

Do You Know These 20 Facts About Ireland?

- Halloween was derived from an Irish festival called Samhain.
- Irishman James Hoban designed the White House
- St. Patrick's clearing of the Emerald Isle of snakes isn't true. There have never been any snakes in Ireland
- St. Patrick was not actually Irish, he was Roman.
- The longest place name in Ireland is Muckanagherdauhaulia.
- There are more mobile phones in Ireland than there are people.
- In Ireland, lakes are called loughs (pronounced as locks)
- Gaelic is the commonly spoken language in Ireland, next to Irish and English.

- According to the Irish birthday traditions, people hold the birthday child upside down and bump the head slightly on the floor. The bumps correspond to the age of the child. It is believed that this tradition brings good luck.
- Titanic, the unsinkable ship, which sunk in its maiden voyage, was made in Ireland.
- The Tara mine near Narvan is the largest zinc mine in Europe, and fifth largest in the world.
- William Edward Wilson was the first person to accurately measure the temperature of the sun (6059 C).
- Ireland has had its own Olympics since the Bronze Age, called the Tailteann Games.
- The term 'boycott' comes from Irishman Captain James Boycott.
- Ireland's oldest pub, Sean's Bar, was founded some 900 years ago
- There are more Irish people living OUTside of Ireland than in.
- Ireland's most famous musical export is U2.
- According to Census 2011, most of the Irish population identifies themselves as Roman Catholic (84%).
- Ireland's most famous include Michael Fassbender, Pierce Brosnan, Cillian Murphy and Colin Farrell.
- *Drisheen* is a type of pudding made from cow, pig, or sheep blood. White pudding is a mixture of pork, cereal, bread, fat and suet. *Periwinkles* are sea snails boiled in salted water.