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***Ireland: A Country with one of the  
Longest Lockdowns***

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## **Liebe Schülerinnen und Schüler, Herzlich willkommen zur *Autumn School English!***

In Irland war die Zeit des Lockdowns in den vergangenen Monaten sehr lang. Schulen konnten wesentlich länger keine Schülerinnen und Schüler empfangen. In dieser Aufgabe werdet ihr Jugendliche aus Irland kennenlernen, über ihren Alltag im Lockdown erfahren und nebenbei Irland kennenlernen.

Hier findet ihr einige Tipps für das Lesen der Texte:



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- Überfliegt einen Text am Anfang. Das nennt man **SKIMMING**. Konzentriert Euch darauf, was ihr versteht.
- **Unterstreicht, markiert und macht Notizen** über die Informationen, die ihr für die jeweilige Aufgabe braucht. Vielleicht könnt ihr eine Mindmap für die Texte erstellen?
- Wenn ihr einige Wörter nicht versteht, versucht **aus dem Zusammenhang** zu erschließen, was diese **Wörter in dieser Situation** bedeuten könnten. Nutzt auch Wortschatzaufgaben und Fußnoten<sup>1</sup> oder fragt eure Kursleitungen nach Wörterlisten.

Für das Schreiben:



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- Fangt mit kurzen Sätzen oder Wörtern in Lückenaufgaben an.
- Richtet euch nach den Beispielsätzen (**example**) und nach ähnlichen Sätzen in den Texten, wenn euch noch keine eigenen Ideen einfallen.
- Macht zunächst einen Plan mit Stichwörtern, die ihr im Text nutzt.
- Überlegt Euch einen guten ersten Satz. Vielleicht findet ihr Ideen in den Lesetexten.

Nach den Übungen findet ihr eine „Ampel“ zur Selbsteinschätzung *Self-assessment*. Kreuzt an, wie die Aufgabe war. ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

Wendet euch an eure Kursleitungen, wenn ihr Fragen habt und wenn ihr fertig seid.

**Have fun with English!**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	😊😊 okay, but challenging
<input type="checkbox"/>	😞 difficult

<sup>1</sup> *footnote* = Fußnote. Tipp: wenn es für euch zu viele Fußnoten sind, deckt den unteren Abschnitt einfach ab!

## Getting started: Welcome to Ireland

**Getting started:** which of the pictures is most typical of Ireland? Why?



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Describe the picture of your choice. Write at least 7 sentences.  
*Beschreibe ein Bild deiner Wahl. Schreibe mindestens 7 Sätze.*

