

1 Think of the Ireland quiz in your Student's Book. Write the missing words. Then check on p. 8 of your Student's Book.

Euro million Irish Republic of Belfast capital English member

- 1 The of the Republic of Ireland is Dublin.
- 2 There are about four people in the Republic of Ireland.
- 3 The official languages of the Republic of Ireland are and
- 4 Ireland is a of the EU.
- 5 The Irish money is the
- 6 The Ireland is not part of the United Kingdom.
- 7 The capital of Northern Ireland is

2 Read the newspaper article. Then tick the correct answers.

OUT-FOXED!

Two clever foxes were making life difficult for Dublin Zoo last week. The problem was that the foxes were killing some of the zoo animals. Five exotic animals were already dead by last Friday. The zoo director said the foxes came from Phoenix Park, which is close to the zoo.

"There's a healthy population of foxes there," the director said. "Because there's a lot of building activity at the zoo, we think a gate was open and this is how the foxes got in." The foxes have now killed three more South American Maras (which look a bit like rabbits), a penguin and a parrot. Two days ago one of the two foxes was shot, but the other one is still around. "We even got a fox alarm bell and a trained dog, but we're out-foxed by this fox," said the director.

- 1 Two foxes killed

<input type="checkbox"/> some pets.	<input type="checkbox"/> some chickens.
<input type="checkbox"/> some zoo animals.	<input type="checkbox"/> a dog.
- 2 The zoo director thinks that the foxes came in through an open gate, because

<input type="checkbox"/> there is a circus at the zoo.
<input type="checkbox"/> there's some building work at the zoo.
<input type="checkbox"/> there are lots of children at the zoo.
<input type="checkbox"/> the weather was bad.
- 3 Two days ago one of the foxes

<input type="checkbox"/> was killed.	<input type="checkbox"/> was caught.
<input type="checkbox"/> was seen.	<input type="checkbox"/> was heard.
- 4 To get the other fox, they got

<input type="checkbox"/> a fox alarm bell and a trained fox.
<input type="checkbox"/> a dog alarm bell and a trained fox.
<input type="checkbox"/> a fox alarm bell and a trained dog.
<input type="checkbox"/> an alarm bell for a fox and a dog.
- 5 What do you think 'to out-fox' means?

<input type="checkbox"/> to have fun with someone
<input type="checkbox"/> to catch a fox
<input type="checkbox"/> to act in a more intelligent way than someone else
<input type="checkbox"/> to make a fool of someone

1 Fill in the past simple or the past continuous.

Anna's job interview

Do you remember Anna from Denmark? (If not, go to your Student's Book, p. 11.) In the interview she also told the interviewer about the first time she met the family she is working for, the Morgans. Here is part of the interview.



I Anna, you are working as an au pair at the moment, aren't you?

A Yes, I am and I really love my job. From eight in the morning till five in the afternoon I look after Liam and Michael, they're four-year-old twins. I was really surprised to get the job because of what happened on my first day in Dublin ...

I What went wrong? Tell me.

A Well, I ¹ (have) a job interview with the Morgans, first thing in the morning at nine. I ² (stay) at a small hotel which is quite a long way from the Morgans' flat.

So I ³ (decide) to go by bus and LUAS.

I LUAS ... what's that?

A It's the tram system in Dublin; I think it's OK, but there are only two lines. Anyway, while I

⁴ (wait) at the bus stop this morning, the crowd

⁵ (slowly, get) bigger and bigger.

I ⁶ (ask) a man why the bus ⁷

(run) late and he ⁸ (tell) me that this

⁹ (happen) all the time. I ¹⁰

(try) to phone the family but nobody ¹¹ (answer) the

phone. When I finally ¹² (arrive) at the Morgans' place, it

¹³ (be) ten o'clock. Mrs Morgan ¹⁴

(already, wait) for me. I thought that I would never get this job. But everything was fine in the end and she told me that she had been late for her first job interview as well. If there's one thing I really hate about Dublin, it's the public transport. It takes a long time and isn't reliable* at all.

VOCABULARY: *reliable – verlässlich

1 Read the text. Then circle T (True) or F (False).

Dublin's fair city

On the east coast of Ireland, at the mouth of the River Liffey, and to the north of the Wicklow Mountains lies the Republic of Ireland's capital and with a population of 1,173,179 its largest city: Dublin.

