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32-QUIZ



Pens out, guys! This month's 32-quiz is based on the 32 pages of TPP. E.g. The answer to Q.7 can be found on page 7.



1. Type of pancake featured on page 11.
2. Kilmihil is in which Irish county?
3. In which city did COVID-19 originate?
4. What is the name of the plastic whale at Cappabue NS?
5. What age is Jürgen Klopp?
6. What is the largest city in Australia?
7. _____, an tslí bheatha atá ag Christina Koch.
8. In what year was The Flight of the Earls?
9. What type of creature is Ian Lightfoot?
10. In which country is the town of Dullstroom?
11. The type of milk used to make boxty.
12. Which car company manufactures the Corolla Hybrid?
13. Triblovax T protects cattle against which disease?
14. The Exxon _____ ran aground off Alaska in 1989.
15. Who said 'Mr Watson, come here. I want to see you.'?
16. In what year was caller ID invented?
17. In what year was the Apple iPhone launched?
18. Mobile phones are called cell phones in this country.
19. What do Irish lizards usually do from October to March?
20. What is the tenth word in 'Crack the Code'?
21. The second storm to hit Ireland last month – Storm _____.
22. The Denver _____ are an American football team.
23. How many national parks are in the US state of Minnesota?
24. In what year did Nauru become independent?
25. About how many people worldwide haven't a guaranteed water supply?
26. In what country is Auschwitz?
27. What is the name of Bob's new teacher?
28. What is Colm McWeeney's sport?
29. What racing car does Lewis Hamilton drive?
30. When did Galway last win the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship?
31. Bratislava is the capital of which country?
32. Which nation's rugby team is nicknamed Les Bleus?





VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY



Are you a good detective? The Vocabulary Constabulary needs your help. You can often detect the meaning of a word by reading it in context. That is, by reading the other words around it in a piece of text. Find the page and the article in your *Primary Planet* and then detect the word or phrase that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the answer are in brackets after each clue.

LOCATION, Article/Paragraph	CLUE (number of letters, first letter)	SOLUTION
1. P3 ... Pandemic?	Area; neighbourhood; territory. (6,r)	_____
2. P10 Wonderful	Innovative; pioneering. (7,4,10,c,e,t)	_____
3. P10 Wacky	Apparatus for raising or lowering something. (5,h)	_____
4. P10 Weird	Occurring at irregular intervals. (12,i)	_____
5. P11 If someone ...	Behind the times; obsolete; old fashioned. (8,o)	_____
6. P12 Background	Famous people. (11,c)	_____
7. P12 Hybrids ...	Colossal; mammoth; gargantuan. (8,w)	_____
8. P14 Pensions	Leave one's job and stop working. (6,r)	_____
9. P15 1876	Small compact particles of a substance. (8,g)	_____
10. P16 1973	Show how something works. (11,d)	_____
11. P 18 ... Screen Time	Have another think about something. (8,r)	_____
12. P22 ... Toothbrush	Gadget; object; article; item. (5,g)	_____
13. P22 ... Racing Game ...	Imitate; replicate; mimic. (8,s)	_____
14. P22 Tech That	Temporary malfunction of equipment. (6,g)	_____
15. P24 Big News ...	Grossly overweight; Falstaffian. (5,o)	_____

Now, order the first 10 answers alphabetically in the grid below:

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.

KNOW YOUR SPORT!

Use your skimming and scanning skills to complete this month's crossword.
Answers to the clues below can be found in this month's sports section.



ACROSS

2 Robbie _____ scored a try for Ireland against England. (7)

7 The number of goals Eugene Magee scored for Ireland. (5)

8 Charles _____ is Ferrari's Formula 1 driver. (7)

9 Tyson _____, WBC World heavyweight boxing champion. (4)

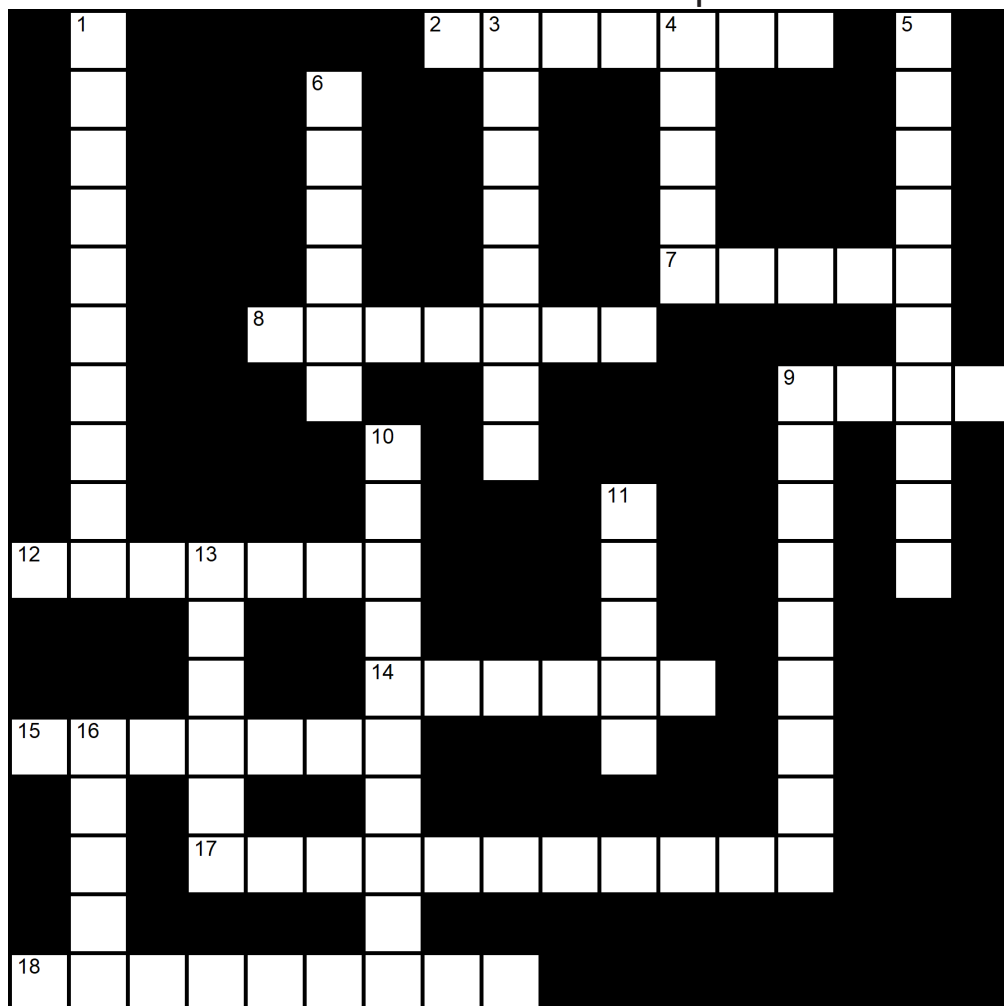
12 Ciara _____ ran a personal best at 3,000m recently. (7)

