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IRELAND



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# Welcome!

This Travel Workbook is all about Ireland. You'll learn about Irish geography, some history and plenty more. Just follow the instructions below to complete the Workbook and find the final answer!

1.

On the next page is an Answer Grid. Each line has a number which tells you which activity you need to do in order to find the answer.

2.

Do each activity puzzle. **The answer that has a red star is the answer that goes into the Answer Grid.**

If you don't know the answer, that's OK - you can research it! ask your parents, check on the Internet or ring your grandparents and ask them.

3.

When you've solved all the puzzles, from number 1 all the way to number 7, then the secret word is shown in the blue boxes.

4.

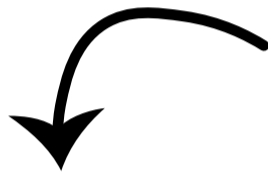
Share your answer with us or your parents. They'll tell us and we will make sure you get the next Travel Workbook.

email your answer to [info@deliberatetravel.com](mailto:info@deliberatetravel.com)

# The Answer Grid

This is where you fill in all the answers from the activity sheets. Number 1 is the answer for Activity 1 and so on. At the end, when you've filled everything in, you can read the letters in blue, downwards. This is the final answer! Tell the answer to your parents and they'll make sure to tell us.

Read this way for the final answer

[illegible]

**The final answer is: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you know what this means? If not, look it up on Google and find out! (Tip: It's an Irish word)**

# 1. First Questions

There are lots of interesting things to learn about Ireland! Answer the questions on this page by doing a bit of research - ask your parents, or look on the Internet to find the answers!

The flag of Ireland is green, white and orange. Can you find what it looks like and draw it?



- How many people live in Ireland? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which languages do they speak in Ireland? \_\_\_\_\_
- In Ireland they play 2 special sports: one is called Hurling and the other is called Gaelic \_\_\_\_\_ ★
- On one day in the year, people around the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day which is about Irish traditions.  
St Patrick's Day is on \_\_\_\_\_

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## Two countries on one island

The island of Ireland is two separate countries. In the north is Northern Ireland, one of the four countries of the United Kingdom. To the south and west is the Republic of Ireland or Eire.

The capital of Eire is \_\_\_\_\_.

The capital of Northern Ireland is \_\_\_\_\_.

Some people want Eire and Northern Ireland to become the same country, but some people don't. They argue a lot about this.

## 2. The Map

This time you need to draw the map yourself and add different things to it. You'll need to find a map of Ireland - do you have an atlas? Or maybe you can find a map of Ireland on the Internet?

Follow the gray lines with a dark pen on the next page to draw the outline of Ireland.

With a **BLACK** pen, find these cities, and mark them on the map:

- Dublin
- Galway
- Cork
- Limerick
- Waterford

With a **RED** pen, find the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland and draw it

With a **BLUE** pen, mark these rivers on the map

- The Shannon
- The Liffey
- The Lee



There are a lot of sheep in Ireland - more than there are people - draw some sheep on your map

Guinness is a famous Irish drink - but where do they make it? Draw an arrow on the map



There are lots of wonderful places to visit in Ireland. Can you find one place you'd like to visit and mark it on the map? Try searching 'Best places to see in Ireland' into Google and see what you find!



# 3. Irish Fairies

Ireland is a very mysterious land. Irish families tell stories about different creatures which only come out sometimes. Some of these creatures are beautiful or funny, but some can be a bit scary.

**This page has some descriptions of different Irish creatures. Using the descriptions, can you draw them? Use a separate piece of paper.**

## LEPRECHAUN

- looks like a little man
- has a beard
- wears a green jacket and hat
- if you catch him, he will grant you 3 wishes so he can go free

**WARNING:** They are very hard to catch

## BANSHEE

- looks like an old lady in a grey cloak
- only comes out at night
- screams very loud to upset people

**WARNING:** She can scream so loud that she shatters glass



## POOKA

- looks like a horse or a goat
- likes to play tricks on humans
- doesn't like metal
- some farmers leave some crops in their fields to keep the Pooka happy

WARNING: Do not climb on a Pooka's back - they will take you for a wild ride as a joke



## SELKIE



- looks like a seal but under the sealskin is a woman
- they turn into women and dance on the beach at full moon
- screams very loud to upset people

WARNING: Don't steal a Selkie's skin while they are dancing - they will become very sad



## KELPIE

- looks like a lost horse
- has a dripping wet mane
- lives near rivers, lakes or the sea

