

## Dublin

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.

**How much do you know about Dublin? Complete the description of Dublin city above using the words from the box below. Watch out! There are some extra words that you don't need.**

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

## Writing Task

**Make notes on the capital city of your country. Use the ideas below to help you.**

where it is situated

size

population

climate

famous buildings

transport

geography (river, mountains etc.)

**Now use your notes to write a description of the capital of your country.**

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## MODULE: Cultural Awareness

### LEVEL:R2 Upper

<b>Time: 120 minutes +</b>	<b>Focus: Reading , Comprehension, Vocabulary and Writing</b>
<b>Class organisation: Individual or pair work.</b>	<b>Type of activity: Reading, using dictionary, reference. Writing, discussion</b>
<b>Can be adapted to:</b>	<b>Prerequisites: Some knowledge of Dublin</b>
<b>ELP: B1 Reading</b>	

**For this activity you need...**

1 worksheet per learner  
monolingual dictionaries  
(optional)

**N.B.**

**In Class Procedure at a Glance**

Working individually or in pairs.

Reading, scanning and prediction

Vocabulary study and gap fill with dictionaries if necessary

Writing a descriptive passage using suggested topics

Students to read out what they have written followed by question and answer session on the various cities if time allows.