

Ireland

Read the text about Ireland. Then complete the sentences below using 1 to 5 words/numbers.

Ireland is indeed famous for many things; its green countryside, its windswept cliffs and its rain. However, in terms of its culture, Ireland is well known for its music. Villagers used to spend the cold winter evenings together in the pubs, and everyone brought their instruments. People had large families so they taught their children different instruments - the flute, the fiddle (or violin), the bodhran (drum), the harp, and pipes. Then each family had its own band. Different families played and sang each evening in the pub. Other people in the village danced. In Irish dancing people keep their arms still and only use their legs. This is because there was no room to move when the whole village was in the pub with them! Because the evenings were long and dark, people spent several hours in the pubs, so they did not make songs with a start and middle and finish. They played 'sessions'. The music lasted as long as the musicians could play, and they made it up as they played it.

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0. When people think of Irish culture they probably think of Irish



music

1. In the past, after their work, Irish villagers met in the



2. As families had a lot of children, each family could play lots of



3. While some families played the music and sang, other villagers



4. Because the floor was so crowded, they could only move their

