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Belfast's walls from the Troubles are set to come down, but locals want them to stay
<https://www.npr.org/2023/09/07/1198301810/belfasts-walls-from-the-troubles-are-set-to-come-down-but-locals-want-them-to-st>
Durée : 1 min 19, de 0'20 ["so this is the lower part of..."] à 1'39 ["... than ever before"].

Écoutez le document puis répondez aux questions suivantes.

- 1
Who is Gordon McDade?
2 pts

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- 2
Where is his workplace located and what is special about it?
4 pts

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Why had Carter Gibson and Crystal McCann never met before joining the youth club? Choose the correct answer.
4 pts

☐ a. Thanks to the peace wall, they can literally walk to each other's house without a worry.
☐ b. They would have never met if they hadn't joined the youth club because the peace wall still divides their communities.
☐ c. The peace wall protects people on each side because Catholics and Protestants are still constantly fighting.
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What do they say about the peace wall and how it affects their daily lives?
4 pts

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When and why were the first peace walls built in Belfast?
4 pts

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6 What is surprising about the number of peace walls today, even after the Good Friday peace agreement? 2 pts



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Your class is on a school trip to Belfast. During your visit at the youth centre, you meet with Carter and Crystal who answer your questions and tell you about their life in Belfast. Write the conversation in 150 words. 20 pts



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Lisez attentivement le texte puis répondez aux questions ci-après.

Hopes of Irish language revival in public life as Catherine Connolly takes office

The Irish language has scored cultural breakthroughs¹ with the film *The Quiet Girl* and the controversial rap trio Kneecap and is now about to acquire a new talisman: Catherine Connolly, [...] Ireland's president.

5 The former barrister² from Galway made Gaelic a central part of her election campaign and has indicated she wishes to make it the working language of the presidency. "I will do my best to bring Irish in from the margins and use it," Connolly told the Irish language station Raidió na Gaeltachta. [...]

10 The Irish language, once the majority of Ireland's native tongue, withered³ under British rule in the 19th century. Decline continued after independence despite the constitution proclaiming Irish as the first official language.

Less than 2% of the population converse in Irish daily [...],

15 although roughly 40% say they can speak the language. [...]

However, revival efforts have widened its use from rural

western areas to towns and cities. The number of schools teaching all subjects exclusively in Irish has multiplied from fewer than 20 in the 1970s to more than 200 today, fuelling curiosity and appreciation for content in the language.

20 *The Quiet Girl*, known in Irish as *An Cailín Ciúin*, became a standard bearer⁴ after breaking box office records in Ireland and the UK in 2022. The group Kneecap has coined⁵ new usages and given the language a punk cachet. Irish language and bilingual podcasts such as Motherfoclóir and How To Gael have proliferated, as have Gaeilgeoir⁶ TikTok creators [...]. The platform has 54,600 posts in Irish, a 71% growth in a year, the company said.

25 Connolly's presidency comes amid the language's growing reach in Northern Ireland, which [...] recently appointed⁷ the region's first Irish language commissioner.

The Guardian, Nov. 11, 2025

1 Present Catherine Connolly. Show how she feels about the Irish language.

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2 a) Say how many people in Ireland are fluent in Irish, and how many actually speak the language every day.

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b) Explain why so few Irish speakers use Irish regularly today.

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3 Give five examples of efforts that have been made to revive the Irish language.

5 pts

4 Comment on the current situation of the Irish language in Northern Ireland.

2 pts

5 Choose the correct answer. Justify.

2 pts

The general tone of the article is...

a. humoristic and satirical b. neutral / purely informative c. positive and enthusiastic.



Production écrite

Your school is celebrating St Patrick's Day. For your school's magazine, write an article promoting elements of Irish dual identity and culture, and say why those elements are still relevant today. (150 words)

20 pts