14 Marek _____ is Slovakia soccer team captain. (6)

15 Host town of the AIT International Grand Prix. (7)

17 Roger Federer comes from here. (11)

18 The Australian Grand Prix is here on March 15. (9)



DOWN

1 The capital of Slovakia. (10)

3 The Premier Golf League plans to hold _____ events per year. (8)

4 Glasgow Celtic are often called the _____. (5)

5 The venue for Ireland's Women's Six Nations match with Italy that was due to take place on March 8. (10)

6 Andrew _____ scored a try for Ireland against England. (6)

9 Robert Bozenik's club. (9)

10 _____ City – banned from European soccer for two years. (10)

11 The city where Ireland play France in rugby on March 14. (5)

13 New York Gaelic football team's nickname – the _____. (6)

16 Longford are in Division _____ of the NFL. (5)



CLOZE TEST TIME

We've made this piece about the discovery of new insects a bit trickier by taking out 15 words. This is called a Cloze test. Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

Star tiny million back entomologist name decline one
daughter discovery rainforests team pair island task

103 new insect species found

In 2018, a _____ (1) of researchers led by _____ (2) Dr Alexander Riedel, of the Natural History Museum Karlsruhe, Germany, discovered 103 insect species which are new to science. The _____ (3) beetles – they are only a few centimetres long – were found in rainforests on the _____ (4) of Sulawesi, in Indonesia. The beetles are all members of the weevil family, and only _____ (5) of their kind was ever previously discovered on Sulawesi, way _____ (6) in 1885.

Having made the important _____ (7), the next _____ (8) facing the researchers was to give each beetle a scientific _____ (9). They belong to the genus *Trigonopterus*.

Dr Riedel named one tiny green weevil *Trigonopterus yoda*, after the vertically challenged Jedi master from _____ (10) Wars. There are also *T. Asterix* and *T. obelix*, named after the main characters in the French comic series, *Asterix*. He named a _____ (11) of weevils after Francis Watson and James Crick, scientists who helped in the discovery of the structure of DNA, and even called one *T. jasmineae* after his own _____ (12).

Well over one _____ (13) species of insect have been identified to date around the world. However, Recent studies have shown there is an ongoing _____ (14) in insect populations. In Europe insects are being lost to intensive farming and the use of insecticides, while in the tropics they are endangered by the destruction of rainforests.

As for Sulawesi – scientists are confident that there may be thousands of undiscovered insect species living in the _____ (15) on the island.



EDIT THE EDITOR!

This month's Editing Activity tells us about some amazing discoveries made in Irish bogs in 2003. Read through the article and see if you can spot the 10 spelling mistakes, the 5 missing capital letters and where the 3 missing full stops should be located.

10 SPELLING MISTAKES 5 CAPITAL MISTAKES 3 FULL STOPS

Bog Bodies

In 1983, a bog body was found at Lindow Moss in Cheshire, England. This was to be the last find for twenty years. Then, in 2003, in the space of three months, two bodies were unearthed in Irish bogs, 40km apart. Both bodies were named after the places in which they were found, Clonycavan Man, near Ballivor in Meath and Old Croghan Man, near Croghan Hill in Offaly.



Clonycavan Man's four arms, hands and lower abdomen are missing, while Old Croghan Man was missing the head and lower limbs. A team of experts from the UK and Ireland used modern scientific methods to examine the bodies. Radiocarbon dating showed that both bodies date from the Iron Age. Clonycavan man is believed to have lived sometime between 392 and 201 B.C. while Old Croghan Man between 362 and 175 B.C.

Clonycavan Man was 1.6m tall. His hair was raised on his head, probably to make him appear taller, and kept in place by a type of hair gel. The Iron Age gel was made from vegetable plant oil mixed with a resin from pine trees that grew in south-western France or Spain.

In the months before he died, he had been eating mostly vegetables. This led the scientists to believe that he had died during the late summer. There was a massive wound in the back of his skull. It appears that he was killed by a blow from a heavy object, possibly an axe.