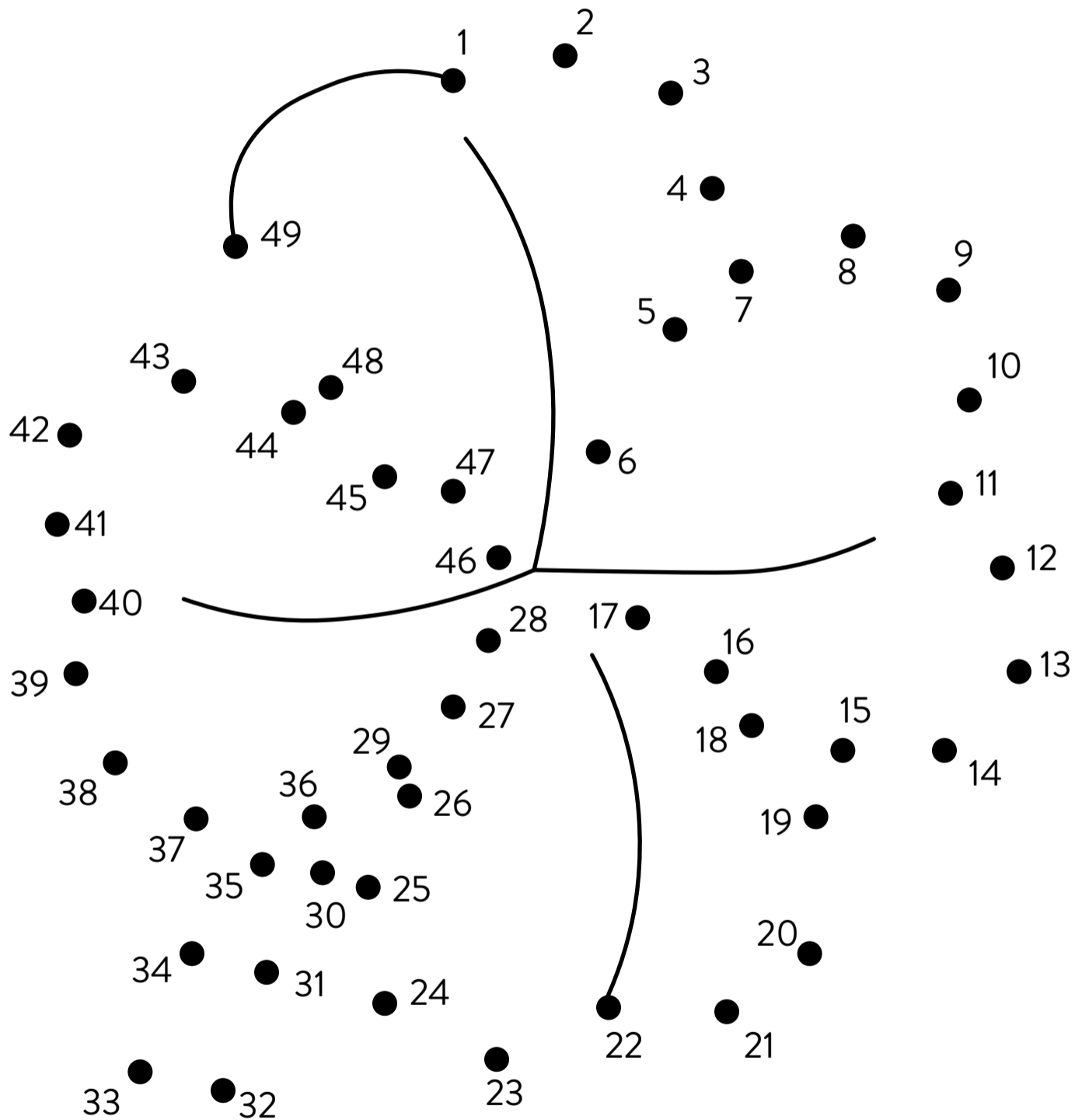
WARNING: If you get on a Kelpie's back they will pull you into the water with them

When you've drawn your pictures, send us a photo of it - we'd love to see! Ask your parents to send it to [info@deliberatetravel.com](mailto:info@deliberatetravel.com)

# 4. Dot to Dot

Finish the dot to dot to find out the answer to this activity sheet. The object you will draw is the answer!

Clue: There are lucky in Ireland, but only if you find one with 4 leaves!



The answer is: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



# Oisín in Tír Na nÓg

Oisín was a famous Irish warrior who lived a very long time ago. He had many adventures

Oisín was a great warrior, sang the sweetest songs and placed the harp more beautifully than anyone in all Ireland. One day he was out riding and met a beautiful maiden with long golden hair, riding on a snowy white horse. Her name was Niamh. He immediately fell in love with her and promised to go with her to her home, Tír Na nÓg. His mother and father begged him not to go, in case he never came back, but he went anyway.

