ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES



There are two "Irelands":

The Republic of Ireland and Nothern Ireland which is a part of Great Britain



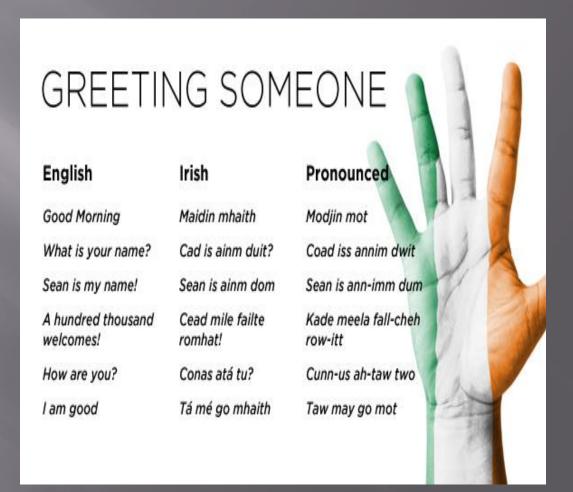
Dublin is the capital of Ireland





The official language of Ireland is English

The Irish language or Gaeilge /'geɪlɪk/ is used as well



Shamrock is the national emblem of Ireland



St Patrick's Day

SAINT PATRICK IS THE PATRON OF IRELAND

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY IS CELEBRATED ON THE 17TH OF MARCH





St Patrick's Day is the favourite holiday in Ireland



Leprechaun is the favourite character of the Irish fairy-tales and one of the symbols of Ireland



Green is the favourite colour in Ireland. Ireland is often called "emerald" or "green island"