Old Croghan Man was probably in his twenties. The scientists worked out from the length of his arms that he was around 2m tall. His hands were very well preserved, clearly showing his fingerprints. His nails were beautifully manicured which showed that he hadn't been working with his hands. Analysis of these fingernails showed that he had been eating a large amount of meat before he died. This could indicate that he was a nobleman, but it could also mean that he died in winter when there were no vegetables to be had.

Not alone had he been murdered, but he was tortured before being killed. Wounds on his arms were probably caused as he tried to defend himself. There were holes in his upper arms where hazel rods had been passed through to stake him to the ground, when he was overcome by his attackers.

We don't know why these two young men were killed and buried in the bog. They may have been offered as sacrifice to the gods. They may have been murdered because they were bad rulers, had done some terrible things or because they were different in some way from the rest of their community.

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

How well have you read this month's paper? Here, in Question Time, as well as testing your memory and retention skills, we also test your imagination and creative skills. We base this activity on our National news section.

Read the articles and answer the following questions.

1. Read the article 'President Higgins Donates Books'. President Higgins said: 'If I had a wish for the children of Ireland into the future, it would be that they would all have access to reading and access to a musical instrument and maybe even be able to swim.' Do you agree with all his wishes? Why? Add a wish of your own to his list.
2. Read the article 'Cork Rappers Go Viral'. Write your own rap to encourage people to recycle.
3. Read the article 'Ciara Lifts the Roof'. Write five questions you would ask the school principal if you were a news reporter.
4. Read the article 'Abandoned Cargo Ship Runs Aground'. Write five possible dangers a ship abandoned at sea might pose for people.
5. Read the article 'Klopp's Reply to Daragh'. What famous person would you most like to meet? Why?
6. Read the article 'Carry Up Carrauntoohil'. Write about a charity fundraiser you could organise for a good cause.
7. Read the article 'Rainfall Quenches Bushfires'. You are a resident of Sydney. Write about how you felt when the rain came.
8. Read the article 'Going Green for St Patrick's Day'. Use your research skills to find and write five facts about one of the cities mentioned in the article.
9. Read the article 'Cops and Robber'. Write ten facts which are contained in the article.
10. What was your favourite article in this month's *Primary Planet*? Give reasons for your answer.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Based on this month's Engineers Week special, we want you to think about some of the issues that often arise when it comes to mobile phones. Remember, when you are trying to put forward an opinion, or an argument, make sure you know your facts and figures and be clear in how you feel about a certain topic and why. Here are some questions and statements you and your class might like to consider thinking about and discussing. Some you will agree with, some you clearly won't!

Phones are part of life now. Therefore, you should be allowed one in school and be taught about how best to use them.

Phones are nothing but trouble. Think of cyberbullying, for example. No child should have one.

Why do adults insist on phones being bad for us, yet they spend all day looking at them!

Mobile phones have some good uses, but the internet should be locked on all phones belonging to young people aged 13 and under.

Phones cost way too much and this is putting pressure on families. Maybe the government should subsidise the cost of phones – especially for younger people who do not earn their own income.

Mobile phones are amazing! You can do so much with them. We need to embrace this and use it to our advantage.





FICHE CEIST!



Tá siad simplí agus tá fiche freagra le fáil. Féach tríd an nuachtán!



MÁRTA



1. Lch4 Thug sé 700 leabhair do muintir na hÉireann.
2. Lch5 Scríobh sé litir do Jurgen Klopp.
3. Lch5 An Sliabh is airde in Éirinn.
4. Lch6 An cathair is mó san Astráil.
5. Lch6 Cén tír ina bhfuil Taillinn?
6. Lch7 Thúirlinging Christina Koch sa tír seo ar an 6 Feabhra, 2020.
7. Lch8 Fuair Hugh O'Neill bás sa chathair seo.
8. Lch10 Bunaíodh Sorcas Roncalli sa bhliain seo.
9. Lch 10 Céard a d'ith Mitch Felderhoff ar feadh míosa?
10. Lch11 Cad as atá boxty déanta?
11. Lch12 An comhlacht Meiriceánach a dhéanann an Hummer.
12. Lch12 Cé mhéad Corolla hibrideach a dhíoladh i mí Eanáir 2020?
13. Lch13 Cén tír ina bhfuil an Massif Central?
14. Lch15 Cé a cheap an chéad brathadóir miotail?
15. Lch17 An _____ R380 – an chéad fón cliste.
16. Lch23 Cén comhlacht Fraincise a dhéanann an Y-brush?
17. Lch24 Cad í príomhchathair Náru?
18. Lch29 Tá cáil ar Rory McIlroy sa spórt seo.
19. Lch30 Tá cáil ar Eoin Larkin sa spórt seo.
20. Lch31 Imríonn Stanislav Lobotka leis an gclub seo.

Foclóir

Bunaíodh – was founded

comhlacht Meiriceánach – American company

a dhíoladh – were sold

brathadóir – detector



DRAMA TIME!

Each month, we invite you and your class to base your drama lesson on a theme from *The Primary Planet*.

This month, we are turning our attention to the coronavirus and what this means throughout the world. Here, we want you to create a drama around a suspected breakout. As this is a serious and real matter, we ask that you create a drama based around respect for those that are suffering from it or know friends or family that have been affected. Enjoy creating your drama.

CHARACTER SUGGESTIONS:

The head doctor of the hospital who must decide which medical staff to put on the ward where the coronavirus is suspected.

CHARACTER SUGGESTIONS:

A patient that has showed symptoms of the virus, and has just travelled back from Wuhan province in China, where they were teaching for the past year.

