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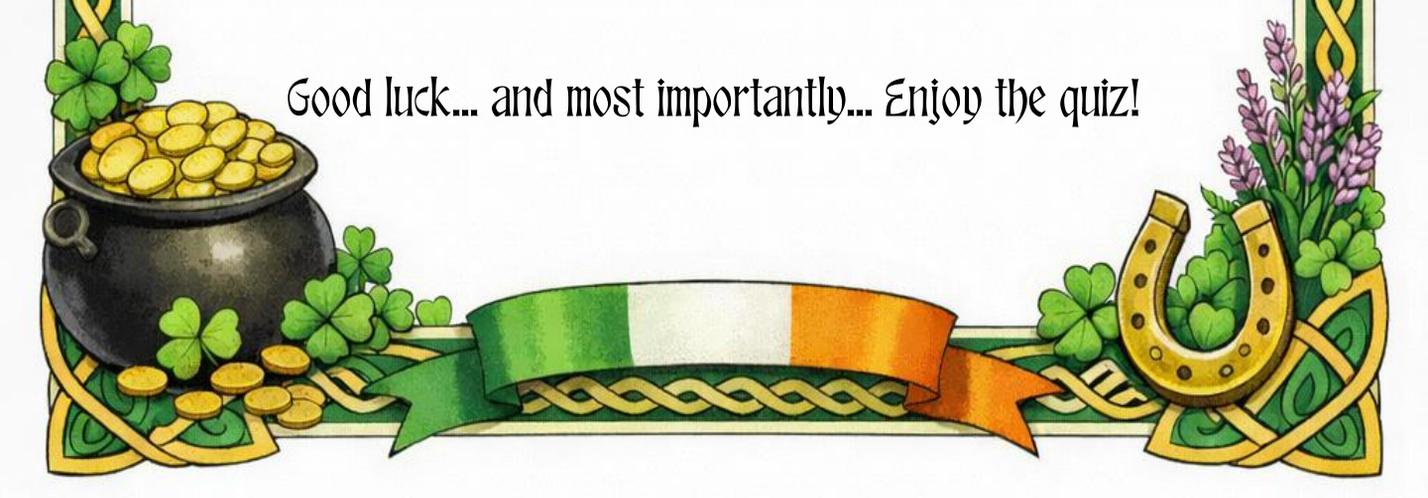
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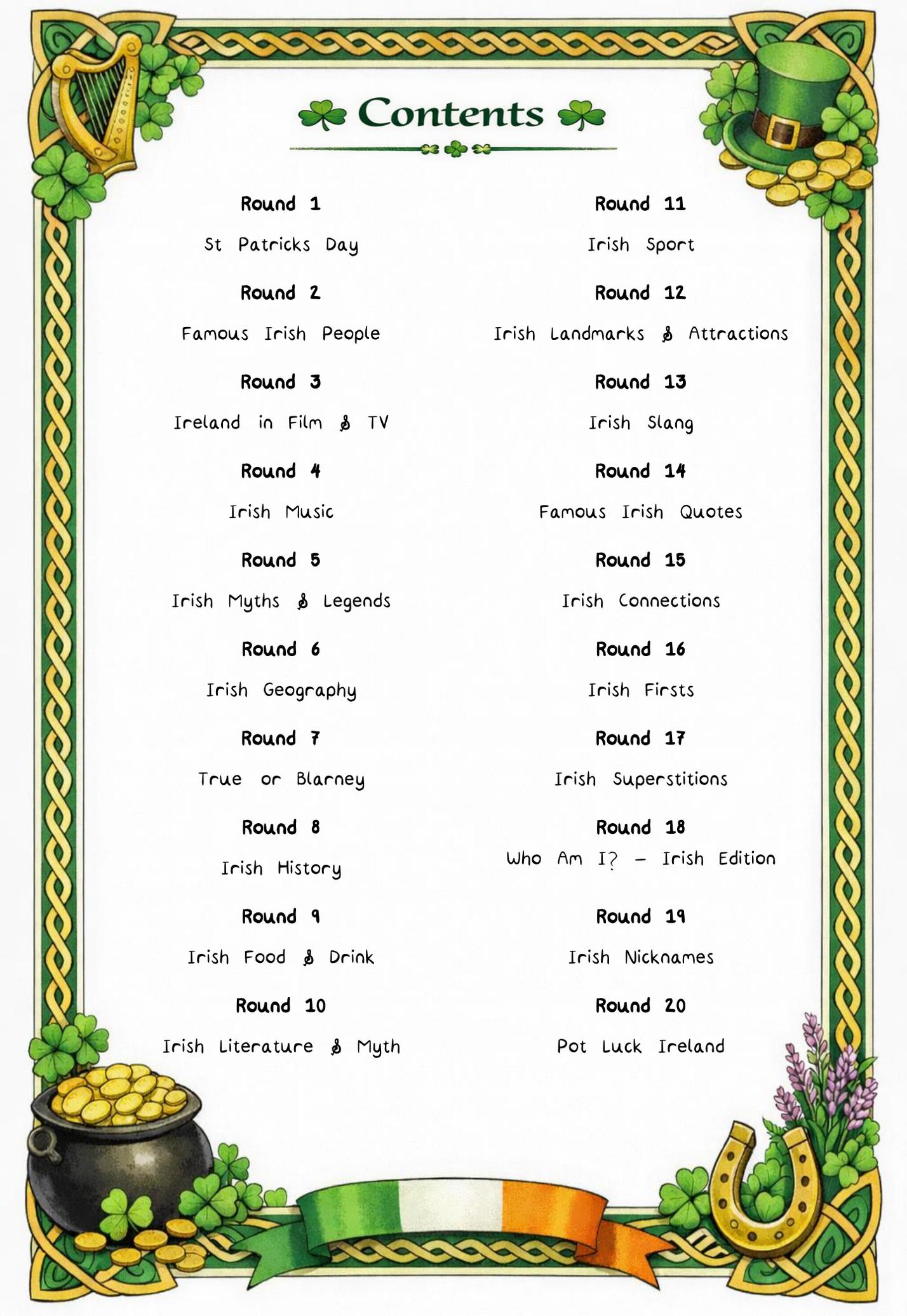
Inside this book you'll find 248 fun and entertaining questions celebrating everything Irish — from history and folklore to music, sport, famous faces and Saint Patrick's Day traditions.

