

How high did you think you would work about ...

The Romans, **Scotia** was another name for **Hibernia**, both meaning **Ireland**.



Traditionally, there are eighteen letters in the **Irish alphabet**

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPRSTU

It is alleged that St. Brendan, an **Irish monk**, discovered **America** before Christopher Columbus



Many Irish family names start with "Mac" or "O...", which means respectively "son of ..." and "grandson of ..." in Gaelic.



James Hoban from County Kilkenny was the architect who designed the **White House** in 1792

The Irish consume in average 131.1 liters of **beer** per year - the 2nd highest per-capita consumption after the Czech Republic.



In olden days, a **pig** was often allowed to live in the **house** with the family on an Irish farm. He (or she) was commonly referred to as "the **gentleman who pays the rent**."



It has won the **Eurovision Song Contest** the most times - 7



Ireland consumes more **tea per head** of population than any other country in the world



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Ireland drinks the most **milk** in the world. Each person drinks about 164.46 quarts in one year



Wellington Testimonial in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, is the **largest obelisk** in Europe

There are now **more Polish speakers** in Ireland than **native Irish Speakers**. Over 5% percent of the population of Ireland is Polish

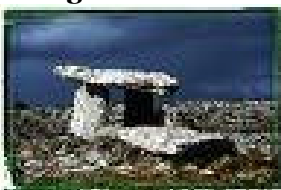


Ireland has **40 natural shades of green**



The **best Irish proverb** - "A man is incomplete until he marries. Then he is finished."

A well known Irish passage tomb, **Newgrange** dates to around 3200bc - 500 years **older than the Giza pyramids** of Egypt and 1000 years **older than Stonehenge**



John Kennedy, the thirty-fifth President of the U.S.A. was born in Massachusetts in 1917. The Kennedy family were descendants of Irish emigrants

It is estimated that over 80 million people of Irish descent live outside Ireland, in countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, Mexico, South Africa and states of the Caribbean and continental Europe. This is 14 times more than the population of Ireland (including Northern Ireland) itself ! 3 million of these emigrants still hold Irish nationality