CHARACTER SUGGESTIONS:

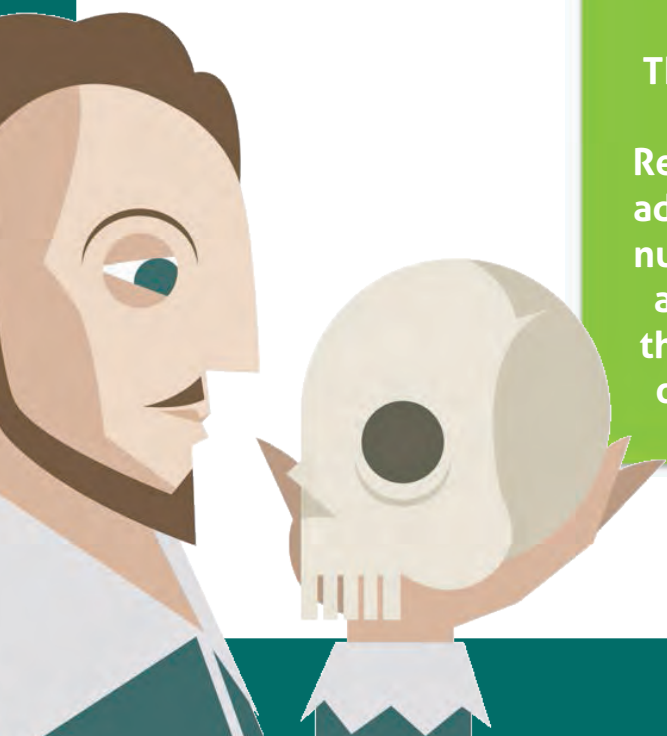
A nurse who wishes to help in any way she can, but has concerns over what might happen if she treats a patient and then contracts the virus herself.

CHARACTER SUGGESTION:

The hospital's head of PR (Public Relations) who must address the growing number of reporters and media outlets that have started to converge outside the hospital.

CHARACTER SUGGESTION:

A person who is not feeling well, but is afraid to present themselves to the doctors. They are just about to get married and far too much planning has gone in to the wedding day to let it all go now!



BUSINESS MATTERS



This season, we bring you Business Matters. Here we focus on a very large, well-known and successful company. This month we look at Exxon Mobil. However, we don't want you to marvel at the oil and gas behemoth, we want you to compete! So, here are some things you need to think about if you are going to set up a business to take the big guys on!

Company Name:

Tagline:

Unique Selling Point (USP). This is what will set you apart and what Exxon Mobil, or anyone else for that matter, does not do in their company that you will:

Service you will provide:

Product: What will make you #1 choice with consumers, and who is your target market?

Website: What will this do?

Company Logo:

SUDOKU TIME!

See if you can fill in the missing squares in this number puzzle called Sudoku. Each of the 9 boxes must contain the numbers 1 – 9. When you fill them in, you will then see that each line going across and each line going down also contains the numbers 1 – 9. Take your time and good luck.

1	7			6				
		6		7		5		
	2						9	
	5	9	4	2	3			
4				1	5		2	
3						4		6
7				8	6			2
	6		3			8	7	5
2	4		1	5		3		9

EASY

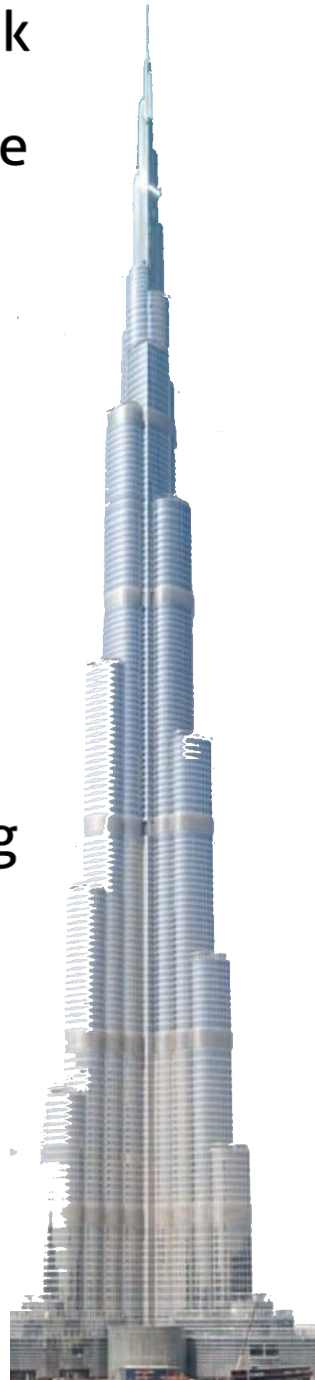
				6			1	
	3		7				2	
2		5						
						2		
			5		4			
4		9			6			8
		4		1	5	6		
		7						
	1		6	2				9

HARD

MATCH THAT!

Match the famous building with the city in which it is located. Use your research skills to help you.

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Sagrada Familia | Rome |
| 2. Dome of the Rock | Dubai |
| 3. The Lotus Temple | Istanbul |
| 4. The Colosseum | Barcelona |
| 5. The Gherkin | Athens |
| 6. Hagia Sophia | New Delhi |
| 7. <u>Potala Palace</u> | New York |
| 8. Burj Khalifa | London |
| 9. Chrysler Building | Jerusalem |
| 10. The Acropolis | Lhasa |



Go Find Out

Use your research skills to find and record five facts about one of the cities above.