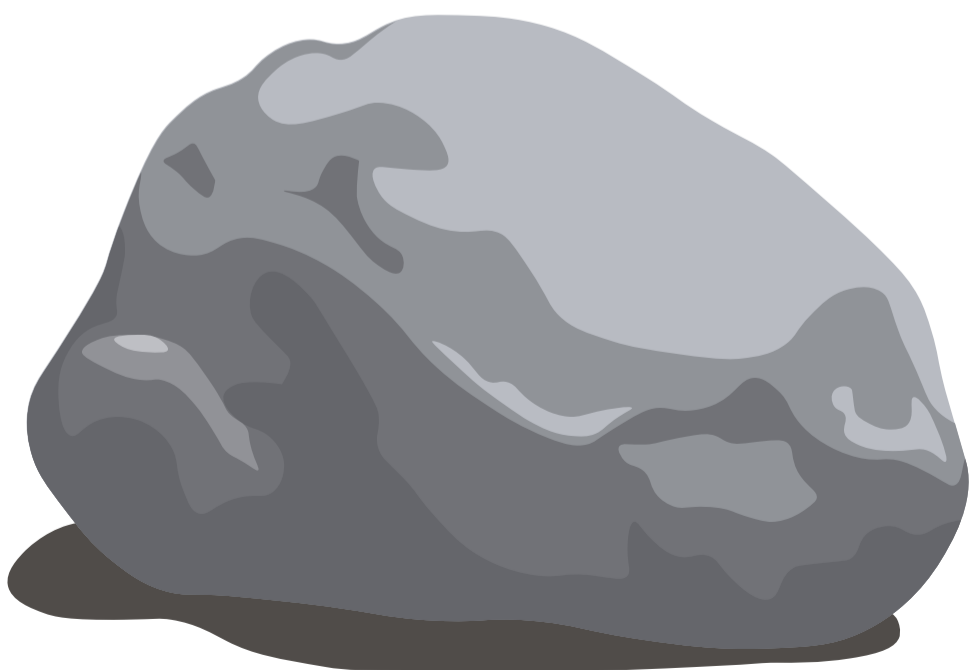
They rode across the land and when they reached the sea, Niamh's horse neighed three times and the sea parted to allow them to cross. They rode faster than the wind and finally reached a fair land, Tír Na nÓg. Oisín married Niamh and they lived for 300 years in the most beautiful place Oisín had ever seen.

This was a land where Youth and Beauty lived forever but after 300 years, Oisín grew restless. He wanted to fight a great battle, to sing his old songs and to play his harp. And last of all, he remembered his promise to return to see his parents. Finally Niamh agreed but warned him that if he took a single step on the soil of Ireland, he would never be able to return to her.

Oisín rode on Niamh's white horse across the sea and then the land to the place of his family. Things looked quite different and when he reached his father's castle it was a ruin. Some men nearby were trying to move a huge stone and he leant down from the mighty horse to help them.

Oisín was a tall and strong man and he managed to lift the rock but as he did, the golden belt on the horse's saddle broke. Oisín fell to the ground and as he landed the horse vanished and he heard Niamh scream. Immediately Oisín changed from a strong young warrior into the 300-year old man he really was. He realized that although he had stayed young in Tír na nÓg, all his friends and family had grown old and died many years before.

He was never able to find his way back to Tír Na nÓg, although he looked for the way. His story was told for many years - Oisín is the only man to have ever returned to Ireland from Tír Na nÓg, the land of Youth.



*This story doesn't  
have an answer - it's  
just for fun!*

# 5. Let's learn some Irish

In Ireland everyone speaks English, but lots of people also speak Irish. Irish can be difficult for some people to read, because the spellings are very different to the sounds. So we've created a code to help you spell some Irish words.

Can you swap the symbols for the right letters and spell out the Irish words?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

- is a type of party in Ireland, with lots of dancing
- means "Cheers!" in Irish
- is the Irish word for Prime Minister or President
- means Ireland in the Irish language
- means a fun time (you can also say "What's the -----?" which means "How are you?")

When you've written the words, can you say them?  
If you're not sure, listen to these recordings...

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# 6. Limericks from Limerick

As you know by now Limerick is a town in Ireland. You might also know the name as a kind of poem. A limerick always:

If you're not sure  
you can take a  
look at the  
example!

- has 5 lines
- lines number 1, 2 & 5 must rhyme with each other
- lines 2 and 3 must rhyme with each other
- is funny or a bit rude!

Can you make the limericks below rhyme? To help you understand how the rhyming scheme works the lines that rhyme have the same colour.

