

**Activities and Challenges**

It’s good to keep your mind fit and active and well as your body, so the remainder of this Pack is aimed at testing your knowledge in a fun way, or just to give you a smile or a laugh. If you have never tried some of these activities, we urge you to give them a try, or as somebody from a fictional Craggy Island off the Galway coastline would say….

*All solutions at the back page – no peeking though!*

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| **Galway Quiz** | So, you live in Galway but how well do you know all things Galway - take our Quiz and find out! If you get less than 5 correct though, we might have to insist you head back to Mayo! (We’re joking of course dear neighbours!) |  |
| **Irish Quiz** | For most of us reading this, it might be a while since we did our School Irish but back in the day, they even learnt their maths tables through Irish so we bet you can recall these words and phrases - Maith thú! |  |
| **Dingbats** | Dingbats are visual word puzzles which identify a well-known saying or phrase. They are challenging but lots of fun – just say what you see out loud whether it be numbers or letters inside, over, under or within other words or numbers, and you’ll be amazed what you come up with! |  |
| **Word Search** | Word Search is a visual word puzzle where you must find selected words that are hidden in a grid. Here’s a few tips:   * Use a finger or your pencil to guide your search by scanning back and forth along each row or up and down each column. * Search for uncommon letters or the first letter in a word. * Cross out the words as you find them, on the grid and the list below. |  |
| **Proverbs** | We’ve tested your Irish Proverbs so now it’s time for some common English ones – just fill in the missing words. To celebrate the unique wit and wisdom of the Irish, also enjoy these words of advice, blessings and observations on life! |  |
| **Songs** | Galway County is fortunate to have some of the best traditional songs and songwriters in Ireland. Here is a selection and the background to each of the songs which can be sometimes heart-warming and heart-breaking when it comes to Irish Songs. It’s well known that singing is good for your mental health so all you have to do here is sing the song out loud as if no one is listening (even if they are!) |  |