COME DINE WITH ME

This month's issue, as always, is packed full of inspirational stories about amazing people. Imagine you were going to host a fancy dinner party. Which two people would you choose from the March issue (dead or alive) to join you at your table? We would like a brief explanation of your choices and three questions that you would ask them to get the conversation flowing!



Name of Guest One:

Reason:

Conversation starters

Question 1:

Question 2:

Question 3:

Name of Guest Two:

Reason:

Conversation starters

Question 1:

Question 2:

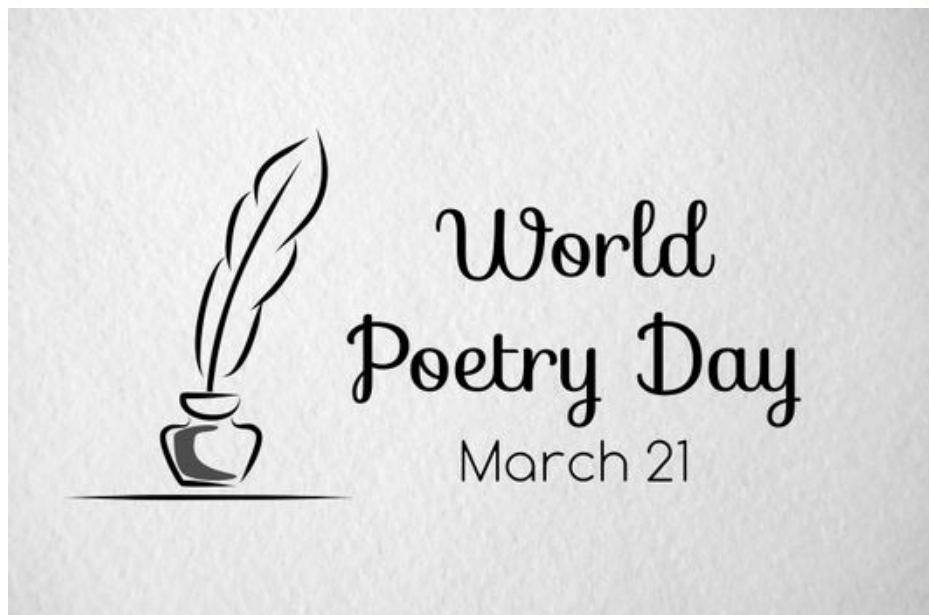
Question 3:

THE POETRY CLUB

Welcome to the Poetry Club. Every month we take a topical theme and create rhyming words to build a poem around. See if you can think of any. We've started you off. When you have enough rhyming words, then begin your poem.

Theme: World Poetry Day

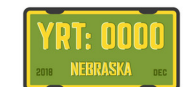
poem	write	read	thought	create
alone	might	agreed	bought	elevate



TIM'S TRAVELS

Tim is going to visit the ten biggest states in the USA in order of size, beginning with the smallest. Unscramble the letters so he can begin his travels. Use your research skills to help you find the answers.

1.	LAKASA
2.	SAXET
3.	FANOLAIRIC
4.	ANATOM
5.	EWENOXCIM
6.	ROZAINA
7.	DANEVA
8.	ROCOLOAD
9.	NEROOG
10.	MOWNIGY



SOME DOUBLETS FOR YOU ... WHILE YOU WAIT!

Doublets are word puzzles invented by Lewis Carroll. Transform one word into another by changing a single letter in each step, so that each link in the chain is a valid word.

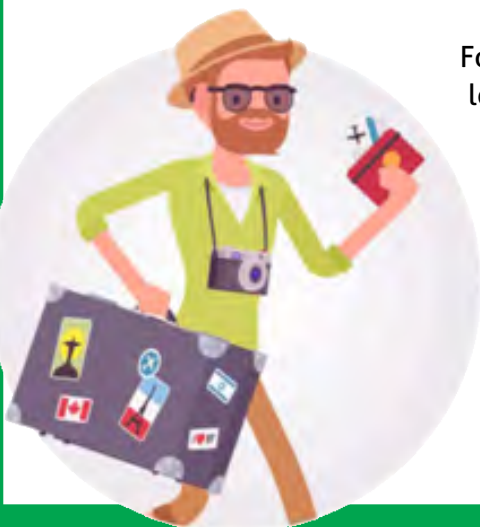
For example, to change MORE into LESS with 3 links: MORE, lore, lose, loss, LESS (There will often be several ways to solve the doublet but remember, each link must be a valid word!)

Now try these

Change PAGE into WORD with 3 links

Change WANT into LORD with 3 links

Change CANE into TOMB with 3 links



WORD SEARCH

All these words appear in this month's 'A Brief History of the Magnificent Mobile' special feature. This month, 21 words lay hidden with just 20 listed below. Can you find the mystery word? Enjoy!

B	L	A	C	K	B	E	R	R	Y	X	W	N	E	H	R	R
S	T	N	D	Y	F	C	P	G	F	T	X	U	N	F	S	I
M	O	D	Y	K	Y	Y	I	F	R	J	G	A	K	H	G	N
A	U	R	S	Z	N	S	W	X	O	O	A	E	H	R	S	G
R	C	O	K	E	R	S	P	W	L	L	H	Y	F	G	B	T
T	H	I	V	B	B	J	P	A	O	P	Q	F	O	K	D	O
P	S	D	S	V	W	S	N	R	P	Y	U	D	X	L	S	N
H	C	P	R	A	U	A	O	U	C	W	N	S	E	B	W	E
O	R	Q	H	J	M	T	E	N	O	Y	O	I	K	L	I	R
N	E	U	Q	U	O	S	B	R	Y	Z	F	R	N	A	O	S
E	E	L	P	M	B	U	U	E	I	E	U	O	T	T	S	Z
X	N	U	N	D	L	B	X	N	L	C	W	T	A	H	M	Q
C	R	O	Q	P	H	O	I	B	G	L	S	N	K	R	Z	H
C	O	O	P	E	R	N	B	N	C	Y	E	S	D	P	N	N
D	C	D	P	O	Z	U	D	N	G	S	S	D	O	V	Q	K
A	P	P	L	E	T	N	E	P	A	L	K	P	U	N	K	O
T	E	D	I	S	O	N	K	M	A	X	N	N	O	K	I	A

