

Dublin

Complete this description of Dublin city using the correct words in the box on the next page

Dublin is the _____ city of the _____ of Ireland. It is situated on the east coast and is built on the River _____.

Approximately 1.2 million people live in Dublin city and its _____.

Dublin's city centre is a lively place and a popular tourist destination. Its main street is O'Connell Street and the main _____ areas are Grafton Street and Henry Street. There are beautiful parks in Dublin. St. Stephen's Green is in the city _____ and the Phoenix Park, which is the largest park in Europe, is located on the north side of the city. The park is used by Dubliners for sport and _____ and Dublin Zoo is also located there.

Dublin was officially _____ in 988 AD but there is evidence that a _____ did exist here as far back as the 2nd century when it was known as Eblana. The Vikings were the first settlers in Dublin. Until the _____ of the 17th century Dublin was a small, walled town. In 1649, after the English Civil Wars, Protestant _____ from Europe began pouring in to Dublin and for the next hundred years Dublin grew in size and wealth and became the second most important city of the British Empire. For the next hundred years the city prospered.

Dublin is _____ for its Georgian houses, built during the reign of King George III. These are very large houses built around fine squares such as Fitzwilliam Square, Merrion Square, Parnell Square and Mountjoy Square. They can also be seen in the old streets of Dublin, Baggot Street, Leeson Street, Georges Street and many more. There are many _____, theatres, art galleries and _____ sites to visit in Dublin.

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| museums | famous | middle | recreation |
| suburbs | shopping | capital | established |
| historical | important | Liffey | Empire |
| Republic | centre | refugees | city |

Writing Task

Write a description of the capital city of your country.

Include the following information.

where it is situated

size

population

climate

famous buildings

transport

geography (river, mountains etc.)