Whether you're hosting a pub quiz, organising a party with friends, running a fundraiser, or simply looking for something fun to enjoy with family, this quiz book is designed to bring plenty of laughter, friendly competition and Irish spirit to the occasion.

So pour yourself a drink, gather your team, and see who has the luck of the Irish when it comes to trivia!

Good luck... and most importantly... Enjoy the quiz!





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Round 1

St. Patrick's Day

1. Legend has it that St Patrick used which humble three-leafed plant to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to the Irish?
2. Although he later became Ireland's patron saint, St Patrick is believed to have actually been born in which neighbouring country?
3. In Irish folklore, which mischievous mythical creature is said to guard a hidden pot of gold at the end of a rainbow?
4. Every St Patrick's Day, which major American city celebrates by dyeing its river a spectacular shade of bright green?
5. One of Ireland's most famous exports, Guinness, has been brewed in Dublin since 1759 at which historic city gate brewery site?
6. Which spectacular Irish dance show first stunned audiences when it debuted during the interval of the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest?
7. Before green became the dominant colour of St Patrick's Day celebrations, which colour was historically associated with St Patrick himself?
8. What short Irish word is commonly used as a toast in pubs and gatherings, meaning "good health"?
9. In Irish mythology, what is the name of the magical land of eternal youth, often translated as the "Land of the Young"?
10. Which world-famous Irish rock band, formed in Dublin in 1976, features Bono as its charismatic lead singer?
11. What traditional Irish hand drum, played with a small double-ended stick called a tipper, is a staple of Irish folk music?
12. Which famous Irish three-leaf symbol, often worn on St Patrick's Day, is also the national emblem of Ireland?



Round 2

Famous Irish People

1. In Steven Spielberg's powerful 1993 Holocaust drama *Schindler's List*, which Irish actor took on the role of factory owner and unlikely hero Oskar Schindler?
2. Which Irish singer-songwriter stunned the world in 1990 with the emotional global hit *Nothing Compares 2 U*?
3. Which Irish author unleashed one of literature's most famous vampires on the world when he published the Gothic novel *Dracula* in 1897?
4. Which Irish mixed martial arts superstar — famous for his sharp tongue and knockout power — is nicknamed "The Notorious"?
5. In the dark 2022 blockbuster *The Batman*, which Irish actor disappeared under heavy prosthetics to play Gotham villain The Penguin?
6. Which Irish singer brought Eurovision glory to Ireland in 1993 with the winning song *In Your Eyes*?
7. Which Irish playwright penned the surreal and endlessly analysed stage classic *Waiting for Godot*, a cornerstone of the Theatre of the Absurd?
8. Which Irish-born naval explorer made history in 1820 when he became the first European known to sight Antarctica?
9. Which two Irish writers teamed up to create the legendary Channel 4 sitcom *Father Ted*, set on the fictional Craggy Island?
10. Which celebrated Irish poet was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995?
11. Which Irish actress earned an Academy Award nomination for her performance as Siobhán in the 2022 film *The Banshees of Inisherin*?
12. Which Irish singer-songwriter broke through internationally in 2014 with the powerful hit *Take Me to Church*?



Round 3

Ireland in Film & TV

1. In the Star Wars prequel trilogy, which Irish actor wields the lightsaber as the wise Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi?
2. Which powerful 1993 film tells the true story of the Guildford Four, wrongly imprisoned for IRA bombings they did not commit?
3. In the Channel 4 sitcom Father Ted, what is the name of the remote fictional island where Ted, Dougal and Jack are exiled to live?
4. Which Irish actress received an Academy Award nomination for her starring role as a homesick emigrant in the 2015 film Brooklyn?
5. Which 2006 Irish musical drama — centred around two struggling musicians on the streets of Dublin — features the Oscar-winning song Falling Slowly?
6. In the Harry Potter film series, which Irish actor plays the grizzled and magical-eyed Auror Mad-Eye Moody?
7. What is the name of the hugely popular Channel 4 comedy about a group of teenagers growing up in Northern Ireland during the Troubles?
8. Which Irish actor starred opposite Brendan Gleeson in the darkly comic 2022 film The Banshees of Inisherin?
9. Which Irish actor took over the role of Albus Dumbledore in the Harry Potter films from Prisoner of Azkaban onwards?
10. Which beautiful 2014 Irish animated film, inspired by Celtic folklore about a selkie girl, was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature?
11. Which Irish actor portrayed the ruthless pirate Captain Charles Vane in the swashbuckling TV series Black Sails?
12. Which Irish comedian and actor played the endlessly exasperated Father Ted Crilly in the classic sitcom Father Ted?



