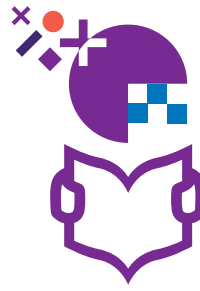


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Death of well-loved broadcaster



For over 60 years, the unmistakable voice of Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh could be heard on the radio every Sunday afternoon, as he brought us live commentaries of Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) matches from around the country.

Before television, his voice described every puck of the ball, every point scored and the skill and move of every player as they ran up and down the field. It has been said that his voice was like an artist painting a picture. He gave such vivid descriptions of what was happening on the field, that it was as if the listener was there in person and could actually see what was happening. Even when matches were shown on television (TV), it is said that people would turn down the volume on the TV to listen to Mícheál on the radio instead.

Born in 1930, in a small place called Dun Sion outside Dingle in County Kerry, he was one of a family of 8 children. Living in an Irish language area, his family all spoke Irish. On leaving school, he trained as a teacher in Dublin. It was here, when he was just 19, that he went for an audition to become a commentator for Raidió Teilifís Éirean (RTÉ). At the time, they were looking for someone to broadcast the games in Irish.

He was given the job. His first task for RTÉ was to provide an all-Irish commentary on the 1949 Railway Cup Final on St Patrick's Day. He continued teaching up until the 1980s when he became a full-time broadcaster with RTÉ.



**Mícheál Ó
Muircheartaigh**

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While he had been broadcasting commentaries in English on RTÉ Radio since 1956, Mícheál also covered All-Ireland Minor Semi-Finals and Finals in both hurling and football in the Irish language on RTÉ Television, for over 25 years.

When the legendary broadcaster, Mícheál O’Hehir, retired from broadcasting in 1985, Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh took over as RTÉ Radio 1’s chief radio commentator. As well as telling us about the match he would add some other information about the players or where they were from or other funny stories that added to the occasion and held the listener’s interest.

Mícheál broadcast his last All Ireland Final in 2010 at the age of 80. Up until his death at 94, he remained active through walking, cycling, playing golf and meeting up with friends at all the matches which he still attended. He loved all kinds of sport as well as horse and greyhound racing.

Above all, he was a proud Irish man who loved everything about Ireland, especially the Irish language and sport. Although he lived most of his life in Dublin, he remained a Kerry man at heart and made no secret of the fact that he loved his native county where he spent much of his time.

Mícheál’s funeral was held in Dingle and as the hearse carrying his remains was driven from his home in Meath to his final home in Kerry, people lined the roads carrying flags and banners to show their respect for this wonderful man. He was laid to rest in the local cemetery. He is survived by his wife Helena and his 8 adult children.

