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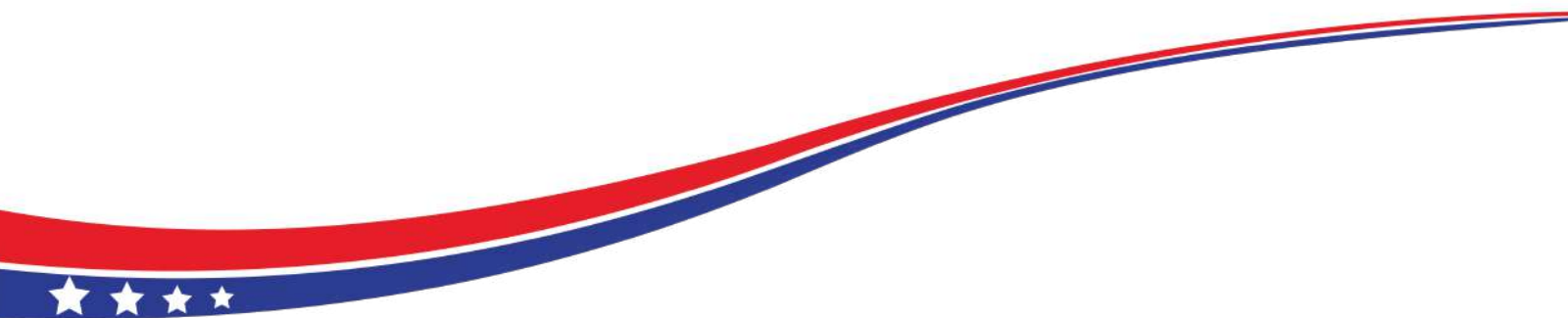
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Step by step



IRELAND





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MARCH



March 17th : Saint Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland, celebrating Irish culture. According to legend Saint Patrick banished snakes from Ireland. To celebrate the day there are parades all over Ireland, as well as some major cities across the world. The city of Chicago has a fun custom where they dye the Chicago River green each year.

IRELAND

VOCABULARY



Ireland



flag



shamrock



rain



leprechaun



gold



rainbow



harp



rabbit



sheep



cow



castle



Unscramble each of the words and match to the pictures below.

1. ridnela

Ireland

2. owc

3. raph

4. punalecreh

5. baniwor

6. seltac

7. dogl

8. rokamshc

9. ehesp

10. inar

11. galf

12. baritb



Animals of

Ireland



The only native breed of pony in Ireland, the **Connemara pony** lives in the west of Ireland. They are known to be very kind and gentle animals and this has made them very popular both in and outside of Ireland.



The **badger** is a nocturnal animal, which means it sleeps during the day and is active during the night. Badgers live together in groups of 2 to 15 badgers, called 'clans'. These groups live in tunnels underground.



The largest land mammal in Ireland is the **Irish red deer**. It is easy to tell male and female deer apart, as the male deer has 'U' shaped antlers, where the female deer does not. A male deer is called a 'stag' and the female is called a 'hind'.



Bottlenosed dolphins are called this because of their snout being shaped like a bottle, although its real nose for breathing is just a hole on top of its head. Bottlenose dolphins can live for more than 40 years.



The **red fox** hunts alone and is carnivorous (which means it eats meat). However, some red foxes eat fruit and vegetables, fish, and even worms. The red fox also stores leftover food to eat later.

Animal profile :

Atlantic puffin



Height:

13 inches long (21 inch wingspan)

Weight:

1 pound

Diet:

Puffins eat a diet of small fish. An adult bird needs to eat an estimated 40 fish per day. It fishes by diving under water and catching multiple fish at a time in it's beak.

Class: Aves

Order: Charadriiformes

Family: Alcidae

Genus: *Fratercula*

Species: *F. arctica*

Off the southern coast of Ireland, there is an island where many puffins live. Unsurprisingly, this place is now known as 'Puffin Island'. No people live on this island and it is now a nature reserve for birds.

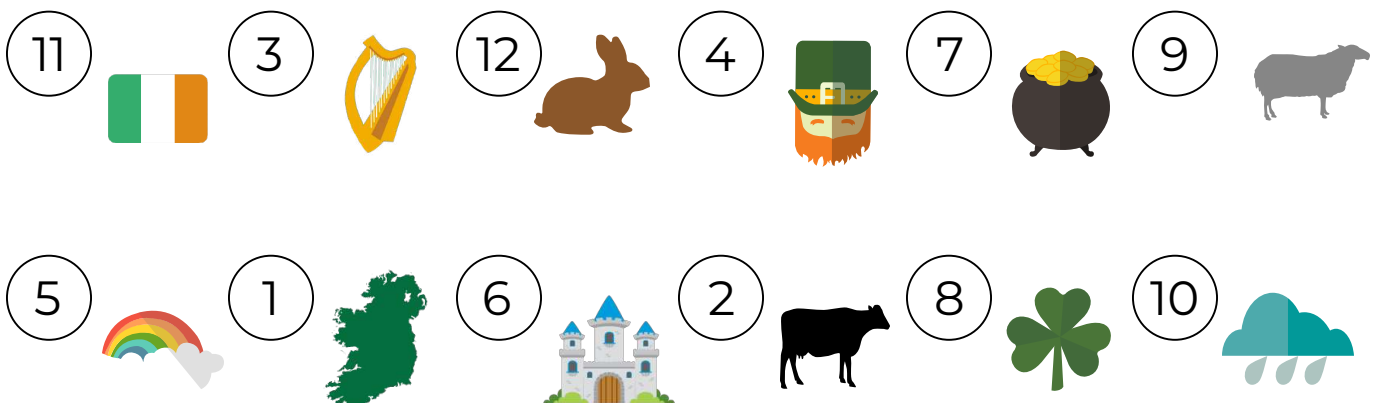


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Solution



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3. raph	harp
4. punalecreh	leprechaun
5. baniwor	rainbow
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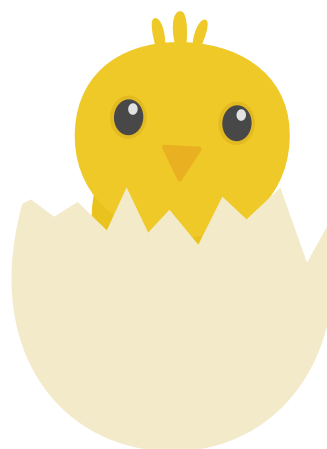


NEXT MONTH



Spring

Spring is a time of fresh starts and new beginnings. Learn more about plants, animals and the different stages of their lives.





American Village