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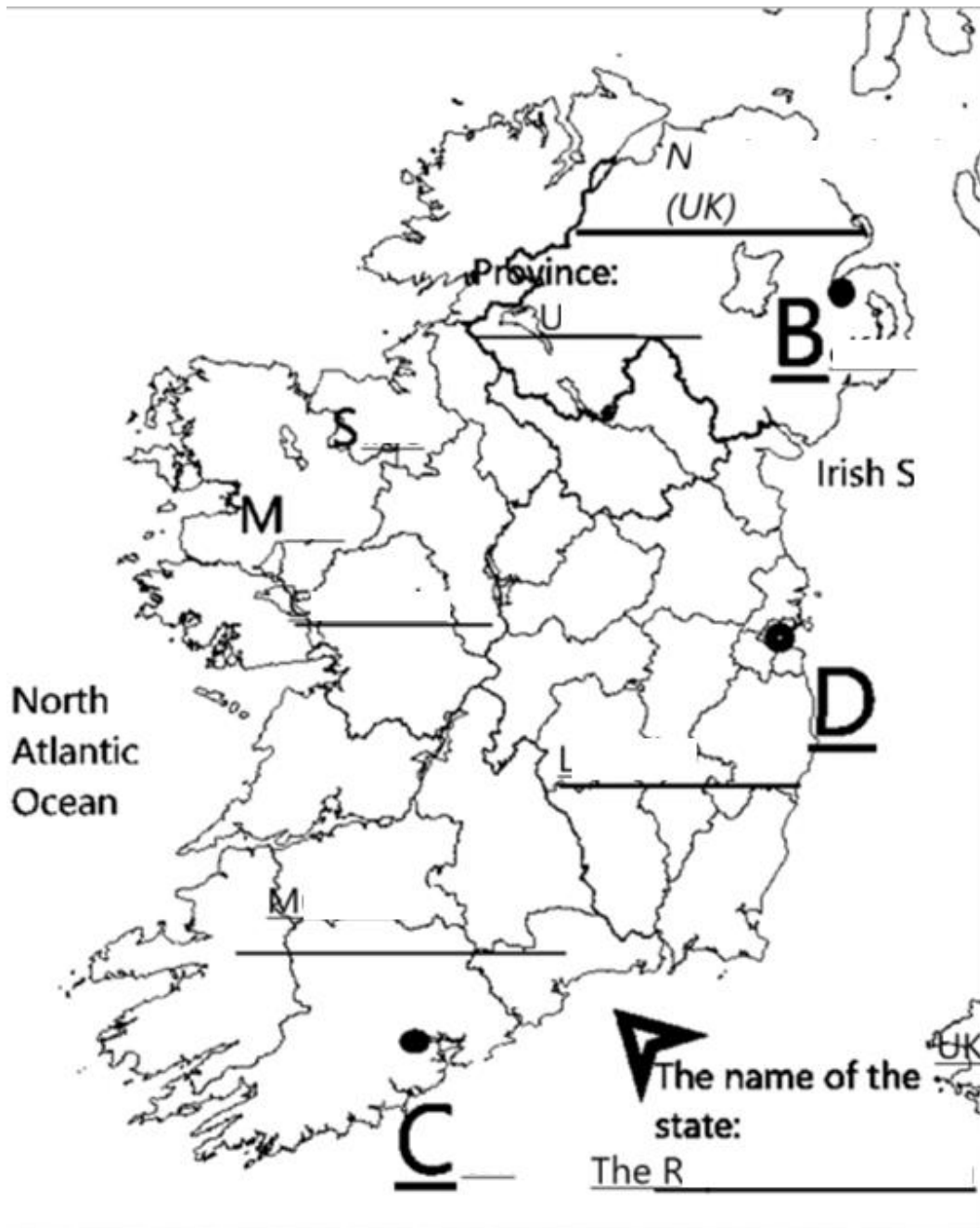
## TOPIC 1: Exploring the map of Ireland.



### Task 1.

Travel along the map and add the places along the way.

*Reise entlang der Karte und füge die Orte hinzu.*



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- 1 The island of Ireland consists of four provinces, and there are two states on the
- 2 island. Please add three names of cities, two counties, four provinces and the two
- 3 states on the map. Highlight the names of the provinces with different colours.

4 Start in Dublin, the capital of Ireland. It is on the East coast of Ireland and marked  
5 with the first letter on the map. Dublin is situated in the province named Leinster.  
6 Now travel south-west from Dublin. The province is called Munster. Stop in Cork. It is  
7 the name of the second-largest city in Ireland.  
8 Now travel to the north. On the West coast, you will find two counties with major  
9 cities: Mayo and Sligo. Sligo is further to the East from Mayo. Both counties have  
10 marvellous beaches and belong to the province Connacht. You can find a lot of  
11 people in this area who speak the Irish language on a daily basis.  
12 If you travel north-east from Sligo, you will find the province Ulster and an area that is  
13 marked in grey. The province Ulster is divided (as is the island of Ireland). In 1921,  
14 hundred years ago, Ireland was partitioned and six counties of Ulster became part of  
15 the United Kingdom. Please mark the grey area as Northern Ireland (UK). 2021  
16 marks the centenary of partition. The capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast. The  
17 remaining three counties remained part of the Republic of Ireland.



