

That's Interesting!



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

Katie's last fight



In front of a crowd of 83,000 at Croke Park, Katie Taylor won the final fight of her remarkable boxing career. She beat French boxer Flora Pili to retain her Super Lightweight World title for the third and final time.



**Katie Taylor and
Flora Pili**

This was very special for Katie, as she had dreamed for many years of fighting at Croke Park in front of a home crowd. Tickets for the event went on sale in June and sold out in less than an hour, showing how much people in Ireland admire her. On the night, the crowd gave her amazing support, cheering loudly as she entered the ring. Katie, who is from Bray, County Wicklow, is regarded as one of the greatest female boxers of all time. When she was young, she played many sports and even played football for Ireland before deciding to focus entirely on boxing. She began boxing as a child and often competed against boys because women's boxing competitions were not held in Ireland until 2001.

In 2012, Katie took part in the Olympic Games, the first Olympics to include women's boxing. She went on to win a gold medal, the first woman in the world to win a gold medal for boxing. Throughout her career, she won five World Championship titles and six European Championship titles. In 2016, Katie became a professional boxer. During her professional career, she became both World Lightweight Champion and Super Lightweight Champion, making her the only boxer ever to hold two world titles at the same time in two different weights.



Katie turned 40 this year and announced in February that she would retire from boxing. As she hangs up her gloves, she will be remembered as one of the greatest female boxers of all time. She an inspiration to women and girls around the world, showing them that they can be successful in any sport they choose.

US President Donald Trump visits Ireland

The Irish Open Golf Tournament, which is held every September, took place this year from 11 to 13 September. It was held at the golf resort owned by United States (US) President Donald Trump, near the village of Doonbeg in County Clare.

Many of the world's top golfers took part in the tournament. President Trump travelled to Ireland to attend the event and watch the competition. The tournament was won by Irish golfer Shane Lowry from County Offaly. He was a popular winner, and President Trump helped present him with the winner's trophy.



President Trump

President Trump arrived at Dublin Airport on Saturday on his private jet known as Air Force One. Before travelling to the golf tournament, he had a short visit with President of Ireland Catherine Connolly. He also met with Taoiseach and head of the Irish Government, Micheál Martin. Then he visited the American Embassy, where he gave a short speech. Later that day, he flew to Doonbeg and stayed overnight at his luxury hotel and golf resort.

One of the largest security operations ever in Ireland was organised for the President's visit. Thousands of extra Gardaí, members of the Irish Army, Navy and Air Corps were brought into County Clare for the weekend. Although some demonstrations were held in protest of President Trump, the visit passed without any major incidents. On Sunday evening, President Trump departed from Shannon Airport and returned home.

Opposites



right / left	quiet / loud	high / low	beginning / end
long / short	wrong / right	serious / funny	above / below
inside / outside	deep / shallow	heavy / light	easy / difficult
safe / dangerous	top / bottom	lost / found	often / seldom
thick / thin	start / finish	expensive / cheap	sharp / blunt