Round 4

Irish Music

- Released in 1991, which Irish band burst onto the international music scene with their debut album *Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We*?
- Which Irish singer sailed to worldwide success in 1988 with the atmospheric hit *Orinoco Flow*, often remembered for the lyric "Sail away, sail away, sail away"?
- Which Irish singer scored a UK number-one hit in 2002 with the upbeat anthem *Life Is a Rollercoaster*?
- Which legendary Irish rock band released the classic albums *Jailbreak* in 1976 and *Black Rose* in 1979?
- Which Irish family band — made up of siblings Andrea, Sharon, Caroline and Jim — achieved worldwide fame with hits including *Breathless*?
- What is the name of the traditional Irish singing style performed entirely without instrumental accompaniment, often noted for its highly ornamented vocals?
- Which traditional Irish instrument — a type of small bagpipe — is commonly used in Irish folk music and played using bellows rather than blowing into it?
- What is the Irish name for the traditional harp that appears on Ireland's national emblem and is one of the country's most iconic musical symbols?
- Which famous Irish folk song begins with the line: "In Dublin's fair city, where the girls are so pretty..."?
- In traditional Irish music, what lively dance tune is typically written in 6/8 time and often played at a fast pace in sessions?
- What traditional Irish wind instrument — simple, metal, and widely used in folk music — is also commonly known as the penny whistle?
- What is the name of the famous Irish folk ballad about a highwayman from the Wicklow Mountains who famously declares: "Whack for the daddy-o..."?



Round 5

Irish Myths & Legends

1. In Irish folklore, which sinister shapeshifting water spirit can appear as a beautiful horse, only to lure unsuspecting riders onto its back before plunging them into a river or lake?
2. In ancient Irish mythology, what sacred tree was believed to connect the heavens above, the earth below, and the mysterious underworld?
3. According to Irish legend, which ghostly female spirit is said to foretell death by letting out a chilling wail in the night?
4. Which mighty giant from Irish mythology is said to have built the spectacular Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland?
5. In Irish folklore, what magical creature transforms from a seal into a human by shedding its skin on land?
6. Which legendary warrior hero of Irish mythology — famed for his incredible strength and battle frenzy — is the central figure of the Ulster Cycle?
7. In Irish mythology, what supernatural race of beings are often translated as the "People of the Goddess Danu"?
8. Which Irish god carried a magical spear said to guarantee victory in battle whenever it was thrown?
9. In Irish mythology, which sea god rides across the waves in a chariot pulled by horses, ruling the oceans around Ireland?
10. In Irish folklore, what eerie spirit is said to haunt lonely castles and graveyards and can appear as a terrifying headless horseman?
11. Which legendary High King of Ireland possessed a magical harp said to control the emotions of anyone who heard it — making them laugh, cry, or fall asleep?
12. In Irish mythology, what tragic heroine died of a broken heart after fleeing an arranged marriage, giving her name to a famous mountain in County Donegal?



Round 6

Irish Geography

1. Let's start easy — what city serves as the capital of the Republic of Ireland?
2. Which famous river flows through the heart of Dublin, dividing the city into its northside and southside?
3. What is the largest lake on the island of Ireland, stretching across several counties?
4. The dramatic Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most famous natural landmarks, are located in which Irish county?
5. Ireland's highest peak is Carrauntoohil — but which mountain range does it belong to?
6. Which sea lies between the islands of Ireland and Great Britain?
7. What is the name of the narrow stretch of water that separates Northern Ireland from Scotland?
8. Which Irish city is famously known as the "City of Tribes"?
9. What is the second-largest city in the Republic of Ireland, located in the south of the country?
10. In County Kerry, what is the name of the famous ring-shaped scenic driving route that attracts tourists from all over the world?
11. Which Irish county shares the longest land border with Northern Ireland?
12. What is the name of the rugged group of islands located at the mouth of Galway Bay off Ireland's west coast?



