



Irish Quiz Organisation

Quarantine quiz pack no. 4

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Questions only

Round 1 – Multiple choice

10 assorted multiple-choice questions about Ireland:

1	How many counties are there in Connacht — 5, 6, 7 or 8?
2	What does the “D” in Michael D. Higgins stand for — Dennis, Donal, Donncha or Daniel?
3	The Shannon is famously the longest river in Ireland, but what is the second longest — the Lee, the Barrow, the Suir or the Liffey?
4	Which animal featured on the Irish £1 coin, introduced in 1990 — horse, bull, salmon or deer?
5	Founded in 900 AD and said to be the oldest pub in Europe, “Sean’s Bar” is located in which Irish town — Ennis, Athlone, Killarney or Navan?
6	What age was Oscar Wilde when he died in the year 1900 — 36, 46, 56 or 66?
7	Former Irish Taoiseach Jack Lynch had what unusual middle name — Anne, Brigid, Mary or Theresa?
8	How long is a term of office for an Irish President — 4 years, 5 years, 6 years or 7 years?
9	Which popular snack food was invented by Joseph Haughton in Dublin in 1885 — cream crackers, cheese and onion crisps, chocolate chip cookies or cornflakes?
10	Dublin’s city motto translates from Latin as “Happy is the city where citizens...” — Prosper, Succeed, Obey, or Survive?

Round 2 – A Cúpla Focail

10 questions involving the Irish language:

1	The English name of what alcoholic drink comes from an Irish phrase meaning “water of life”?
2	Forming part of many Irish place names such as Kildare and Kilkenny, “Cill” is the Irish word for what type of building?
3	What common Irish boy’s name means “dove” in Irish?
4	The Irish-language name for the month of September is “Meán Fomhair”, which translates as “middle of...” what?
5	“Caoga” is the Irish word for which number? (As a hint, it’s a number you’ll see on the front of one of the euro banknotes)
6	What English word meaning “plenty” is derived from an Irish phrase which also means the same thing?
7	The name of which Irish county translates as “Fort of the Foreigners”?
8	Located on the River Liffey, the Irish name of which Co. Kildare town is “Léim an Bhradáin”, literally meaning “salmon leap”?
9	What popular Irish girl’s name means “freedom” in Irish?
10	The Irish term for what sea creatures is “smugairle róin”, which literally translates as “seal snot”?

Round 3 – Irish sport

Exactly what it says on the tin – 10 questions about sport in Ireland:

1	In GAA, the counties who have won the most Senior Football championships and most Senior Hurling championships both start with what letter?
2	Who are the only current League of Ireland soccer team based in Northern Ireland?
3	Katie Taylor is currently the undisputed world champion in which weight division?
4	In 1987, which Dublin cyclist became the only Irishman so far to win the Tour de France?
5	Only three Irish counties have black as one of their GAA county colours. Kilkenny is one – name <u>either</u> of the others?
6	In 1928, Pat O’Callaghan became the first Irish athlete to win an Olympic gold medal after Irish independence. In what track and field event did he compete?
7	In 2003, Ireland became the first country outside the United States to hold which major international sporting event?
8	Who were the last county to win the All-Ireland Senior Football championship before Dublin won six-in-a-row from 2015 to 2020?
9	In 2010, which Northern Irish golfer became the first European player in 40 years to win the US Open?
10	There are six “Gaelic games” officially recognised by the GAA. Four of them are Gaelic football, Ladies football, hurling and camogie. Name <u>either</u> of the other two?

Round 4 – Irish music

(See the instructions in the separate “Music round instructions” document if you need more technical help on how to play the music clips.)

In this round you’ll hear 10 audio clips:

- The first 7 are songs by Irish singers or bands: all you have to do is name the **song** (singer or band name is **not** required).
- The last 3 clips are the theme tunes to classic Irish television shows: simply name the **programme**.

1	Name the song?
2	Name the song?
3	Name the song?
4	Name the song?
5	Name the song?
6	Name the song?
7	Name the song?
8	Name the TV theme tune?
9	Name the TV theme tune?
10	Name the TV theme tune?

