

# Counties of Ireland Poem



We are Munster's counties fair,  
Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Clare,  
Waterford, Tipperary here we are,  
Welcoming you from near and far.

Leinster is beyond compare,  
Dublin, Wicklow, Carlow, Kildare,  
Wexford, Offaly, Laois, Kilkenny, Longford and Louth are as  
good as any.

Meath, Westmeath and that is all.  
Over now to province that is small.

Connacht is the smallest oh,  
Galway, Leitrim and Mayo,  
Roscommon, Sligo that's the lot,  
Just one more verse for you we've got.



We are Ulster's counties nine,  
Let's forget the dividing line,  
Donegal, Derry, Antrim, Down, all our counties of renown.  
Armagh, Monaghan and Tyrone, Cavan, Fermanagh  
now all are known.



# Unit 6: Irish Mammals



## DID YOU KNOW?

Mammals are animals that give birth to live babies. They also feed their young with milk from the mother's body. Humans, dogs, cats and sheep are examples of mammals.



## Write the missing words.

hibernate seeds sure-footed fish curious coast night common graze boats



1. Red Squirrels are found in woodlands and parks. They love \_\_\_\_\_. They are good climbers.



2. Wild Goats live on hills or mountains. Goats are \_\_\_\_\_ and can stand on cliffs without slipping.



3. Long Eared Bats are active at \_\_\_\_\_ (nocturnal). They catch insects from trees to eat. They use their big ears to hear their quiet squeaks bounce off things. Bats \_\_\_\_\_ in the winter.



4. Fallow Deer are the most \_\_\_\_\_ deer in Ireland. They can be found in many woods and parks, e.g. the Phoenix Park in Dublin. They \_\_\_\_\_ on grass and leaves.



5. Grey Seals are found around the \_\_\_\_\_ of Ireland. They are great swimmers and eat \_\_\_\_\_. Baby seals are called pups and are born in September and October.



6. Dolphins can be found in the sea around Ireland. They eat fish, crabs and eels. Dolphins are often \_\_\_\_\_ about humans and sometimes swim close to \_\_\_\_\_.



## Answer these questions.

1. What do dolphins eat? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where might you see wild goats? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are baby seals called? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What deer are found in the Phoenix Park? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where might you see red squirrels? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What does 'nocturnal' mean? \_\_\_\_\_



## Look at the picture carefully.

### Ring the correct word in each sentence.

The pygmy shrew is Ireland's (smallest / largest) mammal. Its body is about six (centimetres / metres) long. The shrew looks like a (squirrel / mouse). Its tail is (smooth / bushy). Its body is covered in (feathers / fur) and is (brown / spotted) in colour. Shrews are mainly found in (woodland / jungles) and hedgerows.