Round 7

True or Blarney

1. St Patrick — the patron saint of Ireland — was born in Ireland.
2. The famous Guinness brewery at St James's Gate in Dublin operates on an extraordinary 9,000-year lease signed in the 18th century.
3. Ireland has never won the Eurovision Song Contest.
4. Ireland's national symbol, the harp, appears on official items such as Irish coins and passports.
5. Halloween can trace its origins back to the ancient Irish Celtic festival of Samhain.
6. Northern Ireland's Giant's Causeway is made up of thousands of naturally formed basalt columns created by volcanic activity.
7. Ireland is often affectionately nicknamed "The Emerald Isle".
8. The River Shannon holds the title of the longest river in Ireland.
9. The Irish language, known as Gaeilge, is one of the official languages of Ireland.
10. The RMS Titanic — the world-famous ocean liner — was built in Dublin.
11. According to legend, kissing the famous Blarney Stone grants the kisser the "gift of the gab" — the power of eloquent speech.
12. Ireland is home to more sheep than people.
13. Traditionally, Ireland is divided into four historic provinces.
14. The Irish national flag — the tricolour — is made up of green, white and orange.
15. St Patrick's Day became an official public holiday in Ireland as far back as the 17th century.
16. The famous illuminated manuscript known as the Book of Kells is kept at Trinity College Dublin.
17. Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom.
18. The Republic of Ireland uses the euro as its national currency.
19. The dramatic Cliffs of Moher are located on Ireland's east coast.
20. Guinness — Ireland's most famous stout — was first brewed in Cork.



Round 8

Irish History



1. In which year did the historic Easter Rising — the armed rebellion against British rule — take place in the heart of Dublin?
2. What was the name of the 1921 agreement that ended the Irish War of Independence and led to the creation of the Irish Free State?
3. Who became the first President of Ireland when the role was created in 1938?
4. Which English king's rule saw the beginning of the Norman invasion of Ireland in 1169?
5. What was the name of the infamous Dublin prison where many leaders of the Easter Rising were held — and later executed?
6. Which Irish revolutionary leader stood outside Dublin's General Post Office in 1916 and famously read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic?
7. What is the name of the conflict fought between Irish republicans and British forces from 1919 to 1921?
8. Which Irish political leader founded the political party Fianna Fáil in 1926?
9. Which Irish city suffered devastating destruction during the War of Independence when much of its centre was burned in 1920?
10. What is the name of the parliament of the Republic of Ireland?
11. Which major Irish city — originally founded by Vikings — later became the capital of Ireland?
12. What was the name of the landmark 1998 peace agreement that helped bring an end to much of the conflict in Northern Ireland?



Round 9

Irish Food & Drink

1. Which world-famous Irish stout — first brewed at St James's Gate in Dublin in 1759 — has become one of Ireland's most iconic drinks?
2. What traditional Irish stew, usually made with lamb or mutton along with potatoes, carrots and onions, has warmed generations of Irish kitchens?
3. What type of traditional Irish bread — made with baking soda instead of yeast — is a staple on tables across the island?
4. Which famous Irish cream liqueur, blending whiskey, cream and cocoa, was first produced in 1974?
5. What is the name of the classic Irish potato dish made by mixing mashed potatoes with cabbage or kale?
6. Which Irish whiskey brand proudly claims to be the world's best-selling Irish whiskey?
7. Which well-known Irish crisp brand — founded in Dublin in 1954 — remains one of the country's most popular snacks?
8. Which Irish county is particularly famous for producing black pudding, a staple of the traditional Irish breakfast?
9. What is the name of the traditional Irish fruitcake, often soaked in whiskey, that is commonly enjoyed around Halloween?
10. What simple but beloved Irish dish is made from mashed potatoes blended with butter and milk?
11. Which famous Irish dairy brand — best known for its butter — is exported to kitchens all around the world?
12. What classic Irish drink combines hot coffee, Irish whiskey, sugar and a layer of cream on top?



Round 10

Irish Literature & Myth

1. Which Irish author created one of literature's most famous vampires in the 1897 novel *Dracula*?
2. Which Irish playwright wrote the tragic drama *Deirdre of the Sorrows*, based on an ancient Irish legend?
3. Which Irish literary giant wrote the groundbreaking modernist novel *Ulysses*, first published in 1922?
4. Which Irish poet was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995 for his powerful and evocative poetry?
5. In Irish mythology, which legendary warrior hero was trained in combat by the fierce warrior woman Scáthach?
6. Which Irish author wrote the satirical adventure classic *Gulliver's Travels*, featuring journeys to places like Lilliput and Brobdingnag?
7. Which Irish poet wrote the famous poem *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*, beginning with the line "I will arise and go now..."?
8. Which Irish novelist wrote the surreal and highly imaginative novels *At Swim-Two-Birds* and *The Third Policeman*?
9. Which Irish author wrote the dark and philosophical novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*?
10. Which Irish novelist won the Booker Prize in 2005 for the novel *The Sea*?
11. Which Irish author wrote the bestselling memoir *Angela's Ashes*, recounting his difficult childhood in Limerick?
12. Which Irish author created the character Agnes Brown, later brought to television fame in the comedy series *Mrs Brown's Boys*?



🍀 **St Patrick wasn't actually Irish.**

He was born in **Roman Britain (likely Wales or Scotland)** in the late 4th century before being kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave.

🐍 **There were never any snakes in Ireland.**

The famous story of St Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland is **symbolic**, representing the removal of pagan beliefs rather than actual reptiles.

💙 **St Patrick's original colour was blue, not green.**

Early depictions of St Patrick show him wearing **blue robes**, and green only became associated with the holiday much later.

