

IRELAND TODAY

Workshop Vocabulary

Task 1: INTRODUCTION

Talk to your partner and answer the questions below:

1. How many countries form the United Kingdom?
2. What are the most common nationalities you can meet in the U.K.?
3. What is the difference between Ireland and Northern Ireland?

Task 2: BRAINSTORMING IDEAS

Talk to your partner and try to come up with 10 facts about Ireland. Think about:

People	Politics	Drink	Traditions
Geography	Food	Music	History

Task 3: VOCABULARY

The words on the next page will most likely appear in the workshop.

1. Please check the meaning.
2. Put the words into several thematic groups.
3. What do you think Richie is going to talk about?

Task 4: RESEARCH

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Check the pronunciation of the words below at www.howjsay.com

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All the words in Task 3 and 4 are related to Irish culture. Go on-line and try to find out what they refer to.

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1. Irish Food
2. BC / AD e.g. 800 BC
3. To hunt
4. To fish
5. To capture
6. Pagans
7. Barrel
8. Folks
9. To set up a monastery
10. Shamrock
11. A bunch of Vikings
12. Barley
13. To steal
14. To surrender
15. To pull the tap down
16. Weapons
17. Jewelry
18. To wear a kilt
19. To defeat
20. To rebel
21. Easter Sunday 1916
22. To enslave
23. To publicly execute
24. To annoy
25. To set up a parliament
26. White pudding
27. Black pudding
28. Irish Stew
29. Pork sausages
30. Irish language
31. Rashers of bacon
32. Lamb
33. Beef
34. Mutton
35. To drive out
36. A slave
37. To escape
38. To sail
39. To become a priest
40. Tender
41. Brewery
42. Carrots
43. Parsley
44. Pint of Guinness
45. Sweet bitter taste
46. Ale
47. To brew
48. St. Patrick
49. Irish Drink
50. To sign a lease
51. To ship
52. Hop
53. Yeast
54. Low fat milk
55. To pour a pint of Guinness
56. At a 45 degrees angle
57. Liquid
58. To rule
59. To ban
60. To keep the language alive
61. Traditional dance event
62. Circles
63. Environment
64. Respected man
65. Irish history
66. Vikings
67. Norman king
68. A Pub Session



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Teachers' Notes

These activities have been designed to be used before the workshops as introduction and a way of getting students interested.

You may also use the material as a follow up activity after the students have attended the event and see how much they remember!