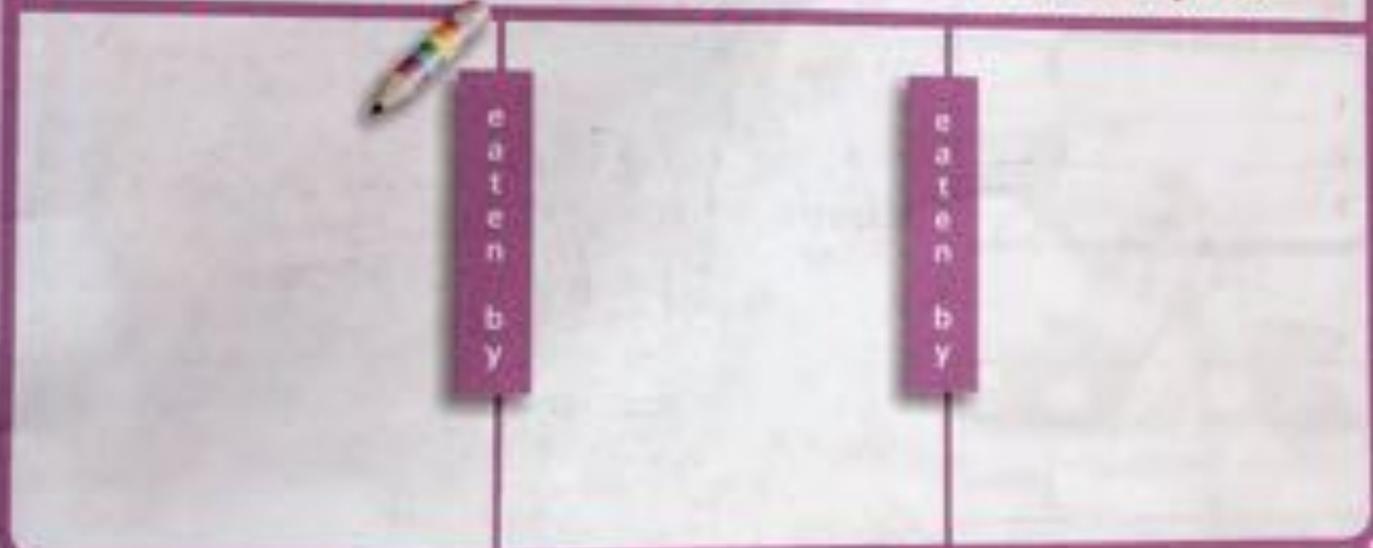


**DID YOU KNOW?** Animals change (adapt) to suit their habitats, so that they can survive. They may have learnt to swim better, fly higher or how to eat the food in their habitat. Some animals are camouflaged to make it hard for their predators to see them.

**D** How have these animals adapted to their habitat? Fill in the grid below.

Animal	Habitat	How it suits its habitat
Goat	Mountains and hills	Sure-footed
Dolphin		
Seal		
Bat		
Squirrel		
Shrew		

**E** Draw a food chain, e.g. an insect eaten by a shrew, then the shrew eaten by a fox.



**F** Draw your favourite Irish mammal. Fill in the fact file.



**IRISH MAMMAL FACT FILE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How the mammal suits the habitat: \_\_\_\_\_

# Unit 3: The Provinces and Counties of Ireland



**A** Look at your atlas. Write the missing letters for each county.

**B** Colour each province a different colour.



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 Ulster is the northern province. Munster is the southern province. Leinster is the eastern province. Connacht is the western province.

# Unit 7: Lakes and Rivers of Ireland

**A** Look back at page 6. Draw the province boundaries on this map.

**B** Label these lakes on the map.

1. Lough Conn is in Mayo.
2. Lough Neagh is the largest lake.
3. Lough Leane is in Kerry.
4. Lough Corrib is in Galway.
5. Lower Lough Erne is in Fermanagh.

**C** Name three lakes on the River Shannon.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



**D** Name a river and a lake in each province.

Province	River	Lake
Ulster		
Munster		
Leinster		
Connacht		

**E** Name the five counties that touch Lough Neagh.

**F** Name the river that flows through each of these cities.

Cork: \_\_\_\_\_

Belfast: \_\_\_\_\_

Limerick: \_\_\_\_\_

Derry: \_\_\_\_\_

Dublin: \_\_\_\_\_

**G** Match the word with its meaning. You might need your dictionary.

Source		where a river flows into the sea
Lake		the start of a river
Mouth		water surrounded by land

**H** Name the counties each of these rivers flows through.

Slaney	_____
Moy	_____
Munster Blackwater	_____
Liffey	_____

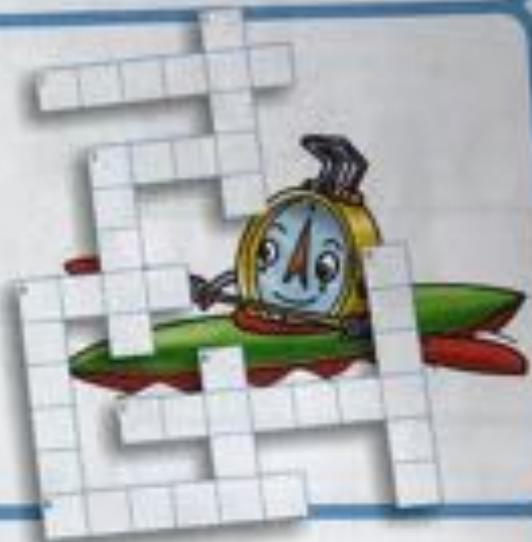
**I** Complete the crossword.

Across

- River in our capital city.
- Lough on the Shannon.
- City the Lee flows through.
- Longest river in Ireland.
- One of the three sisters.

Down

- Lake in the north of Ireland.
- The Foyle flows through what city?
- Lake in Galway.
- Its mouth is in County Wexford.
- Lough Conn is in what county?



**J** Name five activities to do on a river or lake.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**K** Water safety is very important. Write three safety rules.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Fill in the profile. Use your atlas.

### RIVER PROFILE

- A river in my county: \_\_\_\_\_
- The source of the river: \_\_\_\_\_
- A town on or near the river: \_\_\_\_\_
- Another fact about the river: \_\_\_\_\_