**How well do you know ‘all things Galway’?**

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|  | What river in Galway is one of the shortest in Europe? | | |  | |
| 2. | Galway City is known as the City of the Tribes but how many Tribes were there? | | |  | |
| 3. | In which town in County Galway was the first Supermacs opened? | | |  | |
| 4. | Which Galway Bay FM DJ finished in second place in the 1997 Eurovision Song Contest with his song “Mysterious Woman”? | | |  | |
| 5. | What is the first name of the person whose story is told in “The Fields of Athenry”? | | |  | |
| 6. | Alice Perry, a Galway Girl, became the first woman in Britain or Ireland to be awarded a degree in which area of study? | | |  | |
| 7. | The Claddagh Ring is a symbol of 3 things – what are they? | | |  | |
| 8. | What part of the Twelve Bens is the tallest mountain in County Galway? | | |  | |
| 9. | Which building in Galway City is the oldest building in Ireland in daily commercial use? (besides during Covid-19 restrictions!) | | |  | |
| 10. | Galway has the largest Gaeltacht in Ireland but how many other Counties have Gaeltacht areas? | | |  | |
| 11. | What was the original name given to NUIG when it was founded in 1845? | | |  | |
| 12. | Before vehicles in Galway were assigned G under the new motor vehicle registration system, what was the 2-letter identification assigned to all vehicles registered in County Galway? | | |  | |
| 13. | How many other Counties is Galway joined to? | | |  | |
| 14. | Which current Galway T.D. has performed with the RTE Concert Orchestra and collaborated with Sean Keane? | | |  | |
| 15. | Which award- winning journalist moved from ‘The Tuam Herald’ to RTE, in due course becoming their longest-serving regional news correspondent? | | |  | |
| 16. | What was the name of the 2 pilots who made the first transatlantic flight and landed in the bog at Derrygimlagh, near Clifden? | | |  | |
| 17. | What was the official name given to Eyre Square in 1965? | | |  | |
| 18. | What group of people call Kylemore Abbey home? | | |  | |
| 19. | What is the largest island on Lough Corrib and is well known for its holy sites? | | |  | |
| 20. | Galway was the finish line for which round the world yacht race in 2012? | | |  | |
| 21. | Name any of the 3 inhabited islands of Lough Corrib which are connected to the mainland via bridge / causeway? | | |  | |
| 22. | Which Galway runner claimed a world’s best for running 7 marathons on 7 continents in fewer than 7 days in 2009? | | |  | |
| 23. | What was the final tune played for the father of the damsel in “The Galway Shawl? “I played the Blackbird and the Stack of Barley; Rodney’s Glory and ...” | | |  | |
| 24. | In what year did Pope John Paul II visit Ireland? | | |  | |
| 25. | Who managed the last Galway Football Team to win the Sam Maguire Cup? | | |  | |
| 26. | Which one of Ireland’s native horse breeds is Galway bred? | | |  | |
| 27. | Who managed Connacht Rugby to Pro14 glory in 2015/2016? | | |  | |
| 28. | How many All Ireland Senior Hurling Titles have Galway won? | | |  | |
| 29. | What was the naughty-sounding traditional fishing boat used in the strong seas off Galway Bay which is also depicted on the County’s crest? | | |  | |
| 30. | Which Galway football legend from their 3 in-a-row (1964-66) was nicknamed “The Master” and included in the GAA Team of the Century? | | |  | |
| 31. | What Galway Village has got top marks in Galway County for the last 5 years in the National Tidy Towns Competition? | | |  | |
| 32. | | What is the more common name for the junction between the R336 and R59? | | |  | |
| 33. | | Which band formed in Tuam had their first Irish No. 1 with the song “I Useta Lover”? | | |  | |
| 34. | | Which constituency did Michael D. Higgins represent as a T.D.? | | |  | |
| 35. | | The Keane family, a musical dynasty comprising Rita and Sarah, aunts of singers Dolores, Sean and Matt, hail from where in County Galway? | | |  | |
| 36. | | In what month is Ballinasloe Fair traditionally held? | | |  | |
| 37. | | What was previously on the site of Galway Cathedral? | | |  | |
| **How well do you remember your School Irish?**  **Can you fill in the gaps below?**  Dún an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (close the door!)  Oscail an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open the window!)    Lig amach an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (let the dog out!)    Téim \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gach lá (I go walking everyday)  Tá an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dúnta (The shop is closed)  Tá na \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blasta (The sweets are tasty)  Ná bí \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Don’t be cross!)  **What are these common Irish phrases about the weather:**  Tá sé ag cur báistí **It is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Tá an ghrian ag taitneamh **The** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Tá sé gaofar agus fuar **It is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Complete these common proverbs (seanfhocail):**  **An rud is annamh is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (What’s rare is wonderful).  **Níl aon tintéan mar** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (There’s no place like home).  **Ní neart go cur** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (There is strength in unity).  **Is fearr an tsláinte ná** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (Your health is better than wealth).  **Mol an óige agus** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (Praise the young and they will get there).  **Ar mhuin na** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (On the pig’s back).  **Do you remember the months of the year in Irish?**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | January |  | July |  | | February |  | August |  | | March |  | September |  | | April |  | October |  | | May |  | November |  | | June |  | December |  |   A **Dingbat** is a visual word puzzle where you say what you see to identify a phrase, e.g. “BACK” is written in 5 x MINUTES =  Back in 5 Minutes! | | | | | |
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| **SOMEWHERE**  **RAINBOW** | | | |  | |
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**Word Search 1**

Find and cross out all the words listed below. The words may go horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backwards. Good luck!

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**Find these words about Health and Fitness**

Wellbeing Mental Heartrate

Strength Diet Social

Sleep Energy Exercise

Health Talk Happiness

**Word Search 2**

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**Find these words about Birds and Trees**

Sycamore Chestnut

Blackbird Oak

Acorn Robin

Sparrow Thrush

Magpie Birch

**Can you complete these Proverbs?**

1. You can’t teach an old dog new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. A change is as good as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. You are what you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Laughter is the best \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. A problem shared is a problem \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Absence makes the heart grow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What’s good for the goose is good for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Cold hands, warm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. There’s no place like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Don’t throw the baby out with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. Too many cooks spoil the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. Where there’s smoke there’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
15. Two’s company, three’s a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. The best things in life are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. All is fair in love and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
18. The early bird gets the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
19. A chain is only as strong as its weakest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Irish Wit and Wisdom**

Irish sayings and proverbs go back hundreds if not thousands of years, yet many are just as relevant today as when they were first thought up. Here are our favourite combinations of unique Irish wit and wisdom for every occasion!

**Advice:**

* A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures.
* God is good but never dance in a small boat.
* Lie down with dogs and you’ll rise with fleas.
* Never scald your lips with another man’s porridge.
* Perseverance is the mother of good luck.
* Two people shorten the road.
* You’ll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind.
* You’ve got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your father was.
* No matter how many rooms you have in your house, you’re only able to sleep in one bed.
* The best things in life are the people we love, the places we have been, and the memories we make along the way.