🍀 **The shamrock became a symbol because of St Patrick.**

Legend says he used the **three leaves of the shamrock** to explain the Christian concept of the Holy Trinity.

🇮🇪 **St Patrick's Day wasn't always a big party in Ireland.**

For many years it was a **religious feast day**, and Irish pubs were actually **closed on 17 March until the 1970s**.

🇺🇸 **The first St Patrick's Day parade wasn't in Ireland.**

It took place in **New York City in 1762**, organised by Irish soldiers serving in the British Army.

🍷 **Over 13 million pints of Guinness are drunk on St Patrick's Day.**

That's roughly **double the average daily consumption worldwide**.

🌍 **More people celebrate it outside Ireland than inside it.**

Cities around the world celebrate with parades and green landmarks — including **Chicago dyeing its river green every year**.

📅 **St Patrick's Day marks the traditional date of his death.**

He is believed to have died on **17 March around the year 461 AD**.

🌐 **It's now celebrated in more than 150 countries.**

From **Tokyo to Sydney**, St Patrick's Day has become a global celebration of Irish culture.



Round 11

Irish Sport

1. Which traditional Irish sports are governed by the Gaelic Athletic Association, better known as the GAA?
2. Which Irish boxer won Olympic gold in the women's lightweight division at the London 2012 Olympic Games?
3. What is the name of Ireland's national rugby stadium in Dublin, where the national team plays its home matches?
4. In Gaelic football and hurling, how many players does each team have on the field at one time?
5. Which Irish golfer has won four major championships, including victory at The Open in 2014?
6. Which Irish county holds the record for the most All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship titles?
7. What is the name of the famous horse-racing festival held every July in County Galway that attracts huge crowds each year?
8. Which Irish footballer captained Manchester United during their dramatic Champions League final victory in 1999?
9. In which sport do teams compete for the famous Sam Maguire Cup?
10. Which Irish jockey rode Tiger Roll to three Grand National victories at Aintree?
11. Which Irish snooker player won the World Snooker Championship in 1997?
12. Which Irish rugby legend was Ireland's most capped international player when he retired from international rugby in 2014?



Round 12

Irish Landmarks & Attractions

1. Which famous castle near Cork is home to the legendary Blarney Stone — said to grant the “gift of the gab” to anyone brave enough to kiss it?
2. What are the name of the spectacular sea cliffs in County Clare that tower above the Atlantic Ocean and attract millions of visitors every year?
3. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site in County Antrim is made up of thousands of interlocking basalt columns formed by ancient volcanic activity?
4. What famous illuminated manuscript — housed at Trinity College Dublin and dating from around the year 800 — is considered one of Ireland’s greatest cultural treasures?
5. What is the name of the scenic driving route that circles the stunning Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry?
6. Which island off the coast of County Kerry — home to a dramatic early Christian monastery — appeared in Star Wars: The Last Jedi?
7. Which historic Dublin prison — now a popular museum — once held many of the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising?
8. What huge public park in Dublin is one of the largest enclosed city parks in Europe and also home to Dublin Zoo?
9. What is the name of the dramatic ancient stone fort on the Aran Islands that sits perched on a cliff edge overlooking the Atlantic?
10. Which unusual rock formation in County Clare resembles a seated woman gazing out to sea and is known as the “Hag of Beara”?
11. Which famous street in Dublin is renowned for its colourful pubs, lively atmosphere and traditional Irish music sessions?
12. What large Neolithic passage tomb in County Meath — older than both Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids — is aligned with the sunrise on the winter solstice?



Round 13

Irish Slang



1. In Irish slang, what does the word "craic" usually refer to — especially when someone asks, "What's the craic?"
2. If someone in Ireland tells you that you're "grand", what do they usually mean?
3. In Irish slang, what does it mean if someone calls you a "gobshite"?
4. If an Irish friend says they're heading out for "a few scoops", what are they planning to do?
5. In Irish slang, if something is described as "deadly", what does that usually mean?
6. In Ireland, if someone greets you with "What's the story?", what are they really asking?
7. If someone says they're absolutely "knackered", how are they feeling?
8. In Irish slang, what might someone be referring to if they talk about "a yoke"?
9. If someone tells you to "cop on", what are they telling you to do?
10. In Irish slang, what does it mean if someone is "acting the maggot"?
11. If someone is "giving out", what are they doing?
12. In Irish slang, if something is described as "gas", what does that usually mean?



Round 14

Famous Irish Quotes

-fill the missing words-

- Complete this famous Oscar Wilde line:**
"I have nothing to declare except my _____."
- Fill in the missing word from this sharp Oscar Wilde observation:**
"Work is the curse of the _____ classes."
- Complete the famous quote often attributed to George Bernard Shaw:**
"Youth is wasted on the _____."
- Finish this famous line from James Joyce's Ulysses:**
"History is a nightmare from which I am trying to _____."
- Complete the well-known line often attributed to W. B. Yeats:**
"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a _____."
- Fill in the missing word from this line by W. B. Yeats:**
"Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such _____."
- Complete this famous Yeats line:**
"Tread softly because you tread on my _____."
- Finish this traditional Irish proverb:**
"A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for _____."
- Complete this well-known Irish saying:**
"There are no strangers here; only _____ you haven't yet met."
- Fill in the missing word from this famous Irish blessing:**
"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your _____."
- Complete this traditional Irish blessing:**
"May your troubles be less and your blessings be _____."
- Finish this Irish blessing:**
"May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your _____."



