



HI! I'M IRISH



Hello to you all,



My name is Maura, and I'm from Dublin, Ireland.
The official name of my country is the Republic of Ireland or Eire.

Ireland is a beautiful island, known as the Emerald Isle for its beautiful lush green fields. It is located west of Great Britain, in the Atlantic Ocean.

Great Britain previously ruled Ireland, but the country claimed its independence in a revolution in 1922. Only a part in the north, which is called Northern Ireland, is a part of the United Kingdom.

The population of Ireland is 4,470 million. The Irish flag is green, white and orange. The official languages are English and Irish. The capital of the Ireland is Dublin. Dublin is situated on the River Liffey. It has got lots of sightseeing and is visited by thousands of tourists every month.



Ireland is famous all over the world for its unsettled weather. However, there are no extreme temperatures and the climate is mild and wet. People in Ireland do not worry about tsunamis, earthquakes or hurricanes.

The river Shannon is the longest river in Ireland running for 224 miles and Carrauntoohil is the tallest mountain (1,038 m).

Ireland is a nation of storytellers. Many famous writers are Irish: the most known are James Joyce, Oscar Wilde, Samuel Beckett, Jonathan Swift, G. B. Shaw and W. B. Yeats. Storytelling was always part of Irish life. Stories were told in oral form about gods and fairies and many of folk tales survived. Some fairies are Leprechaun and Tuatha De Dannan.



The symbols of Ireland are the shamrock, the Celtic cross, the harp and the Claddagh's ring.

On the 17th of March we celebrate St. Patrick, the patron-saint of Ireland.

The Irish native sports are Gaelic Football and Hurling.

Irish dancing is also a very important part of the culture of Ireland. One of the most famous Irish dances nowadays is Riverdance.

Ireland is famous all over the world for its "Guinness" beer, which is black, and for its typical folk music.

But the beauty of Ireland stays mainly in its landscape and its typical characteristic towns. The countryside, the green hills, that in spring become colourful and end in the dark blue sea, the seashore and the cliffs are some of the most amazing things of Ireland.

Many towns have beautiful and picturesque seashore sceneries, such as Galway, with its coloured houses on the sea. The Cliffs are one of the best attraction.

The most famous are the Cliffs of Moher.

In fact it is said that once you visit Ireland, you can't forget it!

Love Maura

A. Read the report and say if these sentences are True or False

1. The girl's name is Mary.
2. She lives in Northern Ireland.
3. Saint Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland
4. Dublin is the capital of Ireland.
5. Dublin is situated in the River Shannon.
6. Oscar Wilde is a famous Irish writer.
7. Eire is also called Amber Isle.
8. The shamrock and the harp are symbols of Ireland.
9. Riverdance is one of the most famous Irish dances.
10. Galway is a high mountain.

B. Answer the questions

1. What nationality is Maura?

2. Where is Eire located?

3. How many inhabitants are there in Ireland?

4. When did the country become independent?

5. What are Leprechaun and Tuatha De Dannan?

6. When do they celebrate St. Patrick's day?

7. What is hurling?

8. Is "Guinness" whiskey?

9. What are the Cliffs of Moher?

10. What are some of the most amazing things of Ireland?
