

IRELAND

1. Ireland is part of the United Kingdom. True or false ?
2. Which colour is associated with Ireland?
3. Which day is Ireland's national day?
4. What did Saint Patrick use to explain Christianity to the Irish people?
5. What is the unit of currency (money) in Ireland?
6. What is the capital of Ireland?
7. What are the colours of the Irish flag?
8. What is the main religion in Ireland?
9. What is the most popular drink in pubs, and one of Ireland's most famous exports?
10. Is Ireland a rich or a poor country?
11. Which famous rock band from Dublin became the "Richest Rock Celebrities of 2006", beating even The Rolling Stones?
12. What two languages are spoken in Ireland?
13. What colourful Saint Patrick's Day celebration takes place in Chicago in the United States?
14. What are the 3 most popular sports in Ireland?
15. What percentage of people in the United States have Irish ancestors?
16. Do you know the names of two very traditional sports that are not well known in other countries?
17. Name 2 famous Irish writers
18. What does Erin go Bragh mean?
19. What is the approximate population of Ireland?
20. What is the name of Ireland's President ?

Famous Writers

1. Tell your group about a famous writer from your country.
2. Do you have an annual writers' festival in your country?
3. Do you enjoy writing stories?
4. What type of stories do you prefer to write? Choose two and explain why....



Crime

Detective

Comedy

Tragedy

Horror

Drama

Mystery

Thriller

Tragicomedy

Romance

Fantasy

Adventure

Black comedy

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