There once was an ape in a zoo  
Who looked out through the bars and saw \_ \_ \_ !  
Do you think it's fair  
To give poor apes a \_ \_ \_ \_ ?  
I think it's a mean thing to \_ \_ .

you

fight

any

There once was a poor boy named \_ \_ \_  
Who thought he knew more than he did.  
He thought that a shark  
Would turn tail if you \_ \_ \_ .  
So he swam out to try it...poor \_ \_ \_ !

scare

Sid

kid

fair

There once were two cats from Kilkenny  
Each thought that was one cat too \_ \_ \_ \_  
So they started to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
And to scratch and to bite  
Now, instead of two cats, there aren't \_ \_ \_ !

bark

do

many

The answer for this page is the last word of the 4th line,  
in the 1st limerick: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ★

**Congratulations!**  
You've finished all the  
activity sheets.

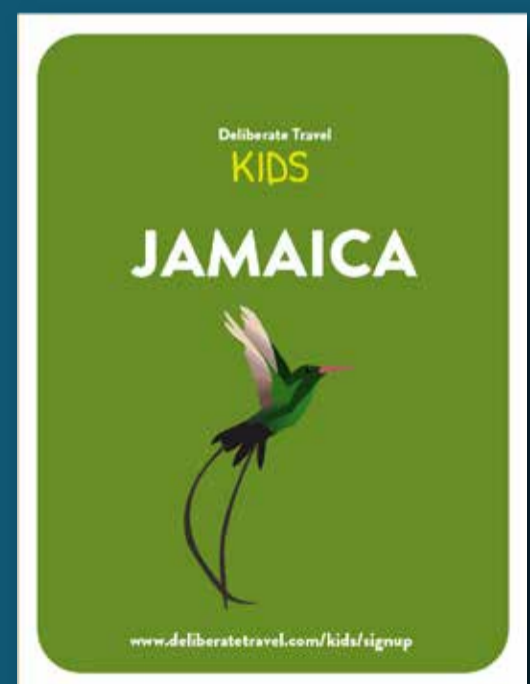
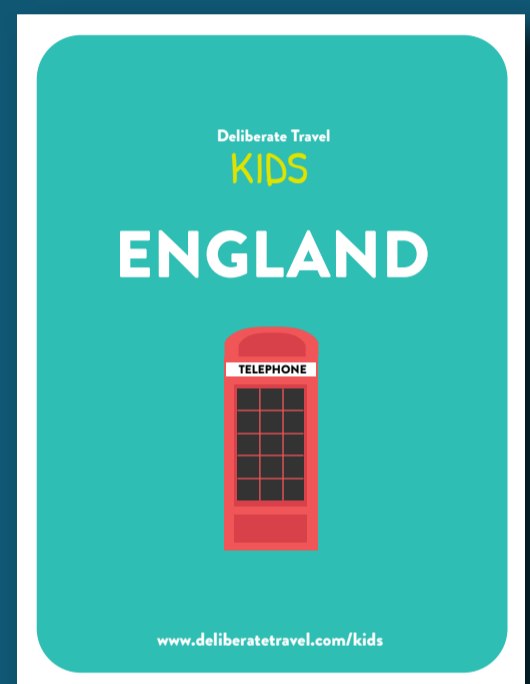
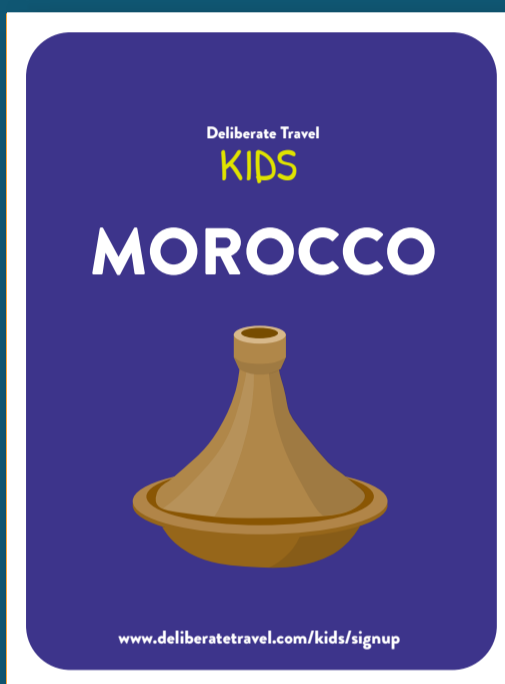
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**FRANCE!**

It's time for baguettes, snails and frog's  
legs! We're off to France, so get ready  
to *parlez Français!*

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next week to get the workbook

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