Words ending in nch

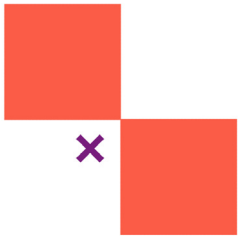


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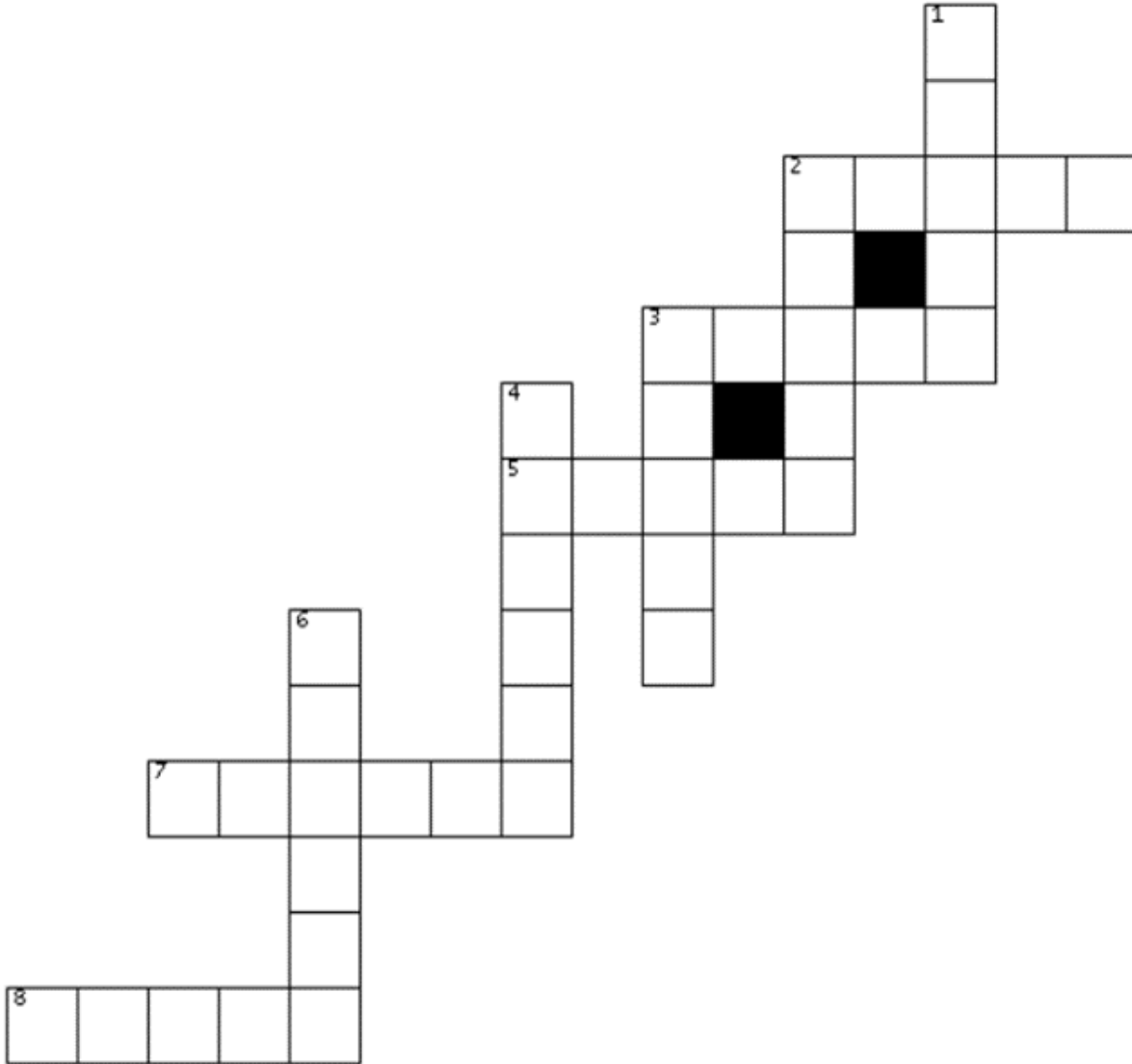
Fill in the blanks with words from the list.

- If you stand out under the rain, it will _____ you.
- A meal eaten between breakfast and lunch is often called _____.
- Make sure you _____ the fire before you leave.
- She lives on a large _____ in Australia.
- The leaves on the ground make a _____ sound when you walk on them.
- A person from France is _____.
- I love to sit outside on my garden _____.
- I like to eat a small _____ of grapes after my dinner.
- The boxer landed a _____ to the other fighter's body.
- I had to cut a _____ off the tree as it was dangerous.
- We must meet for _____ some day next week.

Crossword



The answers to the crossword are all words from the list of **nch** words.



Clues

Across

- 2. Add a _____ of salt to that soup.
- 3. I like to be given a _____ of flowers.
- 5. Large farm.
- 7. To put out a fire.
- 8. To chew loudly.

Down

- 1. You eat this meal in the middle of the day.
- 2. To hit with your fist.
- 3. Long wooden seat.
- 4. Leaves grow on this part of the tree.
- 6. Throw water on something.

Summer puzzle sheet

See how many words you can make using the letters in the word below.

summertime

Choose the correct spelling of the words in each sentence. The first one is done for you.

1. Stand over (there / **their**).
2. I am just (too / two) tired to do anymore.
3. Do you (no / know) his name?
4. I must get my (hare / hair) cut.
5. Can you (hear / here) the birds singing?
6. I need to buy a (pear / pair) of shoes.
7. Is my answer (write / right)?
8. Will you (write / right) down your name please?
9. Good (look / luck) in the exams.
10. She (taught / thought) me how to drive.
11. He (sent / scent) me a letter.
12. I dug a (whole / hole) in the garden.

Answers

1. there 2. too 3. know 4. hair 5. hear 6. pair 7. right 8. write 9. luck 10. taught 11. sent 12. hole

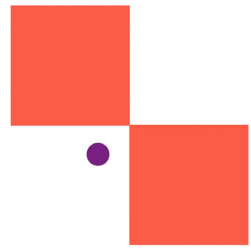
Match these words with their **opposites**. The first one is done for you.

- lost calm
- wet useless
- windy smooth
- rough found
- useful cheap
- private boring
- interesting public
- expensive dry

Match these words with words of the **same meaning**. The first one is done for you.

- fast tiny
- delicious rush
- small start
- happy quiet
- wood incorrect
- fall quick
- hurry tasty
- begin delighted
- silence timber
- wrong correct
- right unsafe
- dangerous tumble

Notes



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