

## The Real Map of Ireland Lesson Plans

### Lesson Plan 1: Learn the areas of the Real Map of Ireland using Word Association and Pictures

#### **Aim / Description:**

The Real Map of Ireland shows over 220 million acres of Ireland's marine territory. The lesson can be introduced by emphasising the vastness of the area. This can be done by discussing and comparing areas that students are familiar with on land.

The aim is to develop student's perception that the map of Ireland also includes Ireland's marine resource thus introducing "The Real Map of Ireland".

In the second part of the lesson students will be encouraged to learn to identify key names and areas of Ireland's marine resource through word and picture association.

#### **Materials:**

Teachers will need

- Lesson Plan 1: Learn the areas of the Real Map of Ireland using Word Association and Pictures
- Teachers Introduction to the Real Map of Ireland
- Fact Sheet about Names of Areas on the Real Map of Ireland
- Pictures for discussion:
  - What would you do with one acre of land?
  - What would you do with 1000 acres of land?
  - What would you do With 1 million acres of land?
  - What would you do With 220 million acres of land?

Students will need

- Worksheet 1: Introduction to the Real Map of Ireland
- Copy of the Real Map of Ireland – A4 size
- A3 Art paper – large enough draw the Real Map of Ireland and to glue pictures onto.
- Art materials including Colouring pencils / Markers / Sticky tape or Glue / Scissors etc
- Magazines / Access to Clip Art / Art paper



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### Lesson in action:

#### Part 1: Introduction to the Real Map of Ireland – Irelands Marine Resource

- Introduce the Real Map of Ireland in conjunction with lessons about Ireland's territory (*Use current Geography workbooks including lessons about Irelands seas, bays and coastlines*).
- Introduce the Real Map of Ireland. Use this opportunity to explain that Ireland's territory includes a vast marine territory as well. (*Use information from "Teachers introduction"*).
- To describe the vastness of the marine resource discuss with the children what they could do with one acre of land; with 1000 acres of land; one million acres of land and finally 220 million acres of land. Discuss and compare the size of student's homes, how big the back garden is, the size of the play ground at school, to the size of individual counties. By then comparing land mass to the Real Map of Ireland students can develop a concept of how big Ireland really is. Also compare the marine zones from other European countries to Ireland.
- Encourage the students to use their imagination about what they would do with Ireland's land and marine resource. An opportunity can be used to introduce cross curricular studies including history of Ireland's coastline to the development of marine technology.

#### Part 2: Learn the areas of the Real Map of Ireland using Word Association and Pictures.

- Present each student with materials listed above and Worksheet 1.
- Together with the class read the names of the areas on the map
  - Explain how the names are given to the areas (*see Fact Sheet*).
  - Identifying the names and what they can be associated with by using word association
  - Get the students to find pictures that can be associated with the words of each area.
- The students can complete the exercise individually or in small groups.
- Encourage the students to find pictures in a magazine / or use clip art from the web / or draw pictures that can be used to remember the name of the area on the Map. This could be something that sounds like the word or reminds them of the name.



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For example:



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- At the end of this exercise students should have a visual association of the names of each area on the map. Ask each student / group to describe what they have sketched / or drawn and how they associate it with the area on the Real Map of Ireland.
- Get students to cut out the pictures and stick them onto the larger Real Map Ireland with labelled areas. If the students draw their own larger map – they could also use this as an opportunity to decorate the map using colour, collage and texture.
- For more advanced students link the images creating a story in order as they appear on the Real Map of Ireland.

### Outcome:

- Students learn the wider context of the Real Map of Ireland.
- Students foster a sense of national identity in relation to their local, regional, national citizenship by learning about Ireland's land and its marine territory.
- Students explore and record the names of the areas of the Real Map of Ireland.