Puskas

Edison

Bell

Stubblefield

Cooper

Motorola

Apple

Nokia

Senator

analogue

Papworth

Ericsson

Nepal

touchscreen

ringtone

Android

phubbing

Blackberry

Sony

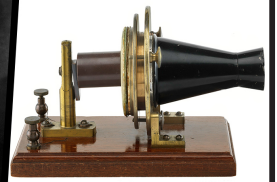
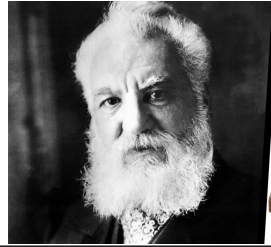
Samsung

DID YOU KNOW?

Every issue of your *Primary Planet* is packed full of facts and figures. Why not record the top 4 things that you learned from this issue. When you do, make sure to draw an illustration to go with each one. When you are finished, share and discuss your choices with your classmates. We have added our favourite one below. You'll see I didn't just copy it from the book, I wrote it out in my own words. Always a great idea when doing a project.

1. DID YOU KNOW?

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. Bell was born in Scotland but emigrated to Canada and then to the United States. He studied acoustics – the science of sound – because both his mother and his wife were deaf.



2. DID YOU KNOW?

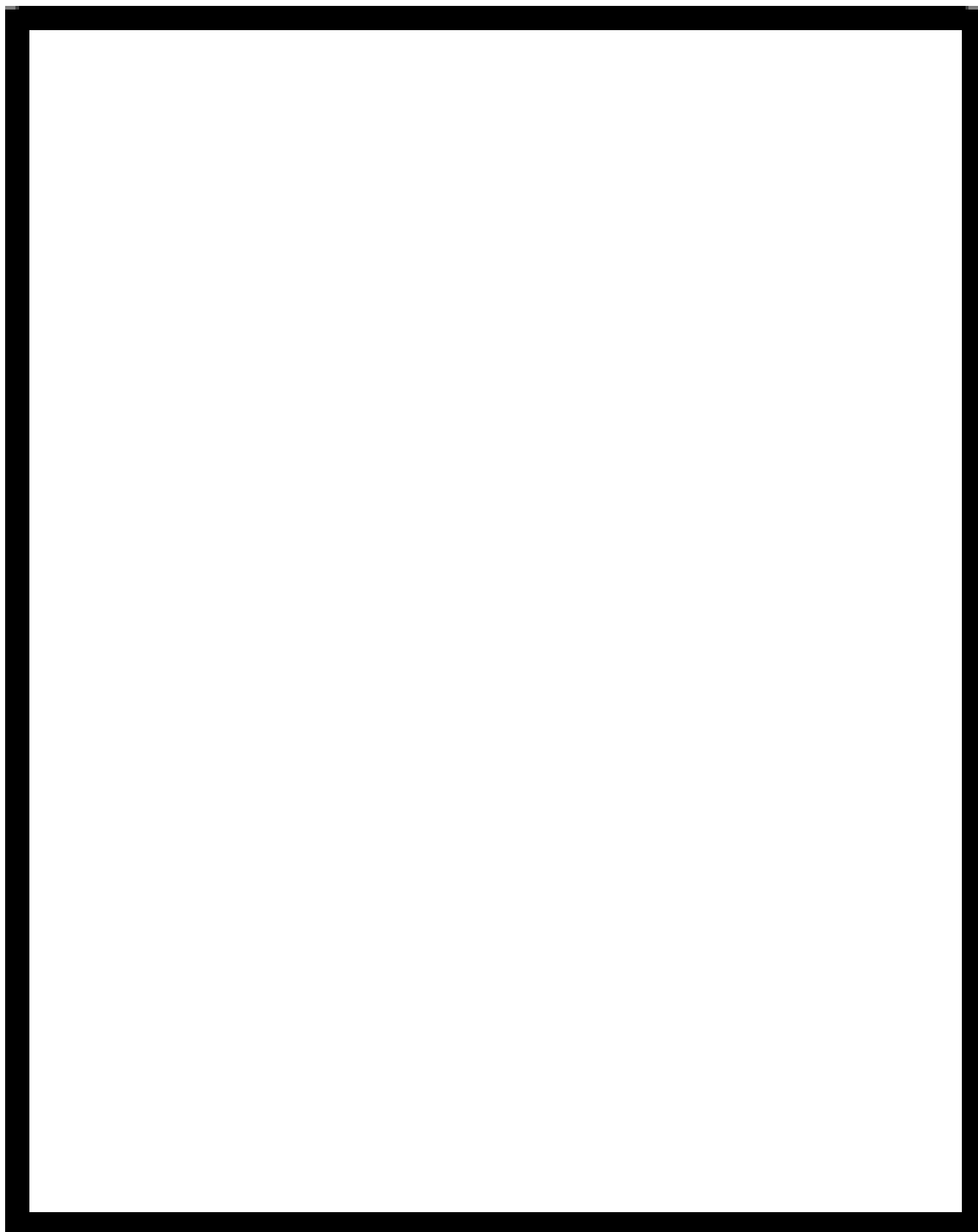
3. DID YOU KNOW?

