

THE BURREN

Read the questions below and listen carefully to the recording. In the spaces provided, IN BLOCK CAPITALS, answer the questions in **no more than FIVE words**. Gap 0 is given as an example.

Answers must be based exclusively on the information in the recording.

You are going to listen to a recording about the Irish region of The Burren, whose Eco Tourism Network won a Lonely Planet award in its 'Best in Travel' picks for 2021.

Ex. 0	What borders the Burren to the west? THE ATLANTIC
1.	Why does the Burren have a variety of flora?
2.	Who are the limestone cliffs popular with?
3.	What's the attraction for potholers?
4.	What's surprising about the Caherconnel stone fort?
5.	What is the Dolmen of Poul nabroe famous for?
6.	What does its name mean?
7.	Why was one of the portal stones replaced?
8.	What are the grikes?
9.	Mention 2 objects found in the tomb.

To know more

- <https://www.theirishworld.com/the-burren-tourism-group-wins-lonely-planet-award/>
- <https://www.earthmagazine.org/article/travels-geology-burren-irelands-great-rock-region/>



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KEY:

1. Why does the Burren have a variety of flora?
DUE TO THE UNUSUAL ENVIRONMENT
2. Who are the limestone cliffs popular with?
ROCK CLIMBERS
3. What's the attraction for potholers?
CAVES/ THE CAVES IN THE AREA
4. What's surprising about the Caherconnel stone fort?
IT 'S EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PRESERVED
5. The Dolmen of Poul nabrone is the most famous what?
IRISH BURIAL CHAMBERS
6. What does its name mean?
THE HOLE OF THE SORROWS
7. Why was one of the portal stones replaced?
(BECAUSE) IT WAS CRACKED
8. What are the grikes*?
CREVASSES IN THE LIMESTONE (FLOOR)/ CRISSCROSSING CRACKS
9. Mention 2 objects found in the tomb:
A POLISHED STONE AXE, TWO STONE DISC BEADS, A PERFORATED BONE
PENDANT, PART OF A BONE PIN, TWO QUARTZ CRYSTALS, FLINT AND
SHARP ARROWHEADS, SCRAPERS, OVER 60 SHARDS OF COARSE POTTERY

* they are mentioned twice. At the beginning 'crisscrossing cracks' and later, when talking about the Dolmen of Poul nabrone 'crevasses in the limestone'

Edited audio= 4 minutes.

After the activity

Video: Visit the Burren

- Show the video after the activity: <https://youtu.be/CcqokbOciEA> (6:38)

Are there any rock climbers in the class? Any potholers? Would they like to take up any of those sports? Why/not?

Would they like to visit The Burren? Has anyone been there? Have they heard of the cliffs of Moher?

This area is a Unesco Geopark. Do you know anywhere in Galicia that would deserve to be a Geopark like that?

What did you think of the speaker's accent? Was it easy or difficult to follow?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcqokbOciEA&feature=youtu.be>