



## Ireland

Ireland is split (*geteilt*) into Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom. The Republic of Ireland is independent (*unabhängig*).

**To learn more about the Republic of Ireland, start reading at number 1.**



- ① The Republic of Ireland is a country in Western Europe. It is also an island. It borders on (*angrenzen an*) Northern Ireland, but it's not part of the United Kingdom. Can you find its flag? It's green, white and orange.
- ② The River Shannon is the longest river in Ireland. It flows (*fließen*) all the way from Dowra to a place near Limerick. Limerick is a big city in Ireland. But the biggest city is Dublin.
- ③ The Irish name of the country is not that easy to pronounce (*aussprechen*). The name of the biggest mountain in Ireland – Carrauntoohil – is also very difficult.
- ④ These words are not Irish, but English.
- ⑤ This is a guitar. It is sometimes used in Irish music, but it's not typically Irish.
- ⑥ This is an Irish policeman. The Irish call the police 'Garda'. One last fact about Ireland has something to do with the church.
- ⑦ This flag is green, white and red. It's the flag of Italy, not Ireland.
- ⑧ The flag of Ireland is green, white and orange. You can find it all over Ireland. The Irish love their flag, and they also love their second official language (*Amtssprache*), which is Irish.
- ⑨ Erie is a city in the USA. It has nothing to do with Ireland.
- ⑩ Most people in Ireland are Christian (*Christen*). The Catholic Church administers (*verwalten*) many schools. But everybody is free to choose their religion.
- ⑪ There are some mountains in Ireland. The highest mountain is the Carrauntoohil: it's highest point is 1 038 metres. The longest river in Ireland is 370 kilometres long.

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Ireland is split (*geteilt*) into Northern Ireland, which belongs to (*gehören zu*) the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Ireland, which is independent (*unabhängig*).

**To learn more about the Republic of Ireland, start reading at number 1.**



- ① The Republic of Ireland is an island state (*Inselstaat*) in Western Europe. It borders on (*angrenzen an*) Northern Ireland. The Republic of Ireland is not part of the United Kingdom. Can you find its flag?

**What are the four countries of the United Kingdom? Underline them.**

England                      Australia                      Wales                      Republic of Ireland  
Germany                      Northern Ireland                      Scotland

- ② The River Shannon is the longest river in Ireland. It flows (*fließen*) all the way from Dowra to a place near Limerick. Eventually (*letztendlich*) it flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Limerick is a big city in Ireland which is worth visiting (*sehenswert*). But the biggest city is Dublin.
- ③ The Irish name of the country is not that easy to pronounce (*aussprechen*) because the Irish language has different sounds (*Laute*) from what we know. Another example of a word which is difficult to pronounce is the biggest mountain in Ireland – Carrauntoohil.
- ④ These words are not Irish, but English.
- ⑤ This is a guitar. It is also sometimes used in Irish music, but it's not typically Irish.
- ⑥ This is an Irish policeman. The Irish call the police 'Garda'. This is what you can read on their uniforms. 'Garda' is another Irish word. We're almost done: here comes one last fact about Ireland. It has something to do with the church.
- ⑦ This flag is green, white and red. It's the flag of Italy, not Ireland.
- ⑧ The flag of Ireland is green, white and orange. You can find it all over Ireland because the Irish are proud of (*stolz auf*) their flag. They're also very proud of their second official language (*Amtssprache*), which is Irish.

**Colour the flag on the map.**

- ⑨ Erie is a city in the USA and has nothing to do with Ireland.
- ⑩ Most people in Ireland are Christian (*Christen*), mostly Catholic. The Catholic Church administers (*verwalten*) many schools, but this is already changing and, of course, everybody is free to choose their religion.
- ⑪ There are some mountains in Ireland, of which the highest is Carrauntoohil with a height (*Höhe*) of 1 038 metres. It's in the south of the country. The longest river in Ireland is 370 kilometres long.