

## Irish Connections Worksheet

### 1 **Match these sentence halves.**

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| a | St Patrick's Day is said                  | i    | in Ireland.  |
| b | The shamrock was used                     | ii   | Irish Guards on St Patrick's Day.                                      |
| c | The best Guinness is brewed               | iii  | many people of Irish descent.  |
| d | The Saint's Day is celebrated by          | iv   | to explain the Holy Trinity.   |
| e | St Patrick's Day celebrations are held in | v    | by a large number of people in Ireland.                                |
| f | St Patrick's Day is one of a number of    | vi   | buried in County Down, Ireland.  |
| g | Parades are attended                      | vii  | to date back to medieval times.  |
| h | St Patrick is said to be                  | viii | feast days enjoyed in Ireland.   |
| i | Shamrocks are worn by the                 | ix   | many countries including the<br>UK, Canada, Argentina and New Zealand. |

### 2 **Choose the correct alternative/s in each of these sentences:**

- a Ireland *surrounds/is surrounded* by hundreds of islands and islets.
- b Ireland's first settlers *arrived/were arrived* in 8000 BC.
- c The current population *is/is been* around 4.2 million.
- d Ireland *has made/has been made* a great contribution to world literature.
- e The tradition of Irish folk music and dance *knows/is known* worldwide.
- f Gaelic Games *mostly govern/are mostly governed* by the Gaelic Athletics Association.
- g Ireland *has produced/is produced* four Nobel Prize winners for literature.
- h Ireland *affects/is affected* by a mild, but changeable oceanic climate.
- i The 1990s *saw/is seen* a period of economic growth, which *knows/was known* as the Celtic Tiger.
- j Irish *speaks/is spoken* by less than 10% of the population.
- k The capital city, Dublin, *situates/is situated* on the east coast of Ireland.

## Irish Connections Answer Key

### 1

- a      vii
- b      iv
- c      i
- d      iii
- e      ix
- f      viii
- g      v
- h      vi
- i      ii

### 2

- a      *is surrounded by*
- b      *arrived*
- c      *is*
- d      *has made*
- e      *is known*
- f      *are mostly governed by*
- g      *has produced*
- h      *is affected by*
- i      *saw; was known*
- j      *is spoken by*
- k      *is situated*