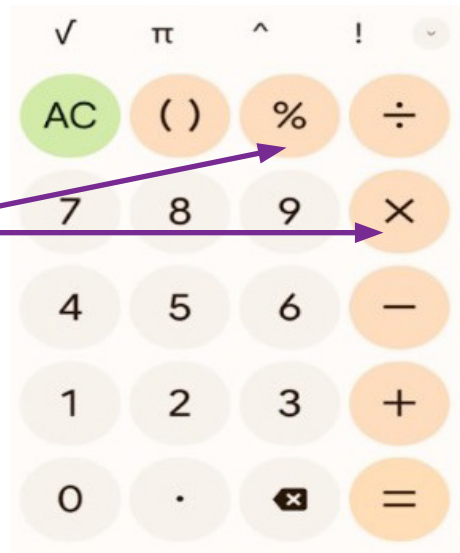
How to work out a percentage on the calculator.

Example: I want to buy a TV (television). It costs €450.
In the sale there is 20% off the price.

I need to find what is 20% of €450, to see how much I will save if I buy the TV today.

Using my calculator:

Press 450×20 ,
then **press the % button**,
my answer is €90.



There is €90 off the price of the TV. The new price will be €360.

Try these using your calculator.

- I have savings in the Credit Union of €12,000. I will earn interest of 9%.
How much will I earn in interest? _____
- I installed a new kitchen in my home. The cost came to €5,600. VAT (Value Added Tax) of 13% must be added to the price.
 - How much will the VAT be? _____
 - How much will I have to pay in total? _____
- My electricity bill came to €260 this month. If I pay it in full this week then I will get a discount of 5%.
 - How much will the discount be? _____
 - How much will my bill be after the discount? _____

Answers

01 €1,080, 02 a) €728, b) €6,328, 03 a) €13, b) €247