### **Task 2.**

Please look at your map, check the text again and tick (☑) the correct answers:  
*Schau noch einmal auf die Karte und auf den Text. Kreuze die richtigen Antworten an:*

- A** There are (parts) of two states on the map
- B** If you travel westwards from Dublin, you will arrive in the Province of Connacht
- C** The Province of Munster is in the South of the Republic of Ireland
- D** Most speakers of the Irish language live in Dublin
- E** The Counties of Mayo and Sligo are famous for their beaches
- F** The entire Province of Ulster is situated in Northern Ireland (UK)
- G** Sligo is the second largest city in Ireland
- H** The year 2021 marks 50 years of the partition of Ireland
- I** The Irish Sea is situated between the British Isles and Ireland
- J** Belfast is situated in the United Kingdom

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### **Task 3.**

Please correct the wrong statements from Task 2.  
*Verbessere die falschen Aussagen der Aufgabe 2:*

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Write in this mind map the new things that you have learned about Ireland:





## TOPIC 2: A European English-speaking Country with one of the Longest Lockdowns

In this section, more pupils from Ireland talk about their families during the lockdown.



Germany's lockdown was long. But the lockdown in Ireland was longer. It is hard for children to stay at home all the time. Parents were worried about their children's marks<sup>1</sup>. They think their school marks become poorer<sup>2</sup>. But what do the students think? Are their marks poorer? Or are their families happier?

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- 1 My brother and I, we used to spend very little time together. He was playing with his
- 2 friends; they were older than I. I spent time with my friends. Their stories were
- 3 funnier. I found their families nicer than mine. I was interested in the cinema<sup>3</sup>
- 4 because it's less dull<sup>4</sup> than my brother's computer games. We only saw each other at
- 5 family meals. We didn't want to stay in each other's company<sup>5</sup> longer than that!
- 6 During the lockdown, my brother and I found better ideas of how to
- 7 spend time together. We watched films and I tried out his computer
- 8 games. If we talk about them, they are not as dull... but I still like
- 9 films more. We helped each other with our homework! But we were
- 10 fighting more often, too ☺
- 11 *Seamus, 13, from Co<sup>6</sup> Mayo*



Picture: pixabay

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<sup>1</sup> *marks* = Noten

<sup>2</sup> *poor* = schlecht; *poorer* = schlechter

<sup>3</sup> *cinema* = Kino

<sup>4</sup> *dull* = langweilig

<sup>5</sup> *company* = Gesellschaft

<sup>6</sup> Co stands for County, so Co Mayo is short for the County of Mayo

12 Since the beginning of the lockdown, my parents have been working from home. At  
13 the beginning, they hoped to return to work soon, but it didn't happen. It was strange  
14 to see them at home in the morning. It was even stranger to see them work from the  
15 kitchen table. One thing became very clear: We need a bigger house  
16 with better desks.

17 But now I think my family is happier in the lockdown. I can always ask  
18 my parents for help if I don't understand my school tasks. My parents  
19 say they find my school tasks more interesting than they used to. They  
20 are less nervous about my school marks. We also got used to playing a  
21 board game at least once a week. Board games are more interesting  
22 than computer screens.

23 *Kara, 15, from Cork*



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24 My mom works from home and she is busier than she used to be. It has become  
25 more difficult for me to find time with her. She says she can do more interesting  
26 things at the computer now, but I find computers less interesting than  
27 parties with my friends. I cannot say that my mother and I are closer  
28 just because we are both at home.

29 My friendships are duller now because I can only see my friends on the  
30 screens. Sometimes, when everybody is online, the connection<sup>1</sup> is  
31 becoming worse and I spend more time on the phone. I think people  
32 are nicer when they are more relaxed, conversations are more  
33 interesting when it's less difficult to understand what people are  
34 saying.