**Blessings:**

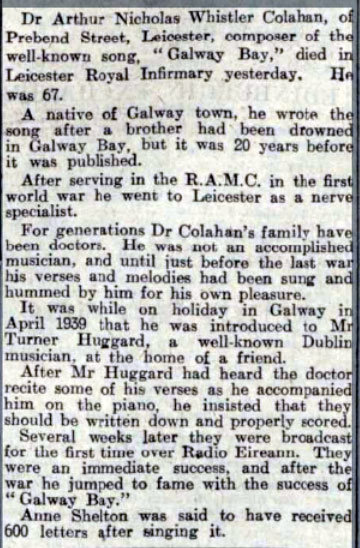
* May the roof above you never fall in and those gathered beneath it never fall out!
* May you get all your wishes but one, so that you will always have something to strive for!
* May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside!
* May you have the hindsight to know where you’ve been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far!

**Observations:**

* A friend’s eye is a good mirror.
* Every man is sociable until a cow invades his garden.
* Everyone is wise till he speaks.
* It is often that a person’s mouth broke his nose.
* It’s no use carrying an umbrella if your shoes are leaking.
* It’s not a secret if it’s known to three people.
* Men are like bagpipes; no sound comes from them until they are full.
* Wisdom is the comb given to a man after he has lost his hair.

**Galway Bay**

If you ever go across the sea to Ireland  
Then maybe at the closing of your day  
You will sit and watch the moon rise over Claddagh  
And see the sun go down on Galway Bay  
  
Just to hear again the ripple of the trout stream  
The women in the meadows making hay  
And to sit beside a turf fire in the cabin  
And to watch the barefoot Gossoons at their play  
  
For the breezes blowing o’er the seas from Ireland  
Are perfumed by the heather as they blow  
And the women in the uplands diggin' praties  
Speak a language that the strangers do not know  
  
For the strangers came and tried to teach us their way  
They scorn’d us just for being what we are  
But they might as well go chasing after moonbeams  
Or light a penny candle from a star  
  
And if there's going to be a life hereafter  
And somehow I am sure there's going to be  
I will ask my God to let me make my Heaven  
In that dear land across the Irish Sea



**Did you know**:

This song was written by **Dr. Arthur Colohan**. He was born in Enniskillen in 1884 but was brought up in Galway and graduated as a doctor there. He attended St. Josephs College Galway (The Bish) and University College Galway and began his medical career in the County Infirmary in Prospect Hill, before moving away and eventually settling in Leicester where he spent the rest of his career as a neurology specialist. He wrote several songs conveying the longing for home of the emigrant, and this one was recorded and made famous by Bing Crosby and used in the film “The Quiet Man”.

**(My Own Dear) Galway Bay**

‘Tis far away I am today from scenes I roamed a boy  
And long ago the hour, I know, I first saw Illinois  
But time nor tide nor water wide, can wean my heart away  
Forever true, it flies to you, my own dear Galway Bay

My chosen bride is by my side, her brown hair silver-grey  
Her daughter Rose as like her grows, as April dawn to day  
Her eldest son, his mother’s joy, his father's pride and stay  
With gifts like these, I'd live at ease, were I near Galway Bay

Oh grey and bleak by shore and creek, the rugged rocks abound  
But sweeter green the grass between than grows on Irish ground  
So friendship fond, all else beyond, and love that live always  
Bless each dear home beside your foam, my dear old Galway Bay

Had I youth's blood and hopeful mood, and heart of fire once more  
For all the gold that earth could hold, I'd never leave your shore  
I'd live content whate’er God sent, with neighbours old and grey  
And lay my bones 'neath churchyard stones, beside you Galway Bay

The blessing of a poor old man be with you night and day  
The blessings of lonely man whose heart will soon be clay  
'Tis all the heaven I ask of God, upon my dying day  
My soul to soar forever more, above you, Galway Bay

**Did you know:**

This is the earlier and lesser known of the two ‘Galway Bay’s” and this one was composed by **Francis Fahy** (1854 – 1935). It was originally sung to the air of another song called “Skibbereen’ but is now better know sung to the air by Tony Small. Francis Fahy was born on 29 September 1854, in Kinvara. He took a Civil Service exam and emigrated to England in 1873. In London, he helped found the Southwark Literary Club, to engender a love of Irish culture among the children of Irish Emigrants. This became the Irish Literary Society, later known as the Irish Texts Society, and was addressed by the likes of Yeats and Shaw. In 1886, he became president of the emerging Conradh na Gaeilge in London, a position he held until 1908. He retired from Civil Service life at 65, and died in 1935, aged 81. He wrote a number of other poems and songs about his native Kinvara, with this song getting a new lease of life when recorded by Galway’s own Dolores Keane.