Round 5 – Reeling in the Years

Each question will tell you 3 notable events that took place in Ireland in a given year. All you have to do is **name the year**:

1	In what year did the following events occur: The National Lottery held Ireland's first Lotto draw, Dublin celebrated its Millennium, and Ray Houghton scored a memorable goal as Ireland beat England 1-0 at the European Championships?
2	In what year did the following events occur: Ireland introduced its smoking ban in bars and restaurants, the Luas tram system began operation in Dublin, and Cian O'Connor won an equestrian gold medal for Ireland at the Olympics, but was then disqualified after his horse failed a drugs test?
3	In what year did the following events occur: RTÉ Radio 2 (now known as 2FM) was launched, Charles Haughey became Taoiseach for the first time, and Pope John Paul II visited Ireland?
4	In what year did the following events occur: Brian Cowen became Taoiseach, Dustin represented Ireland at the Eurovision Song Contest, and Giovanni Trapattoni was appointed manager of the Republic of Ireland football team?
5	In what year did the following events occur: Seamus Heaney was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, the first episode of Father Ted was broadcast, and the divorce referendum was held, with the Yes vote winning by a margin of less than 1%?
6	In what year did the following events occur: Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to hold a state visit to Ireland since independence, Michael D. Higgins was first elected President of Ireland, and the first episode of Mrs. Brown's Boys was broadcast?
7	In what year did the following events occur: Dana became the first Irish singer to win the Eurovision Song Contest, the Catholic church officially lifted the ban on Catholics attending Trinity College Dublin, and musician Sharon Corr, the oldest sister in The Corrs, was born?
8	In what year did the following events occur: The first episode of Glenroe was broadcast, the racehorse Shergar was infamously kidnapped by the IRA, and the controversial Eighth Amendment was added to the Irish Constitution after being voted in via referendum?
9	In what year did the following events occur: Ireland won their third Grand Slam in the Six Nations rugby championships, the "Beast from the East" covered Ireland in snow, and the referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment was passed?
10	In what year did the following events occur: John F Kennedy visited Ireland (becoming the first serving US president to do so), The Beatles played their only-ever concerts in Ireland, and television presenter Graham Norton was born?

Round 6 – Irish pot luck

To finish the quiz, it's 10 assorted Irish general knowledge questions:

1	Which Irish king was killed at the Battle of Clontarf in 1014?
2	Who is the only person ever to have served as both Taoiseach and President of Ireland?
3	First aired in 1990, which Irish TV show is the second-longest-running game show in Europe? (Behind only Channel 4's Countdown)
4	Rebranded as Vodafone following a 2001 takeover, what was the original name of Ireland's first mobile phone provider, founded in 1984 as a subsidiary of Telecom Éireann?
5	Opened in 1985, the first-ever drive through restaurant anywhere in Europe was the McDonalds drive-through in which Dublin suburban shopping centre?
6	Other than potatoes, what is the main ingredient in the traditional Irish dish "colcannon"?
7	Name the Irish actress who won an Oscar in 1990 for playing Christy Brown's mother in "My Left Foot"?
8	Tara Mine, near Navan, Co. Meath, is Europe's largest mine for what metal?
9	Which Irish political leader featured on the Irish £20 note between 1992 and 2002?
10	In Irish mythology, by what collective name are the siblings Fionnghuala, Aodh, Fiachra and Conn better known?

Picture rounds:

Both the picture rounds can be used anywhere in the quiz that you like. For example, one at the beginning and one in the middle between rounds 3 and 4 (this is also a good opportunity to give your players a half-time break).

Use the included “Picture Round 1” and “Picture Round 2” PowerPoint or PDF file to show your players the pictures, using the “Share Screen” feature on your video conferencing software. You could also email your players the files if you wish.

Picture round 1 – Name the movie?

This round contains 10 screenshots from movies which were set in Ireland and/or filmed in Ireland. In each case, simply **name the film**.

Picture round 2 – Where in Ireland?

Each picture is a classic John Hinde postcard photograph from the 1950s or 1960s, depicting a landmark or scenic attraction somewhere in Ireland. In each case, simply **name the Irish county** where the landmark is located.

Tiebreakers (closest answer wins)

Only use these if scores are level after the final round. Just pick one question at random and have players attempt to guess the answer. The closest answer wins. (If two or more players are equally close, pick another tiebreaker)

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| 1 | Lugnaquilla in the Wicklow mountains is the highest mountain in Leinster. What is its height in metres? |
| 2 | According to the Society of the Irish Motor Industry, how many passenger cars were registered in the Republic of Ireland during 2020? |
| 3 | According to the Central Statistics Office, how many dairy cows were there in the Republic of Ireland in 2019? |

Note: for any problems or feedback on this quiz, please contact questions@quizeireland.ie
You'll also need the password to view the answers file, which you can also obtain from the above email address if you haven't already.