

**Ireland: *Lifestyle, Language,  
Literature & Arts***

**Week 12**

# paradoxical

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*adjective*

Seemingly absurd or self-contradictory.

# ambivalent

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*adjective*

Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.

# stereotype

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*noun*

An oversimplified and often incorrect perception *(of a people)* based on minimal experiential evidence and prejudice.

# ethos

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*noun*

The characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as manifested in its beliefs and aspirations.

# spontaneous

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*adjective*

Performed or occurring as a result of a sudden inner impulse or inclination and without premeditation or external stimulus.

# Nobel Prize (page 225, 231)



*noun*

Any of six international prizes awarded annually for outstanding work in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, economics, and the promotion of peace.

# avant-garde

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*noun*

New and unusual or experimental ideas, esp. in the arts, or the people introducing them.

*adjective*

Favoring or introducing such new ideas.

# cliché

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*noun*

A phrase or opinion that is overused and often betrays a lack of original thought.

# work ethic

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*noun*

The principle that hard work is intrinsically virtuous or worthy of reward.

# underdog

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*noun*

A competitor thought to have little chance of winning a fight or contest.



# Questions

Do you have any questions from your reading assignment?



## Discussion Question

When you think of Ireland, the Irish lifestyle and culture, what things come to mind? *(List at least 5 things.)*

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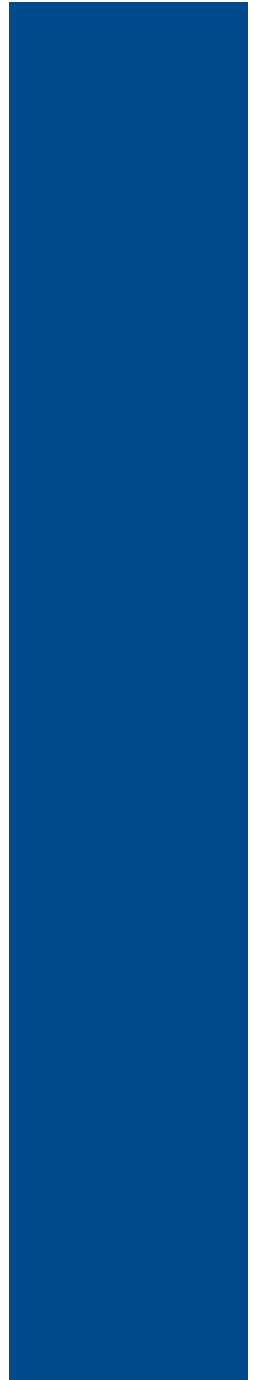
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# Republic of Ireland

*(part one – units 13&14)*



# Important Topics

## Unit Thirteen: Ireland - Lifestyle

- Rapid Social Change
- Attitudes to the English
  - Irish Identity
- Roman Catholic values
- Catholic vs. Protestants
  - Stereotypes
- Extended Family
- Women's Movement
  - Fertility Issues
  - Employment Issues
- Pub Culture
- Flexibility in Work Places
- Trade Union
- Education
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Level (primary school)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Level (12 y.o. and older)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Level (university)
- Investment in Education



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## Unit Fourteen: Ireland – Language, Literature & Arts

- Erse and the Colonial Policy
- Hiberno-English
- Oral Culture Tradition
- Folk Heritage
- Irish Literature
- Nobel Prize Winners for Literature
- Irish Music & Dance
  - sean nos
  - Irish pipe
  - Riverdance
- Popular Sports
  - soccer, rugby, golf, sailing, tennis, running, horse racing
  - Hurling
- Science & Technology
- Irish Identity Worldwide



# Riverdance



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