**Dan O’Hara**

Sure it’s poor I am today for God gave and took away  
And left without a home poor Dan O'Hara  
With these matches in my hand in the frost and snow I stand  
So it’s here I am today your broken hearted

In the year of sixty-four, we had acres by the score  
The grandest land a man could pull a plough through  
But the landlord came you know, and he laid our home to low  
And here I am today your broken-hearted

*Chorus; Cushla grá mo chroí, won't you buy a box from me  
And have the prayers of Dan from Connemara.  
Sure I'll sell them cheap and low, buy a box before you go  
From the broken-hearted farmer Dan O'Hara.*

And for twenty years or more did misfortune cross our door  
My poor old wife and I were sadly parted  
We were scattered far and wide and our children starved and died  
But here I am today your broken-hearted.

*Chorus*

Tho' in frost and snow I stand beneath the shadow of God's hand  
It lies warm from the brow of Dan O'Hara  
And so soon with God above I will meet the ones I love  
And find the live I lost in Connemara

*Chorus*

**Did you know:**

Dan O’Hara lived with his wife and 7 children in a cottage in Connemara. The family was self-sufficient on an impressive 8 acres of land and lived a simple but happy lifestyle. This came abruptly to an end when he made the fatal mistake of increasing the size of the windows in his house around 1845, leading to increased rent demands by his landlord which he failed to make leading to eviction. They were forced to emigrate and he arrived in New York a broken man as his wife and 3 of his children died on the harsh sea journey in the so-called “coffin ships”, and left penniless and destitute, he was forced to put his remaining children into an orphanage. He spent the remainder of his days selling matches on the New York streets far from his beloved Connemara. **Delia Murphy** from Claremorris, who gathered and recorded many old songs, wrote this song and set it to music and Finbar Furey released his own unique version of the song in recent years. The cottage where Dan O’Hara lived was restored in 1992 and now forms part of the Connemara Heritage Centre.

**The Fields of Athenry**

By the lonely prison wall, I heard a young girl calling   
"Michael, they are taking you away,   
For you stole Trevelyn's corn,   
So the young might see the morn   
Now a prison ship lies waiting in the bay."   
  
*Chorus*:   
Low lie the fields of Athenry   
Where once we watched the small free birds fly   
Our love was on the wing   
We had dreams and songs to sing   
It's so lonely round the fields of Athenry.   
  
By a lonely prison wall, I heard a young man calling   
"Nothing matters Mary when you're free   
Against the famine and the crown,   
I rebelled, they ran me down.   
Now you must raise our child with dignity."

*Chorus*  
  
By a lonely harbour wall, she watched the last star falling  
As the prison ship sailed out against the sky   
Sure she'll wait and hope and pray, for her love in Botany Bay   
It's so lonely round the fields of Athenry.

*Chorus*

**Did you know:**

Although ‘The Fields of Athenry’ is set during Ireland’s Famine years, it was actually only written in in the 1970’s by **Pete St. John**. It tells the story of a fictional man named Michael from County Galway who has been sentenced to transportation to Botany Bay, Australia, for stealing food for his starving family. His crime was that he stole ‘Trevelyan’s corn’ which is a reference to Sir Charles Edward Trevelyan, a senior British Civil Servant at Dublin Castle who infamously said that “the judgement of God sent the calamity to teach the Irish a lesson”. Pete St. John is a multi-award winning singer songwriter and has written other well-known songs such as ‘The Rare Oul’ Times’ and ‘The Ferryman’ and the greatest compliment which can be given is that is hard to believe that they are contemporary compositions and not traditional songs of long ago. The Fields of Athenry most successful release was by Paddy Reilly in 1982 when it remained in the charts for 72 weeks, although it has been released on the terraces of sporting venues many times over since!

**Create a memory with your grandkids:**

Grandparents are missing the interactions with their grandkids at this time, but why don’t you use a telephone call or video call over a cup of tea to have some fun with your grandkids and create a memory in the process, by having them interview you – try these questions and they might learn some interesting things!