Round 15

Irish Connections

1. **Cork • Limerick • Galway • Waterford**

What is the connection between these four Irish places?

2. **Green • White • Orange**

What is the connection between these three colours?

3. **Shamrock • Harp • Celtic Knot • Claddagh**

What links these famous Irish symbols?

4. **Guinness • Harp • Smithwick's • Kilkenny**

What is the connection between these well-known Irish brands?

5. **Finn McCool • Cú Chulainn • The Dagda • Lugh**

What is the connection between these legendary figures?

6. **Leinster • Munster • Connacht • Ulster**

What is the connection between these four names?

7. **James Joyce • Oscar Wilde • W. B. Yeats • Samuel Beckett**

What is the connection between these famous people?

8. **Colcannon • Irish Stew • Soda Bread • Boxty**

What is the connection between these foods?

9. **Giant's Causeway • Cliffs of Moher • Skellig Michael • Newgrange**

What links these famous locations?

10. **Sam Maguire • Liam MacCarthy • Bob O'Keeffe • Nicky Rackard**

What is the connection between these names?

11. **Roy Keane • George Best • Paul McGrath • Johnny Giles**

What links these four sporting figures?

12. **U2 • The Cranberries • Thin Lizzy • The Corrs**

What is the connection between these groups?



Round 16

Irish Firsts

1. Who became the very first President of Ireland when the office was created in 1938?
2. In 1990, who made history by becoming the first female President of Ireland?
3. Which Irish city earned the honour of being the very first European Capital of Culture in 1991?
4. Which Irish golfer made history in 1947 by becoming the first from Ireland to win The Open Championship?
5. Which Irish writer became the first Irish person to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923?
6. Which Irish county won the very first All-Ireland Senior Football Championship back in 1887?
7. Which Irish band became the first from Ireland to score a UK number-one album with War in 1983?
8. Which Irish boxer made Olympic history by becoming the first Irish woman to win a boxing gold medal?
9. Who became the first Taoiseach — or Prime Minister — of Ireland when the role was established in 1937?
10. Which county claimed victory in the very first All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship in 1887?
11. Which legendary racehorse became the first ever to win the Grand National three times — in 1973, 1974 and 1977?
12. Which Irish cyclist made sporting history by becoming the first Irish winner of the Tour de France in 1987?



Round 17

Irish Folklore and Superstitions

1. In Irish folklore, which supernatural female spirit is said to wail in the night as a chilling warning that someone is about to die?
2. What small grassy mound or ancient earthwork in Ireland is traditionally believed to be the home of fairies — and considered very bad luck to disturb?
3. According to Irish superstition, which type of tree should never be cut down because it is believed to be protected by the fairies?
4. What object is traditionally hung above a doorway in Ireland to bring good luck to the home?
5. According to superstition, finding a four-leaf version of which common plant is said to bring good luck?
6. In Irish folklore, what circular ring of mushrooms is believed to mark the place where fairies have been dancing?
7. According to Irish superstition, what should you never thank a fairy for, as doing so might offend them?
8. In Irish folklore, what mysterious glowing lights sometimes seen over bogs or marshes were believed to be fairy lights or wandering spirits?
9. According to tradition, what phrase is often said after someone sneezes to ward off bad luck?
10. According to superstition, what everyday household item should never be opened indoors because it is believed to bring bad luck?
11. What small mischievous magical folk from Irish folklore are said to hide pots of treasure at the end of the rainbow?
12. In Irish tradition, what does it mean if a black cat crosses your path?



Round 18

Who Am I? – Irish Edition

1. Born in Dublin in 1854, which famous Irish playwright wrote classics such as *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *An Ideal Husband*?
2. Which Dublin-born singer — whose real name is Paul David Hewson — rose to worldwide fame as the lead vocalist of the band U2?
3. Which legendary Irish explorer led the famous Antarctic expedition aboard the ship *Endurance*?
4. Born in Belfast in 1962, which actor became a global star through films such as *Taken*, *Schindler's List*, and *Batman Begins*?
5. Which Irish revolutionary leader took part in the 1916 Easter Rising and later served as President of Ireland from 1959 to 1973?
6. Which Irish author created the legendary vampire Count Dracula in his 1897 gothic novel *Dracula*?
7. Born in Dublin in 1667, which writer penned the famous satirical adventure *Gulliver's Travels*?
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9. Which Dublin-born playwright and novelist won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969 for works including *Waiting for Godot*?
10. Which Dublin mixed martial arts fighter became the first UFC competitor to hold two championship titles at the same time?
11. Which Irish actor portrayed James Bond in four films between 1995 and 2002?
12. Which famous Irish dancer shot to worldwide fame after performing in the 1994 Eurovision interval act that later became *Riverdance*?