35 *Michael, 13, from Dublin*



Picture: pixabay

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<sup>1</sup> the connection = Verbindung

36 I think this is the happiest and the best time of my life, and my sister and I are the  
37 luckiest children in our town. Maybe our country has the longest lockdown, but I have  
38 never been as close to my parents and my sister as during the lockdown. My mother  
39 is the best teacher. She stopped working last summer and she has started painting  
40 the most beautiful pictures I have ever seen. She sometimes helps me with  
41 homework, but school has become less exciting for me. Online lessons<sup>1</sup> are the most  
42 boring things I have ever experienced. But it doesn't bother<sup>2</sup> me at all. My family and  
43 I have found the most interesting games to play together, and we read  
44 the newest books and watch the best films in the afternoon. And I  
45 cannot say I have the best school marks, but they are not the poorest  
46 either. The best thing is that my parents now know everything about  
47 my school assignments<sup>3</sup>.  
48 I feel like I know my parents better now and they know me better too.  
49 *Fiona, 14, from Co Galway*



picture: pixabay

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<sup>1</sup> *lessons* = Unterricht

<sup>2</sup> *to bother* = stören





<sup>3</sup> *assignments* = Aufgaben



**Task 1.**

Who says this? Tick (☑) the correct name! Be careful: the wording of the statement is not directly the same as in the text.

*Wer sagt das? Kreuze den richtigen Namen an.*

	Seamus 	Kara 	Michael 	Fiona 	None of the teenagers
1. The friends' stories were funnier than a family member's.					
2. The family is happier now than before the lockdown.					
3. Computer games are duller than films.					
4. One of my parents has become an artist.					
5. The family needs a bigger house.					
6. Parties are more interesting than computer games.					
7. Parents can be happier without working.					
8. Parents are more nervous about their children's school marks than they used to be.					

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**Task 2.**

In the text, find English words for the given German words.

*Schreibe die passenden englischen Wörter, die im Text vorkommen, auf und verwende sie in einem kurzen Satz.*

Deutsch	Englisch	Das Wort in einem kurzen, englischen Satz
lang		
länger		
am längsten		
schlechte (Noten)		
schlechtere (Noten)		
die schlechtesten		
interessant		
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am interessantesten		

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**Task 3.**

Complete the table:

*Vervollständige die Tabelle.*

dt. Übersetzung	+	++	+++	-
alt	old	older (than)	the oldest	less old (than)
nett	nice	nicer	the nicest	less nice (than)
komisch, merkwürdig	strange	stranger	the strangest	less strange (than)
nah	close			
neu	new			
groß	big			
glücklich	happy			
glücklich	lucky			
beschäftigt	busy			
langweilig	dull			
langweilig	boring			
interessant	interesting			
entspannt	relaxed			

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#### **Task 4.**

Complete the sentences and tick: do you agree or disagree with this statement?

*Vervollständige die Sätze und kreuze an: Stimmst du zu oder nicht?*

Sentence	I agree	I disagree
Family members are _____ (nice) to each other.		
Girls are _____ (happy) to have more family time than boys.		
Parents are _____ (busy) during the lockdown.		
Conversations online are _____ (interesting) than meeting people in real life.		
Computer games are _____ (boring) than board games.		
Parents are the _____ (happy) when they don't have to work.		

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**Task 6.**

Take notes on the places where Michael, Seamus, Fiona and Kara come from and about their families.

*Mache dir Notizen, wo Michael, Seamus, Fiona und Kara leben und über ihre Familien.*

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Seamus

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Fiona

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They have in common:

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**Task 8.**

Which of the cities and which of the places do you find the most interesting? Why?  
*Welche Stadt oder welchen Ort findest du am interessantesten? Warum?*

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**Task 9.**

Plan your trip to Ireland. Where would you like to go? What do you want to do? Mark the cities on the map and describe how you would travel. Write at least 100 words.

*Plane deine Reise nach Irland. Wo würdest du gerne hingehen? Was möchtest du machen? Markiere die Städte auf der Karte und beschreibe, wie du reisen möchtest. Schreibe mindestens 100 Wörter.*



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