4. DID YOU KNOW?

5. DID YOU KNOW?

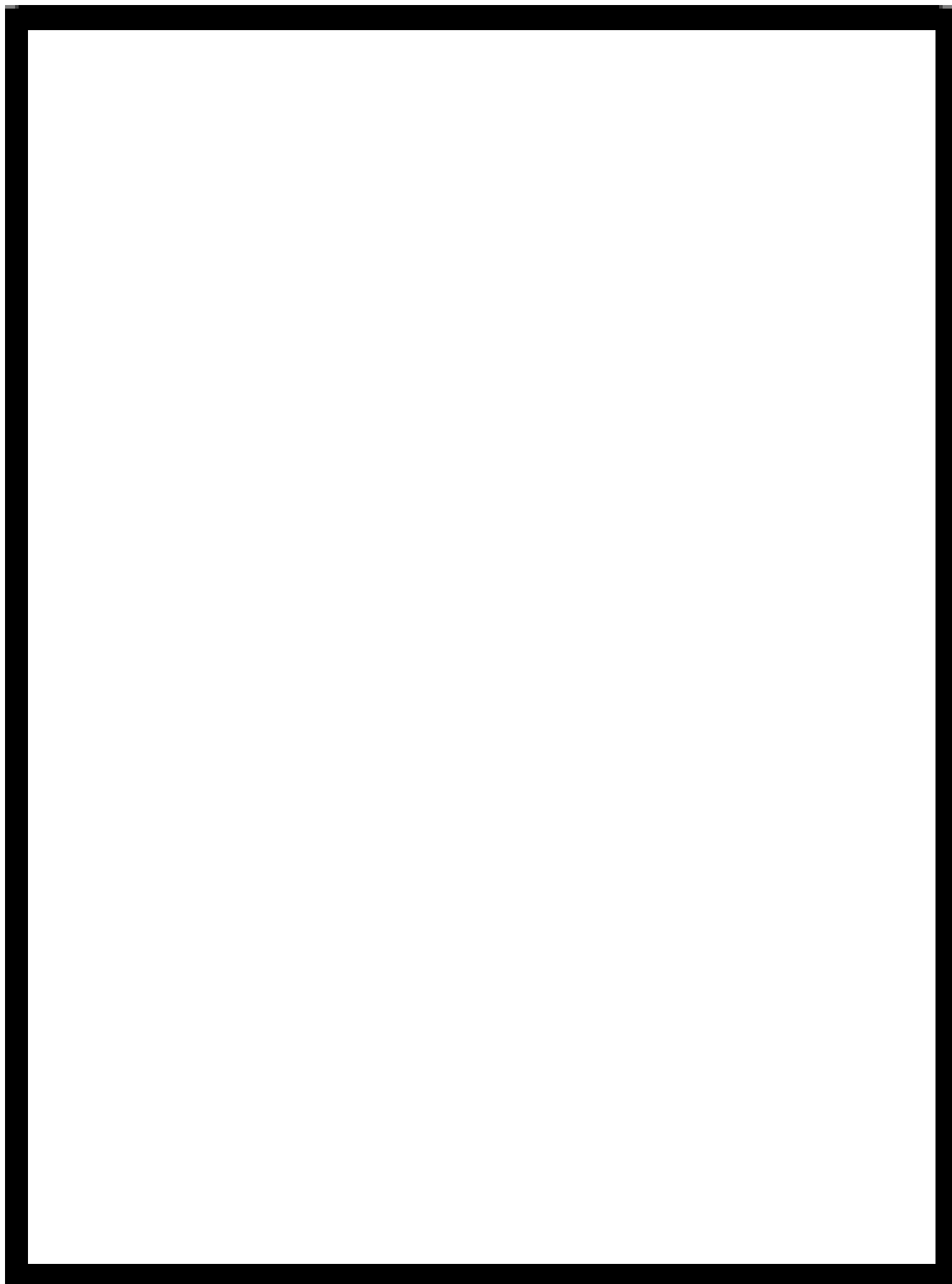
DESIGN A POSTER

In this month's issue, we focus on a brief history of the mobile phone. Can you design a poster for the latest smartphone, the Samsung Galaxy Z Flip? In your poster, its best you try and showoff the awesomeness of the design and how having this phone will make your life so much better (ya, right!). This is often what advertisers do – try to convince us that we *need* the latest gadget, no matter what!



A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS

In this month's Crack the Code, an inspiring Alexander Graham Bell quote awaits you. After you crack the code, see if you can come up with a drawing/illustration that you think captures the essence and meaning of those words.



ANSWERS

MATHS STORY MATCH THAT!

1. 11:02 a.m.
2. 10.23 a.m.
3. 9
4. Science fiction
5. Graph
6. €7.65
7. €376
8. 12:28 p.m.
9. 1:12 p.m.
10. 40 hours

1. Barcelona
2. Jerusalem
3. New Delhi
4. Rome
5. London
6. Istanbul
7. Lhasa
8. Dubai
9. New York
10. Athens

CRACK THE QUOTE

When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.

