



3rd & 4th Class Geography





Ireland's Islands

Throughout Home School Hub, we have explored the amazing Geography all over the planet. Now it is time to take to our boat and explore Ireland's islands.

There are a huge number of islands dotted around Ireland, most of them are uninhabited. Around 30 are inhabited and contain vibrant communities with regular ferry services between them and the mainland.



You can even take a cable-car to an island off the coast of Cork! How cool is that. One Island even has wallabies on it! Seriously! They are like kangaroos but smaller. Of course, Ireland is itself an island, meaning we are surrounded by water. Our country looks quite cool from Space.





Let's test your knowledge of Ireland's islands with some multiple-choice questions.

01 What island was home to monks between the 6th and 8th century, was used in the Stars Wars film, and is the summer home to thousands of Puffins?



- A) Sceilg Mhichíl
- B) Tatooine
- C) Star Wars Island

02 Dursey Island, off the coast of Cork, is home to Ireland's only what?



- A) Spaceship Launchpad
- B) Flying caravan
- C) Cable Car



03 On what Irish island will you find Wallabies on it?



- A) Lambay Island
- B) No Way Island
- C) Hoppity Island

04 What is the largest island in Ireland?



- A) Inch Island
- B) Árainn Mhór Island
- C) Achill Island



05 Dún Aonghasa is an incredible prehistoric stone fort, situated on the edge of a 100-metre cliff. It is over 3,000 years-old. You can see it at the top of the cliff below. What island is it on?



06 What island is the most southerly point in Ireland? It is the location of a famous yacht race that is over a 1,000km long.





07 According to legend, how many islands are there said to be in Clew Bay, Co Mayo?



A)1

B) 365

C) 4,0000



Jokes

Where do Irish scientists like to go on holiday?

Inishbofin! Boffin...geddit!



What kind of an island is this?

A dessert island!

What did Cinderella wear when she swam in the ocean?

Glass flippers!



What do sea monsters eat?

Fish and ships!

Why did the lobster blush?

Because the sea weed!

120,000 years ago.

Quiz Answers 1) Sceilg Mhichil or Skellig Michael. It's off the coast of Kerry.
2) Cable carl It first opened in 1969 and still operates today.
3) Lambay Island off the coast of Dublin. It's believed over 100 wallabies live there and were introduced to the island in the 1950's. Apparently, the climate is similar to that of Tasmania!
4) Achill Island off the coast of Mayo.
5) Inis Mór, the largest of the Aran Islands.
6) Fastnet Rock. The Fastnet Race is yacht race that starts on the south coast of finishes in Cherbourg France.
7) It is said to have 365 islands, one for every day of the finishes in Cherbourg France.
7) It is said to have 365 islands, one for every day of the year. In fact, there are 141 named islands in the bay. These are mostly sandbars and drumlins. Drumlins are small ridges that were formed by a glacier in the last loe Age,