In Dublin's fair city

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn about Ireland, Learn some new expressions, Test and practice your comprehension.



Activity 1- Discussion

1. Have you ever been to Ireland? If yes, where did you go and did you enjoy it?
2. When you think of Ireland what ideas or images do you think of?
3. What are the stereotypes and clichés associated with Ireland? In your experience have you found them to be true?

Activity- 2 Quiz- Please Don't prepare this at home

1. Which of these Saints is buried in Dublin- A. St. Stephen B. St. Valentine C. St Patrick D. St Thomas
2. In 1759 Arthur Guinness took out a lease on St.James Gate (the entrance of the Guinness factory) for £45. For how long will the least last- A.100 years B. 25 years C. 1000 years D. 9000 years
3. Name three Dubliners who have won the noble prize for literature
4. What is the name of the river which runs through Dublin and divides the north and the south? A. River liffey B. River Boyne C. River Shannon
5. In the Irish sport GAA, what colour does Dublin wear? A. Blue B. Red C. Green
6. What is the population of Dublin? A. 1.1 million B. 2 million C. 500,000
7. Dublin was founded by which people A. Vikings B. Saxons C. Romans
8. Trinity College Dublin is located in the centre of Dublin city and is considered Irelands best university. Which of the following facts about trinity are true?
    a. Originally Roman Catholics were banned from attending it
    b. Its alumni include Oscar Wilde, Bram Stoker and Samuel Beckett
    c. It was the scene of one of the most famous battles in the Irish rebellion 1916.

Activity 3 Listening- Fill in the gaps- Dublin in the Rare Auld Times

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTYkbyL4Yxk

Raised on songs &_____, heroes of re-known
The passing tales & _____ that once was Dublin town
The hallowed halls & houses, the haunting childrens' _____
That once was Dublin city in the rare 'ould times

[Chorus:]
Ring a ring a rosie, as the light declines
I remember Dublin city in the rare 'ould times

My name it is_____, as Dublin as can be
Born hard & late in Pimlico, in a house that ceased to be
By trade I was a cooper, lost out to _____
Like my house that fell to progress, my trade's a memory
And I courted Peggy Dignan, as pretty as you please
A rogue & a child of Mary, from the rebel liberties
I lost her to a student _____ with a skin as black as coal
When he took her off to Birmingham, she took away my soul
[Chorus]
The years have made me bitter, the _____ dims my brain
'Cause Dublin keeps on changing & nothing stays the same
The Pillar & the Met have gone, the Royal long since pulled down
As the great unyielding concrete makes a _____
[Chorus]
Fare thee well sweet Anna Liffey, I can no longer stay
& watch the new glass cages, that spring up along the quay
My mind's too full of_____, too old to hear new _____
I'm part of what was Dublin in the rare 'ould times

Questions-

1. What do you think this song is about?
2. Do you think people will always feel that life was better in the past?
3. With increasing globalisation, do you feel that many cities and towns have lost their "soul"?



Activity 4 - **Expressions**- Here are some typical Irish expressions and slang which are unique to the "emerald isle"- Match the expression to its definition

What's the craic?	To go drinking with friends
On the lash	To mock or make fun someone or something
Jammers	Used to describe an ugly person
Take the piss	How are you
Head like a bag of spuds	To kiss somebody
Get the shift	A place which is very full
Leave it out	Stop doing something

Activity 5 - Raglan road

"Raglan Road" is a very famous Irish poem written by Patrick Kavanagh. It is written about an intense but short love affair Kavanagh experienced while he was a broke poet in Dublin. It was put to music by the famous Irish group the Dubliners. Listen to the song and answer the discussion questions below.

"Raglan Road"

On Raglan Road on an autumn day
I saw her first and knew
That her dark hair would weave a snare
That I might one day rue

I saw the danger, yet I passed
Along the enchanted way
And I said, "Let grief be a falling leaf
At the dawning of the day"

On Grafton Street in November
We tripped lightly along the ledge
Of a deep ravine where can be seen
The worth of passions pledged

The 'Queen of Hearts' still making tarts
And I not making hay
Oh, I loved too much and by such, by such
Is happiness thrown away

I gave her gifts of the mind
I gave her the secret sign
That's known to the artists who have known
The true gods of sound and stone

And word and tint I did not stint
For I gave her poems to say
With her own name there and her own dark hair
Like clouds over fields of May

On a quiet street where old ghosts meet
I see her walking now
Away from me so hurriedly
My reason must allow

That I had loved not as I should
A creature made of clay
When the angel woos the clay
He'll lose his wings at dawn of day

QUESTIONS -

Q1. What do you think of the poem?

Q2. Do you think this relationship ended well?

Q3. Why do you think he describes love as the "enchanted" way?

Q4. Have you ever fallen in love with a foreign place?

Q5. In the poem, "Raglan Road" reminds the poet of meeting his former lover. Is there a particular location or place for you that is special to you.

Activity 6 Role Plays

Q1. You are a brilliant but very poor poet. Your partner is starting to annoy you because you feel that he/she doesn't appreciate your work and is always complaining about being poor.

Q2. You are the leader of the Irish rebellion who are about to fight the British Empire. Many of the men are afraid because the Irish rebellion is small and the British Empire is very powerful. You must motivate them before battle.

Q3. You are in a quiet Irish pub and you see somebody drinking alone. You decide to start a conversation with them.

Activity 7- **Irish quotes**- Here is a list of some famous Irish quotes and expressions. Discuss which ones you like and which ones you don't. Also what do you think they reveal about the character of Irish people

1. "Mistakes are a mans portals of discovery"- James Joyce
2. "Better pass boldly into that other world, in full glory of some passion, than fade and wither dismally with age"- James Joyce
3. "I spent a lot of money on drink, women and cars. The rest I squandered"- George Best
4. "God invented whiskey to stop the Irish from ruling the world"- unknown
5. "There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about and that is not being talked about"- Oscar Wilde
6. "Youth is wasted on the young"- George Bernard Shaw
7. "You use a mirror to see your face, you use works of art to see your soul"- George Bernard Shaw
8. "Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better"- Samuel Beckett
9. "If you have the words there is always a chance you will find the way"-Seamus Heaney
10. "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all"- Oscar Wilde

Activity 8- **Watch the video** and answer the **questions**- "Dublin in 36 hours"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUQJDYlkTyM&t=106s

1. According to the video, Ireland has the best_____ in the world?
2. The red haired women describes Dublin people as terribly, terribly_____?
3. In what year did the National Museum of Ireland open?
4. What can you not "underestimate the power of"?
5. What does the man at the end think about drink?
6. What does he say about salad?

