

That's Interesting!



A worksheet for adults to practise reading, writing, spelling and numbers.

Olympics 2024



The 2024 summer Olympic Games took place in Paris, France, from 26 July to 11 August. This year also marked the 100th anniversary of Ireland first taking part in the Olympic Games as an independent country, in 1924.

Since first entering the games a hundred years ago, Ireland had its most successful games ever, winning seven medals in total, four gold and three bronze.

Daniel Wiffen, from Armagh, won a gold and a bronze medal in swimming. Mona McSharry, from Sligo, also won a bronze in swimming.



Daniel Wiffen

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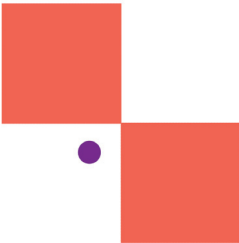
The Skibbereen duo of Paul O'Donovan and Fintan McCarthy took gold in men's rowing for the second time while Daire Lynch and Philip Doyle, from Tipperary, also won bronze in rowing.



Rhys McClenaghan, from Down, gave an unbelievable performance to win gold in the Pommel Horse event in gymnastics.

Rhys McClenaghan

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Dublin boxer Kellie Harrington won a second gold Olympic medal this year, having won her first in the last Olympics in Tokyo in 2021. This makes her the first Irish boxer to win two gold medals and, also, the only female boxer in the world to become a two-time, Olympic, gold medal winner.



Kellie Harrington

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The Olympic Games is the world's largest sporting event. It is held every four years, except during the Covid pandemic when it was postponed for a year. More than 200 nations are represented in 330 different sports.

Taking part in the Olympics is a huge achievement as only the top athletes in their chosen sport can qualify. Team Ireland was made up of 143 athletes and, although not everyone was lucky enough to win a medal, our athletes put in a fantastic performance. Some just narrowly missed out in winning a medal. Rhasidat Adeleke, from Dublin, came 4th in the women's 400 metre final while the women's relay team also came 4th in their final. This was the first time that an Irish relay team qualified for an Olympic final.

The Paralympic Games took place from 30 August to 8 September.

The first paralympic games were held in Rome in 1960. These games are an opportunity for athletes who have a disability to take part at world level. They are held every four years and since 2008, are always held in the same city as the Olympic Games. Like the Olympics, only the very best athletes in their chosen sport qualify to take part.

Ireland was proudly represented in the Paralympic Games by a strong team of 35 athletes who took part in nine different sports.



The team took home six medals, one gold, three silver and two bronze. Róisín Ní Ríain won two bronze medals in swimming and narrowly missed out on winning a third medal when she came 4th.

Róisín Ní Ríain

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Orla Comerford won bronze in the women's 100 metre athletics final.

Katie-George Dunlevy won an outstanding gold and two silver in cycling.

All three athletes have visual impairment. Katie-George Dunlevy races with a co-cyclist known as a pilot. The pilot, who sits on the front of the tandem bike (a bicycle for two people), directs her on the cycle track.

Both teams arrived home to a huge welcome in Dublin where friends, families and spectators turned out to greet them.



Orla Comerford

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Katie-George Dunlevy and pilot Linda Kelly

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New stamps



An Post have just brought out a set of four special stamps to honour four well known and gifted Irish singers who all passed away in 2023.

The stamp collection features Sinéad O'Connor, Shane MacGowan, Christy Dignam and Séamus Begley. Family members of each of the singers attended the launch of the stamps which was held in the GPO (General Post Office) in Dublin on 11 September.

An Post produce as many as 40 special edition stamps every year, celebrating people, places and events in history. These stamps are very popular with stamp collectors. Stamp collecting, which is known as philately (fill at telly), is a hobby enjoyed by thousands of people worldwide.



Homophones



Homophones are words that sound the same but have a different spelling and meaning.

by / buy / bye	write / right	one / won	hole / whole	know / no
cent / scent / sent	meet / meat	here / hear	hair / hare	plane / plain
break / brake	pair / pear	week / weak	thought / taught	steel / steal

All the missing words in the sentences below are from this list.

Read the words first, try filling in the blanks without looking at the list and then check the spelling when you are finished.

1. I walked down _____ the river yesterday.
2. I love the _____ of the roses in summer.
3. Will you _____ me for a coffee later today?
4. Have you enough money to _____ that new coat?
5. Come over _____, I want to talk to you.
6. I spent the _____ day cleaning.
7. I _____ I heard someone outside.
8. Mary has cut her _____ short.
9. My mother _____ me how to drive.
10. 1c (coin) written in words is _____ .
11. Good _____ and farewell.
12. My legs feel _____ after running.
13. I went to New York on a _____ .

List of words ending in age



age	baggage	courage	image	marriage	village
page	bandage	damage	language	message	shortage
stage	cottage	garage	manage	package	sausage

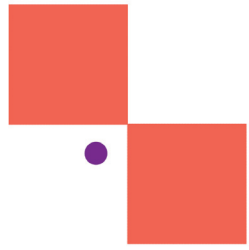
When you are learning to spell a new word, break the word into beats/syllables to help you.