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| Where were you born? |  |
| Were you named after a family member or does your name have a special meaning? |  |
| Did you have a nickname when you were young? |  |
| How did your family spend time together when you were young? |  |
| What was your favourite subject or teacher at school? |  |
| What did you want to be when you grew up? |  |
| Did you ever get in trouble as a child or teenager? |  |
| How did you meet Granny / Grandad? |  |
| What was your marriage proposal like? |  |
| What was your first job? |  |
| What could you tell me that I would be surprised to learn about you? |  |
| Tell me about the day my Mam/Dad was born? |  |
| What is your favourite memory of your children? |  |
| What is your favourite thing about being a grandparent? |  |
| What is the most important lesson that you have learned in life? |  |
| What is your dream for your children and grandchildren? |  |
| What makes you happy? |  |

**SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES**

**How well do you know ‘all things Galway’?**

1. River Corrib
2. Fourteen
3. Ballinasloe
4. Marc Roberts
5. Michael
6. Engineering
7. Love (heart), Loyalty (crown) and Friendship (hands)
8. Benbaun
9. Lynchs Castle
10. Six – Donegal, Mayo, Kerry, and small parts of Cork, Meath and Waterford
11. Queen’s College Galway
12. IM or ZM
13. Five – Mayo, Roscommon, Tipperary, Offaly, Clare
14. Ciaran Cannon
15. Jim Fahy
16. Alcock and Brown
17. John. F. Kennedy Memorial Park
18. Benedictine Nuns
19. Inchagoill Island
20. Volvo Ocean Race
21. Inchaquinn, Inishmacatreer, Inisdoorus.
22. Richard Donovan
23. The Foggy Dew
24. 1979
25. John O’Mahony
26. Connemara Pony
27. Pat Lam
28. Five (1923, 1980, 1987, 1988 & 2017)
29. The Galway hooker
30. Sean Purcell
31. Milltown
32. Maam Cross
33. The Saw Doctors
34. Galway West
35. Caherlistrane
36. October
37. The City Gaol / Prison

**How well do you remember your School Irish?**

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| **Fill in the gaps:**   * Doras * Fhuinneog * Madra / Gadhar * Ag siúl * Siopa * Milseáin * Crosta / Cantalach | **The Weather:**   * Raining * Sun is Shining * Windy & Cold | **Seanfhocail:**   * Iontach * Do thintéan féin * Le chéile * Na táinte * Tiocfaidh sí * Muice | **Months / Mí:**   * Eanáir * Feabhra * Márta * Aibreán * Bealtaine * Meitheamh * Iúil * Lúnasa * Meán Fómhair * Deireadh Fómhair * Samhain * Nollaig |

**Dingbats**

First in the Queue Fork in the Road

A bad spell of Weather An Inside Job

Hole in One Good-looking

Archbishop Undercover Cop

Good for Nothing I Understand

Bend over Backwards Add insult to injury

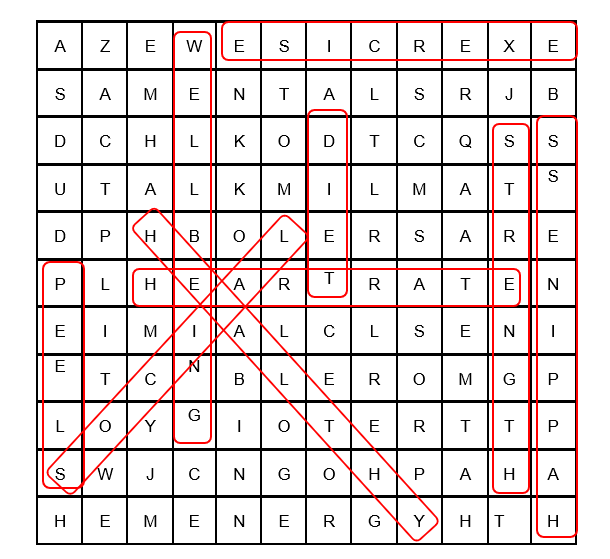
Somewhere over the Rainbow Three Wise Men

No Spring Chicken Too Little Too Late

**Proverbs.**

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| 1. Tricks | 1. Bathwater |
| 1. Rest | 1. Invention |
| 1. Eat | 1. Broth |
| 1. Medicine | 1. Fire |
| 1. Halved | 1. Crowd |
| 1. Fonder | 1. Free |
| 1. Gander | 1. War |
| 1. Heart | 1. Worm |
| 1. Home | 1. Link |
| 1. Drink |  |

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