CLOZE

1. team
2. entomologist
3. tiny
4. island
5. one
6. back
7. discovery
8. task
9. name
10. Star
11. pair
12. daughter
13. million
14. decline
15. rainforests

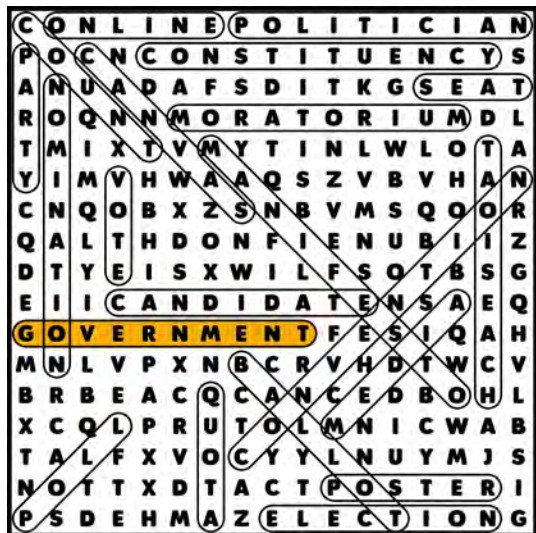
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1. Alaska
2. Texas
3. California
4. Montana
5. New Mexico
6. Arizona
7. Nevada
8. Colorado
9. Oregon
10. Wyoming



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WORDSEARCH



SUDOKU

1

2

9	5	8	3	2	7	4	6	1
4	7	2	9	6	1	3	8	5
3	6	1	5	4	8	7	9	2
6	1	9	8	7	2	5	4	3
7	8	3	6	5	4	1	2	9
5	2	4	1	3	9	6	7	8
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2	5	1	7	4	9	6	8	3
3	8	4	2	6	5	1	7	9
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8	4	2	6	5	1	3	9	7
5	9	3	4	8	7	2	1	6
7	1	6	3	9	2	4	5	8

COUNTDOWN

329

$$9 \times 3 = 27 - 5 = 22$$

$$22 \times 15 = 330$$

$$330 - 1 = 329$$

FIGURE IT OUT

1. Turn it upside down $\begin{array}{c} 9 \mid 9 \\ | 9 | \\ 9 \mid 9 \\ | 9 | \end{array}$

DOUBLETS

PAGE, PARE, WARE, WORE, WORD
WANT, WAND, WARD, WORD, LORD
CANE, CAME, COME, COMB, TOMB

FICHE CEIST

1. Michael D Higgins
2. Daragh Curley
3. Corrán Tuathail
4. Sydney
5. an Eastóin (Estonia)
6. an Chasacstáin (Kazakhstan)
7. an Róimh (Rome)
8. 1976
9. Bia madraí
10. prátaí
11. General Motors Company (GMC)
12. 1,631
13. an Fhrainc
14. Alexander Graham Bell
15. Ericsson
16. FasTeesH
17. Yaren
18. galf
19. iománaíocht
20. Napoli



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32-QUIZ

1. potato
2. Clare
3. Wuhan
4. Moby Sick
5. 52
6. Sydney
7. spásaire
8. 1607
9. elf
10. South Africa
11. buttermilk
12. Toyota
13. blackleg
14. Valdez
15. Alexander
Graham Bell
16. 1982
17. 2007
18. USA
19. hibernate
20. so
21. Dennis
22. Broncos
23. 1
24. 1968
25. over 2 billion
26. Poland
27. Mrs Toner
28. rugby
29. Mercedes
30. 2017
31. Slovakia
32. France

VOCABULARY CONSTABULARY

1. region
2. cutting-edge technology
3. hoist
4. intermittent
5. outdated
6. celebrities
7. whopping
8. retire
9. granules
10. demonstrate
11. reassess
12. gizmo
13. simulate
14. glitch
15. Obese

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1. celebrities
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Bog Bodies

In 1983 a bog body was found at Lindow Moss in Cheshire, England. This was to be the last find for twenty years. Then, in 2003, in the space of three months, two bodies were unearthed in Irish bogs, 40km apart. Both bodies were named after the places in which they were found, Clonycavan Man, near Ballivor in Meath and Old Croghan Man, near Croghan Hill in Offaly.

Clonycavan Man's four arms, hands and lower abdomen are missing, while Old Croghan Man was missing the head and lower limbs. A team of experts from the UK and Ireland used modern scientific methods to examine the bodies. Radiocarbon dating showed that both bodies date from the Iron Age.

Clonycavan man is believed to have lived sometime between 392 and 201 B.C. while Old Croghan Man between 362 and 175 B.C.

Clonycavan Man was 1.6m tall. His hair was raised on his head, probably to make him appear taller, and kept in place by a type of hair gel. The Iron Age gel was made from vegetable plant oil mixed with a resin from pine trees that grew in south-western France or Spain.

In the months before he died, he had been eating mostly vegetables. This led the scientists to believe that he had died during the late summer. There was a massive wound in the back of his skull. It appears that he was killed by a blow from a heavy object, possibly an axe.

Old Croghan Man was probably in his twenties. The scientists worked out from the length of his arms that he was around 2m tall. His hands were very well preserved, clearly showing his fingerprints. His nails were beautifully manicured which showed that he hadn't been working with his hands. A analysis of these fingernails showed that he had been eating a large amount of meat before he died. This could indicate that he was a nobleman, but it could also mean that he died in winter when there were no vegetables to be had.

Not alone had he been murdered, but he was tortured before being killed. Wounds on his arms were probably caused as he tried to defend himself. There were holes in his upper arms where hazel rods had been passed through to steak him to the ground, when he was overcome by his attackers.

We don't know why these two young men were killed and buried in the bog. They may have been offered as sacrifice to the gods. They may have been murdered because they were bad rulers, had done some terrible things or because they were different in some way from the rest of their community.