

GRADE 4 LEARNING PACK

Ireland: Regions, Landscapes & Connections

Use map evidence to compare Irish places and connections without reducing counties or regions to stereotypes.

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

Use map evidence to compare Irish places and connections without reducing counties or regions to stereotypes.

Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 Administrative boundaries differ from physical features.

2 Transport networks connect settlements, services and economic activity.

3 Every region contains internal diversity, so claims should be specific and evidence-based.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Classify county boundary, river, motorway, mountain and harbour as administrative, physical or human-made.

Use a blank island map with a trusted reference to locate major cities and broad physical regions.

Compare coastal and inland location opportunities using evidence.

Rewrite a stereotype into a specific evidence question.

Plan a fictional inter-city journey and justify a transport mode.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Choose one Irish county or city with an adult and gather three facts from reliable sources, recording source names.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Create an Ireland connection map showing two settlements, a transport link, one physical feature and one sourced fact.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. Are county boundaries natural landforms?

2. Why should regional claims be specific?

3. What makes a geographic fact trustworthy?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Ireland: Regions, Landscapes & Connections”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

No; they are administrative boundaries.

2. Suggested response

People and places within regions vary.

3. Suggested response

It can be checked against reliable evidence or mapping.

Review before publication

Check age fit, factual accuracy, clarity, accessibility, rights provenance and whether the activity works in practice. This file remains a review copy until those checks are signed off.

FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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