Example: **courage** can be broken in to 2 syllables (**cour / age**)

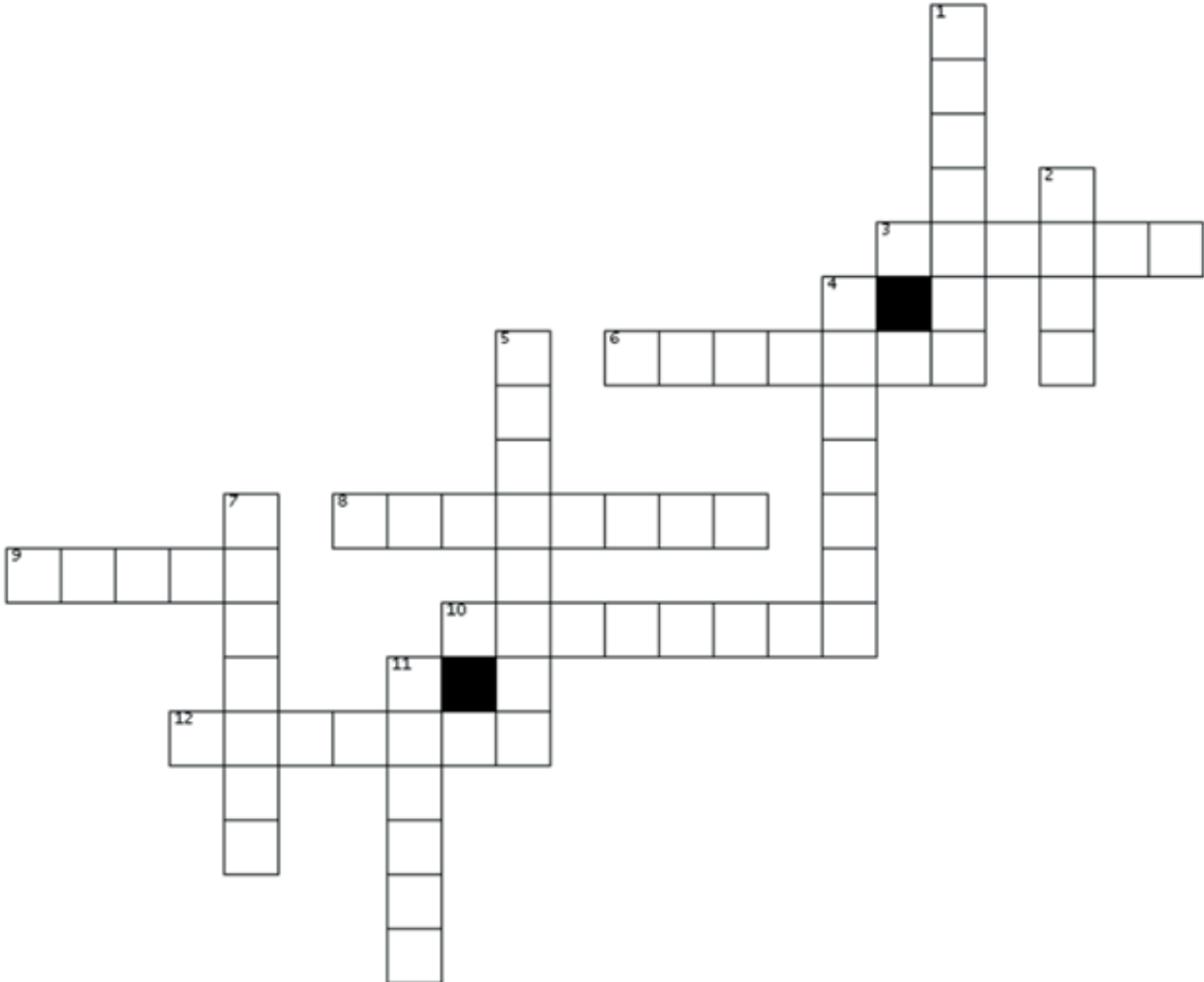
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list.

1. The nurse put a _____ on the cut.
2. Bacon, egg and _____ make a great breakfast.
3. I read the first _____ of the book.
4. The storm caused a lot of _____.
5. She is from a small _____ in the country.
6. I received a _____ In the post.
7. We stayed in a small _____ by the sea.
8. My car is in the _____.
9. The singer stood up on the _____.
10. He is 80 years of _____.
11. There is a _____ of water in hot weather.
12. You can only bring one piece of _____ on the plane.
13. Leave a _____ on my phone.
14. I would like to learn to speak a new _____.

Crossword



The answers are all words ending in **age**..



Clues

Across

3. To cause harm to something.
6. A small house.
8. Another word for a wedding.
9. The band were playing on the _____.
10. The words we speak.
12. A covering for a cut.

Down

1. To be brave is to have this.
2. A leaf of a book.
4. A small parcel is a _____.
5. When you don't have enough, there is a _____.
7. When you pass on information, you are sending _____.
11. A mechanic works here.



1. I need to buy fire logs:
- In Shop A, I can buy fire logs at €1.10 each.
 - In Shop B, I can buy 5 fire logs for €5.
 - In Shop C, I can buy 1 fire log for €2.40 but If I buy 1 fire log, I get a second one free.

I need to buy 10 fire logs; how much will I pay for 10 fire logs if I buy them in

Shop A _____

Shop B _____

Shop C _____

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2. If a car travels 100 km in 1 hour, how far should it travel in:
- a. 2 hours? _____
 - b. 15 minutes? _____
 - c. 30 minutes? _____
 - d. 45 minutes? _____

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3. Paul earns €14 per hour.
Last week his take home pay was €488.00, after he had paid tax of €47.00, PRSI of €13.00 and USC of €12.00.
- a. What was his pay before tax, PRSI and USC were taken? _____
 - b. How many hours did Paul work last week? _____

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4. I can buy a half dozen pears for €4.20.
- a. How much will one pear cost me? _____
 - b. How many pears can I buy for €7.00 _____

Answers

1. Shop A €11, Shop B €10, Shop C €12
2. a. 200, b. 25, c. 50, d. 75
3. a. €560 b. 40 hours 4. a. 70c, b. 10

Notes



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