

IRELAND AND DUBLIN

■ 3 The Restoration and the Augustan Age

Before watching

1 How much do you know about Ireland? Discuss these questions with a partner.

1. What is the capital of Ireland?
2. How many people live in Ireland, do you think?
3. What are some of the things you would expect to see or find in Ireland?
4. What is the famous black beer that originates from Dublin?
5. Do you know what there is to see or do in Dublin?

2 Video vocabulary. Check the meaning of the words in the box, using a dictionary if necessary. Then, fill in the sentences.

coastline • ferry • landscape • cemeteries
 • graves • cross • temperate •
 prams • steel • statue • emancipation •
 brewery

The view along the (1) is fantastic, lots of rocks and open sea, the (2) is really beautiful to look at. Parents use (3) to carry babies around when they go out to the park or go shopping. This structure is very solid, it's made of (4) and is very heavy. (5) are places where people are buried when they die. They are normally buried in (6) with a stone (7) carrying the name of the person. A (8) is a place where a beer-maker makes beer. A (9) is normally made of metal or stone and commemorates a famous person or event. (10) refers to when people try to win freedom from oppression or discrimination. A (11) climate is one where the temperatures are neither too high or too low all year round. A (12) is a passenger boat that usually carries people to island destinations and back.

While watching

3 Watch the video once and put the following places or sites in the order you see them in the video.

- a) Liffey Bridge
- b) An Irish cemetery
- c) County Wexford
- d) Monument of Light
- e) Samuel Beckett Bridge
- f) The Brazen Head pub
- g) Grafton Street
- h) Rosslare
- i) St Patrick's Cathedral
- j) O'Connell Street

4 Watch the video again and mark the following statements true or false.

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| 1. Rosslare is an industrial town in Ireland. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The east coast of Ireland has beaches and mountains. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Cemeteries in Ireland are similar to those in Italy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Ireland has three large provinces. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Dublin is in the province of Munster. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. The population of Dublin is around 1 million. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The Samuel Beckett Bridge was designed by a famous architect. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. You have to pay to cross the Liffey Bridge in Dublin. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The Working Prams are a form of street selling. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. St Patrick's Cathedral is a Catholic church. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. The Monument of Light is also known as 'The People of Dublin'. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. O'Connell Street is a busy shopping street. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Daniel O'Connell was a famous Irish musician. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Grafton Street has a statue of Molly Malone and lots of shops. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. The Brazen Head is Ireland's most famous nightclub. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5 Watch the first part of the video (from 00.00 to 01.18) again and fill in the gaps while listening to the commentary.

This is a ferry arriving in the small (1) of Rosslare, Ireland from Fishguard in Wales. Rosslare means ‘the (2) peninsula’ in Irish and it’s a village in County Wexford. It takes around four hours to sail from Wales but boats also arrive here from France.

This is the (3) coast of Ireland – as you can see there isn’t much industry here. The west coast of Ireland is quite famous for its beautiful (4) but the eastern side is also very attractive with large green (5) and varied landscapes ranging from mountains to (6). Cemeteries in Britain and Ireland are very (7) to the ones you usually find in Italy. They are often big (8) spaces surrounded by fields and have typical Celtic crosses. Some of the graves here are hundreds of years old.

6 Now do the same for the following section from 01.19 to 01.50.

Ireland consists of four (1), Ulster in the north, Munster in the south, Connaught in the (2) and Leinster in the east. In Leinster, County Wexford in the South East is well-known for its temperate and (3) climate. This makes it an ideal location to (4) on the beaches and enjoy the beautiful (5) of the coastline.

After watching

7 Using information from the Internet describing County Wexford in Ireland, create a short two paragraph brochure or leaflet promoting the county to Italian tourists.

8 Using what you see in the video, write two or three paragraphs comparing Ireland to Italy, mentioning similarities and differences in landscape, the size of the capital and so on.

9 Go to the following website www.guinness-storehouse.com and find out the missing information on the history of Guinness.

1. Who founded the Guinness brewery?
2. In which battle was Guinness used in 1815?
3. What happened in 1833?
4. What was created in 1862?
5. What advertising slogan did Guinness start using in 1929?
6. How many glasses of Guinness were drunk per day in 2008 and in how many countries?