Round 19

Irish Nicknames

1. What popular nickname is often used for Ireland because of its famously lush green countryside?
2. Which Irish city is commonly known as "The Fair City"?
3. Which Irish city proudly carries the nickname "The City of Tribes"?
4. Which Irish city is famously known as the "Rebel City"?
5. Which Irish county is often referred to as the "Garden of Ireland"?
6. Which Irish county is nicknamed the "Banner County"?
7. Which Irish county is affectionately known as the "Wee County"?
8. What nickname is sometimes used for Northern Ireland because it is made up of six counties?
9. Which Irish city is sometimes called the "Marble City"?
10. Which Irish county is nicknamed the "Premier County"?
11. Which Irish county is often referred to simply as "The Kingdom"?
12. Which Irish city is famously known as the "Treaty City"?



Round 20

Pot Luck Ireland

1. What Irish theme park near Ashbourne in County Meath was renamed Emerald Park in 2023?
2. Which luxury Irish department store chain was founded in Cork in 1849?
3. Which town in County Kerry hosts the famous international festival where a "Rose" is crowned each year?
4. Which national park in southwest Ireland is famous for its lakes, mountains and the historic Muckross House?
5. Which band released the 1987 hit song The Whole of the Moon?
6. What group of islands off the west coast of Ireland gave their name to a traditional style of knitted sweater?
7. In which Irish city would you find the famous medieval castle overlooking the River Nore?
8. What stadium in Dublin serves as the headquarters of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)?
9. What Irish postal service is responsible for delivering mail across the Republic of Ireland?
10. What annual traditional music school and festival takes place each July in Miltown Malbay, County Clare?
11. Which Irish writer created the character Gulliver in the novel Gulliver's Travels?
12. Which Irish port town was historically known as Queenstown until 1920?



IE Ireland has over 30,000 castles and castle ruins.

The country is packed with medieval history — some estimates suggest there could be **one castle or tower house every few kilometres**.

🍀 The shamrock isn't Ireland's official symbol.

While strongly associated with Ireland, the **official national symbol is the harp**, which appears on Irish coins, passports and government seals.

🐄 There are more cows than people in Ireland.

Ireland has around **7 million cattle**, compared to a human population of just over **5 million**.

📖 Ireland has produced four Nobel Prize winners for Literature.

They are **W. B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett and Seamus Heaney**.

🌐 Halloween has Irish roots.

The modern celebration evolved from the ancient Celtic festival **Samhain**, which marked the end of the harvest season.

🍷 Guinness is brewed in Dublin at St James's Gate.

The brewery was founded in **1759**, when Arthur Guinness signed a **9,000-year lease** on the site.

🏠 Ireland's longest place name has 25 letters.

It's **Muckanagherdauhaulia**, a townland in County Galway.

🌿 Ireland is known as the "Emerald Isle."

This nickname comes from the island's **lush green landscape and frequent rainfall**.

🐧 The puffin is one of Ireland's most famous seabirds.

Large colonies live on offshore islands such as **Skellig Michael and the Saltee Islands**.

🍺 Ireland has one of the oldest pubs in the world.

Sean's Bar in Athlone claims to date back to around **900 AD**.

🚢 The Titanic was built in Belfast.

The famous ship was constructed at the **Harland & Wolff shipyard** in Northern Ireland.

📖 The Book of Kells is over 1,200 years old.

This beautifully illustrated manuscript of the Gospels is kept at **Trinity College Dublin**.

ANSWERS

ROUND 1 – St Patricks Day

1. Shamrock
2. Britain / Roman Britain
3. Leprechaun
4. Chicago
5. St James's Gate
6. Riverdance
7. Blue
8. Sláinte
9. Tír na nÓg
10. U2
11. Bodhrán
12. Shamrock

ROUND 2 – Famous Irish People

1. Liam Neeson
2. Sinéad O'Connor
3. Bram Stoker
4. Conor McGregor
5. Colin Farrell
6. Niamh Kavanagh
7. Samuel Beckett
8. Edward Bransfield
9. Graham Linehan and Arthur Mathews
10. Seamus Heaney
11. Kerry Condon
12. Hozier

ROUND 3 – Film and TV

1. Ewan McGregor
2. In the Name of the Father
3. Craggy Island
4. Saoirse Ronan
5. Once
6. Brendan Gleeson
7. Derry Girls
8. Colin Farrell
9. Michael Gambon
10. Song of the Sea
11. Zach McGowan
12. Dermot Morgan

ROUND 4 – Irish Music

1. The Cranberries
2. Enya
3. Ronan Keating
4. Thin Lizzy
5. The Corrs
6. Sean-nós
7. Uilleann pipes
8. Cláirseach (accept Irish harp)
9. Molly Malone
10. Jig
11. Tin whistle
12. Whiskey in the Jar

ROUND 5 – Myths & Legends

1. Kelpie (accept Each-Uisce)
2. The Celtic Tree of Life (Crann Bethadh)
3. Banshee
4. Finn McCool (Fionn mac Cumhail)
5. Selkie
6. Cú Chulainn
7. Tuatha Dé Danann
8. Lugh
9. Manannán mac Lir
10. Dullahan
11. Dagda
12. Deirdre (Deirdre of the Sorrows)