Dublin is an ancient city. Its Irish name is *Baile Átha Cliath* ['bälə a:hə 'cliə]. Some people believe it was Celtic tribes that first came here in or before the 7th century. Later the Vikings* arrived and created the Kingdom of Dublin. From here the Vikings sailed across the Irish Sea to capture* slaves. Irish pirates started to do the same thing and St. Patrick was one of their victims before he escaped. It became Ireland's main city after the Normans* came to the country in the 12th century. From the 17th century onwards Dublin got bigger and bigger very quickly and by the year 1800 it was the second largest city in the British Empire* – but only for a short time. When Ireland became two different countries in 1922, Dublin became the capital of the Irish Free State, now called the Republic of Ireland.

Dublin has become a very modern city and today is a centre for education, art, government and industry. In 2018, it was named an "Alpha" global city, which makes it one of the top thirty cities in the world.

Dublin has many tourist attractions. In the Old Library of Trinity College, Dublin, there is the *Book of Kells*. It is an illustrated manuscript* created by Irish monks in the 9th century. The Ha'penny Bridge, an iron footbridge* over the River Liffey, is one of the most photographed sights in Dublin.

There are many green areas around the city. Public parks include the Phoenix Park, which is about 3 kilometres west of the city centre, north of the River Liffey. It has a wall around it that is 16 kilometres long. It has large areas of grass and lots of trees and is also home to Dublin Zoo. Music concerts are also sometimes held in the park.

Many world-famous writers have lived and worked in Dublin: William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and the man who created *Dracula*, Bram Stoker.

VOCABULARY

*Vikings – Wikinger; capture – fangen; Normans – Normannen; British Empire – britisches Reich; manuscript – Manuskript; footbridge – Fußgängerbrücke

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| 1 Over two million people live in the capital of Ireland on the west coast. | T / F |
| 2 The Normans were the first people to arrive in Dublin in the 8 th century. | T / F |
| 3 St. Patrick was taken to Ireland as a slave by Irish pirates. | T / F |
| 4 By the end of the 17 th century, Dublin was a very important city in the British Empire. | T / F |
| 5 Before the year 1922, Ireland was only one country. | T / F |
| 6 Dublin is now one of the best and most attractive cities on the globe. | T / F |
| 7 The <i>Book of Kells</i> is an ancient book illustrated by the Normans. | T / F |
| 8 You can't cross the Ha'penny Bridge in Dublin by car. | T / F |
| 9 Dublin Zoo can be found within the walls of the Phoenix Park. | T / F |
| 10 Oscar Wilde is famous for creating the character of <i>Dracula</i> . | T / F |

- 1** Write sentences about Christopher's Sunday. Use the past continuous and make sentences about his friends and family.

Oliver



Susan



His parents and his brother



Greg and Sheila



Martin



Malik

Christopher's Sunday

Last Sunday, Christopher got up late. His parents and younger brother had already left early because they wanted to take a long walk in the woods. He didn't have any plans for the day so Christopher phoned his friends. But none of them was at home.

Oliver was not at home because he ...

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More Essential English

1 Find the words and write the dialogue.



Sally HiJOHNWHERE DIDYOU GOONHOLIDAY?

Sally DIDYOU ENJOYIT?

Hi, John. Where

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John TOCROATIA.

John YESITWASFANTASTIC.

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Sally DIDYOU GOWITHYOURPARENTS?

Sally WHATDIDYOU ENJOYMOST?

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John NOONLYWITHMYDAD.

John SNORKELLINGANDWINDSURFING.

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2 Circle the correct form: past simple or past continuous.

A school trip to Glendalough

Linda, a 14-year-old British student, and her classmates took a trip to Glendalough last month. This is what she wrote in her diary:

On our way there, Mr Miller ¹ told / was telling us some interesting things about Glendalough. I ² tried / was trying to listen to what he said, but I couldn't. While he ³ explained / was explaining the history of the place, the boys who ⁴ sat / were sitting in the back of the bus ⁵ talked / were talking all the time. Not only that, they ⁶ also sang / were also singing stupid songs. That ⁷ was / was being a real pain! When we ⁸ got off / were getting off the bus, we ⁹ went / were going for a short hike around one of the lakes. What a beautiful place! I ¹⁰ was taking / took lots of photos. Back on the bus, Mr Miller ¹¹ noticed / was noticing that one of the boys, Tommy, ¹² missed / was missing. While the bus driver and Mr Miller ¹³ searched / were searching for him, we ¹⁴ looked / were looking at each other's photos. After an hour Tommy finally ¹⁵ appeared / was appearing. Now he isn't allowed to go out on his own any more. Serves him right!