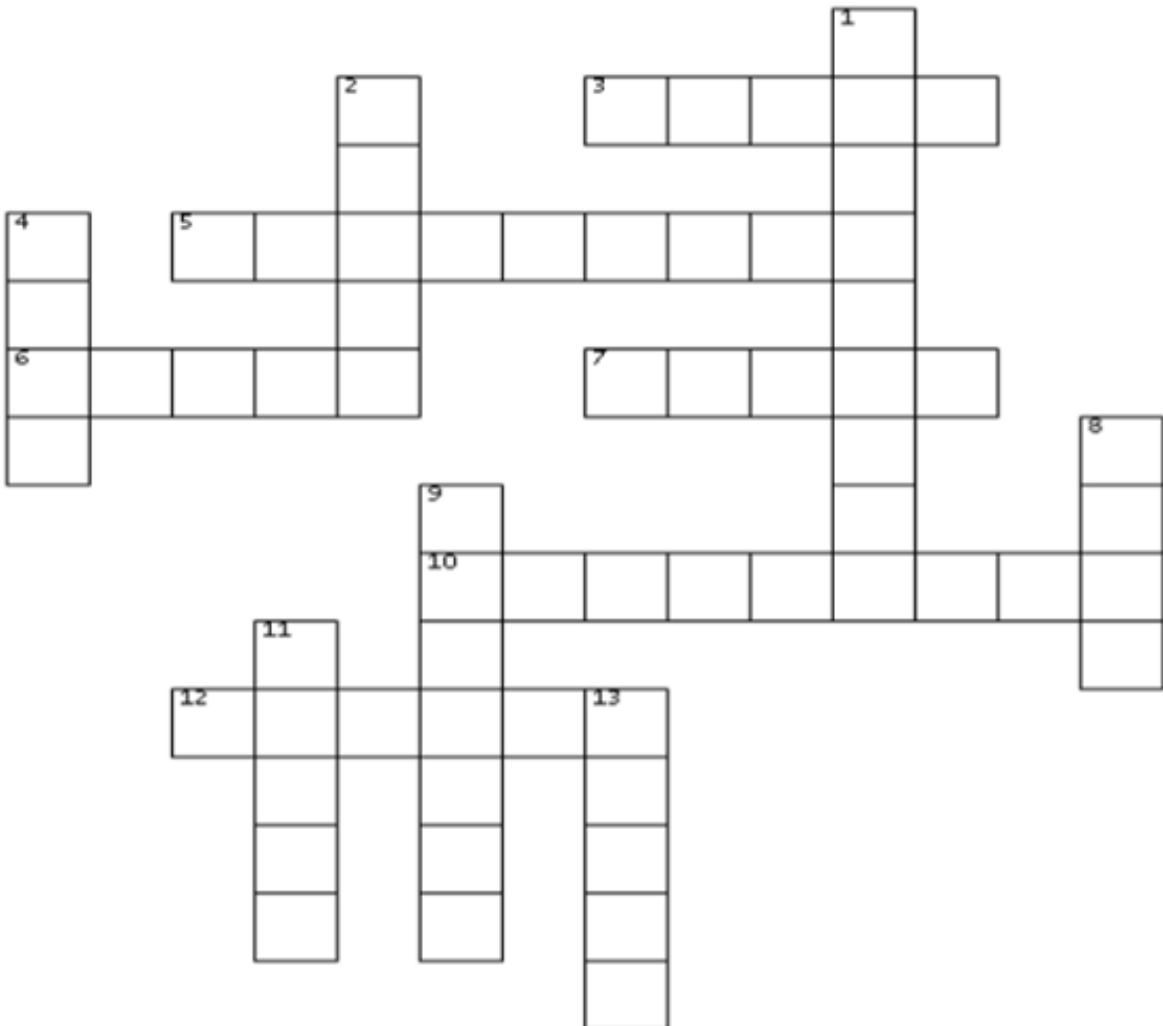
Fill in the blanks with words from the lists above.

1. In Ireland we drive on the _____ side of the road, in France they drive on the _____.
2. A joke is _____, a sad story is _____.
3. When you whisper you are being _____ but when you shout you are _____.
4. You always start at the _____ but finish at the _____.
5. The sky is _____ you, but the ground is _____ you.
6. In summer, the temperature is _____, in winter it is _____.
7. A stream is _____ but an ocean is _____.
8. Gold is very _____ but plastic is _____.
9. A feather is _____ but a rock is _____.
10. I _____ travel in a car, but I _____ travel on an aeroplane.
11. I _____ my phone but I _____ it later under the table.
12. I gave the _____ answer you gave the _____ one.

Crossword



The answers to the clues are all words taken from the word list of opposites.



Across

- 3. The opposite to expensive. (5)
- 5. Always start at the _____ and finish at the end. (9)
- 6. The opposite to long (5)
- 7. A blade is very _____. (5)
- 10. Something that costs a lot of money is this. (9)
- 12. When you start something, you should always _____ it. (6)

Down

- 1. Not safe. (9)
- 2. The opposite to heavy. (5)
- 4. Not difficult. (4)
- 8. The ocean is very _____. (4)
- 9. Not funny. (7)
- 11. Should I go left or _____?
- 13. That bucket of water is too _____ to lift. (5)

Maths



- There are 60 seconds in 1 minute.
- There are 60 minutes in 1 hour.
- There are 24 hours in 1 day.
- There are 52 weeks in 1 year.
- There are 12 months in 1 year.

Answer the following questions.

1. Tom is paying back a loan to the credit union. He pays €150 per month.

After 3 years of payments, how much will Tom have paid back? _____

2. Susan and Paul are going for a cycle.

They leave home at 9.45am. It takes them 45 minutes to get to the beach.

They go for a walk for 20 minutes, spend 30 minutes having lunch and then take a short nap for 15 minutes, before cycling the 45-minute journey home.

What time will they arrive home? _____

3. How many minutes are there in:

a) 2 hours = _____ c) $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours = _____

b) $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour = _____ d) $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour = _____

4. How many hours are in:

a) 120 minutes = _____ c) 30 minutes = _____

b) 150 minutes = _____ d) 75 minutes = _____

5. Jean saves €50 every week.

At the end of 5 years, how much will she have saved? _____

Answers

1. €5400, 2. 12.20am, 3. a) 120min, b) 45m, c) 90m, d) 15m,
4. a) 2 hours, b) $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, c) $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, d) $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours, 5. €13,000

Notes



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