

ARBETSBLAD



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101347/TV4 FAMILY FOSTER (28 MIN)
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Family Foster

IRELAND

Before watching:

- ❖ Make a mind map together. Write IRELAND in the middle and collect everything the group already knows about the country. Some useful words you could use when brainstorming are: people, history, culture, places – cities, nature, animals, religion, languages, music, and future. Has anybody in the group or someone you know been there? What did they experience?

While watching:

- ❖ Write down interesting things you learn about the English language. Here are some questions to help you on your way (*If you have watched Family Foster – English speaking countries, skip question 7*):

1. Name as many famous authors from Ireland mentioned in the programme as you can;

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2. How many Nobel Literary Laureates has Ireland produced during the 1900's?

3. Which are the official languages of Ireland?

_____ & _____



4. Which animal can't you find on Ireland? _____
5. Complete the sentence: "Irish is a G_____ language.
Just like S_____."
6. What were the Anglo-Saxon chronicles? _____

7. What was "the slat"?

8. What does "pampooties" mean? _____

After watching:

CONVERSATION:

Split into small groups and discuss:

- Look at the mind map you created before the programme. What is similar and/or different in comparison to the programme? Have you learned anything new about Ireland? What? Tell your friends in the group.
- Now, make a new mind map where you talk about differences and similarities between Ireland and Sweden. Talk about your new mind map with the rest of your class.
- Study Ireland on a map. See if you can find Dublin, Galway and the Aran Islands. What different environments can you find in the country? How many larger cities are there? Are there any big lakes? High mountains? Rivers?

Talk in full class:

- What surprised you in the programme?
- What do you think it's like living on a small island outside of Ireland (like the Aran Islands)? What do you think it would be like growing up there as a child? What would the positive sides of it be, do you think? The negative? *
- What do you think is the reason for the blooming of the English language in Ireland during the past 200 years? What do you think has happened in Ireland that has spurred on the development?



Extra:

- One very specific form of Irish literature is the limerick. Find out more about it and try to write your own limerick.
- Peadar O'Dowd mentions that the Irish are fond of their folklore. Try and see if you can find some of these stories and read them. Then pick the one you like the most and illustrate it.
- Make a newspaper edition about Ireland together in class. Work in pairs or groups of threes and cover a topic of your choice. Here are some topics you can work on;
 - Nature
 - Politics
 - Animals
 - History
 - Language history
 - School
 - Culture life
 - Entertainment
 - Famous people
 - Religion

VOCABULARY FROM THE PROGRAMME

laureate – pristagare	compulsory - obligatorisk
facilitator – medhjälpare; ngn so underlättar	
folklore – folksagor	to thrive – att frodas
embrace – omfamna	leprechaun - vätte
proposition – förslag	defeat - besegra

- Without using the word in question, try to explain it in English to your friends. Let them guess what word you are describing!
- Write five sentences with one of the words in them. Then translate your sentences into Swedish.



Key:

1. Swift, Beckett, Joyce, Yeats, Shaw, Heaney, Wilde, Synge, Gregory, O'Casey, Stoker and more
2. 4 (W.B. Yeats, G.B. Shaw, S. Beckett and S. Heaney)
3. Irish and English
4. The snake
5. "Irish is a Gaelic language. Just like Scottish."
6. An early newspaper. The first regular publications in English. It was set up by King Alfred the Great in 890.
7. An Irish tallystick – a wooden stick in which the teacher would carve remarks and then beat the pupils with.
8. shoes

* For more about being a child on a small British island – watch "Life on Scilly" on ur.se

** For more about contemporary Irish ways of expressing oneself – check out Popreel, season 2, programme 3 with Irish rapper MissElaynious on ur.se