ROUND 6 – Irish Geography

1. Dublin
2. River Liffey
3. Lough Neagh
4. County Clare
5. MacGillycuddy's Reeks
6. Irish Sea
7. North Channel
8. Galway
9. Cork
10. Ring of Kerry
11. County Donegal
12. Aran Islands

ANSWERS

ROUND 7 – True or Blarney

1. Blarney
2. True
3. Blarney
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. True
9. True
10. Blarney
11. True
12. True
13. True
14. True
15. Blarney
16. True
17. True
18. True
19. Blarney
20. Blarney

ROUND 9 – Irish Food & Drink

1. Guinness
2. Irish stew
3. Soda bread (Irish soda bread)
4. Baileys Irish Cream
5. Colcannon
6. Jameson
7. Tayto
8. County Cork (Clonakilty)
9. Barmbrack (Barnbrack)
10. Champ
11. Kerrygold
12. Irish coffee

ROUND 8 – Irish History

1. 1916
2. Anglo-Irish Treaty
3. Douglas Hyde
4. Henry II
5. Kilmainham Gaol
6. Patrick Pearse
7. Irish War of Independence
8. Éamon de Valera
9. Cork
10. The Oireachtas
11. Dublin
12. Good Friday Agreement (AKA The Belfast Agreement)

ROUND 10 – Literature & Myth

1. Bram Stoker
2. John Millington Synge
3. James Joyce
4. Seamus Heaney
5. Cú Chulainn
6. Jonathan Swift
7. W. B. Yeats
8. Flann O'Brien (Brian O'Nolan)
9. Oscar Wilde
10. John Banville
11. Frank McCourt
12. Brendan O'Carroll

ROUND 11 – Irish Sport

1. Gaelic games (Gaelic football and Hurling)
2. Katie Taylor
3. Aviva Stadium (formerly Lansdowne Road)
4. 15
5. Rory McIlroy
6. Kilkenny
7. Galway Races (Galway Racing Festival)
8. Roy Keane
9. Gaelic football
10. Davy Russell
11. Ken Doherty
12. Brian O'Driscoll

ANSWERS

ROUND 12 – Landmarks &...

1. Blarney Castle
2. Cliffs of Moher
3. Giant's Causeway
4. Book of Kells
5. Ring of Kerry
6. Skellig Michael
7. Kilmainham Gaol
8. Phoenix Park
9. Dún Aonghasa (Dun Aengus)
10. Hag's Head
11. Temple Bar
12. Newgrange

ROUND 14 – Irish Quotes

1. Genius
2. Drinking
3. Young
4. Awake
5. Fire
6. Friends
7. Dreams
8. Anything
9. Friends
10. Back
11. More
12. Past

ROUND 16 – Irish Firsts

1. Douglas Hyde
2. Mary Robinson
3. Dublin
4. Fred Daly
5. W. B. Yeats
6. Limerick
7. U2
8. Katie Taylor
9. Éamon de Valera
10. Tipperary
11. Red Rum
12. Stephen Roche

ROUND 13 – Irish Slang

1. Fun / good times / enjoyable socialising
2. Fine / okay / satisfactory
3. An idiot / foolish person
4. Going for drinks (usually pints)
5. Excellent / very good
6. How are you? / what's going on?
7. Very tired / exhausted
8. A thing / object (used when you can't remember the name)
9. Wise up / behave sensibly
10. Messing around / misbehaving
11. Complaining / scolding
12. Very funny / hilarious

ROUND 15 – Irish Connections

1. Irish cities
2. Colours of the Irish flag
3. Traditional Irish symbols
4. Irish beers
5. Figures from Irish mythology
6. The four provinces of Ireland
7. Famous Irish writers
8. Traditional Irish foods
9. Famous Irish landmarks / attractions
10. GAA trophies
11. Famous Irish footballers
12. Irish bands

ROUND 17 – Folklore and....

1. Banshee
2. Fairy fort (rath)
3. Hawthorn tree (fairy tree)
4. Horseshoe
5. Clover (four-leaf clover)
6. Fairy ring
7. A gift (or favour)
8. Will-o'-the-wisp (fairy lights / ghost lights)
9. Bless you (or "Dia leat / Dia linn")
10. Umbrella
11. Leprechauns
12. Good luck

ANSWERS

ROUND 18 – Who Am I?

1. Oscar Wilde
2. Bono
3. Ernest Shackleton
4. Liam Neeson
5. Éamon de Valera
6. Bram Stoker
7. Jonathan Swift
8. Sinéad O'Connor
9. Samuel Beckett
10. Conor McGregor
11. Pierce Brosnan
12. Michael Flatley

ROUND 19 – Irish Nicknames

1. The Emerald Isle
2. Dublin
3. Galway
4. Cork
5. Wicklow
6. Clare
7. Louth
8. The Six Counties
9. Kilkenny
10. Tipperary
11. Kerry
12. Limerick

ROUND 20 – Pot Luck Ireland

1. Tayto Park (now Emerald Park)
2. Brown Thomas
3. Tralee
4. Killarney National Park
5. The Waterboys
6. Aran Islands
7. Kilkenny
8. Croke Park
9. An Post
10. Willie Clancy Summer School
11. Jonathan Swift
12. Cobh



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