

## Dublin City

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.)