

THE GREAT FAMINE IN IRELAND

All over the world today there are Irish immigrants. Through the history People **left** Ireland for lots of different reasons.

By 1800 Ireland population **was** very high; when **the Great Famine struck** the country they **were** over eight million. Ireland's poor population **was** very high and the number of landlords **was** very low. Most of Irish landlords **were** Protestants simply because the law **forbade** Catholics from owning land. 90% of Irish society **depended** on the potato as their primary food and as an export. In 1845 a fungus **devastated** Ireland's potato crops. A large number of people **died** from starvation or disease, and a number of people **left** the country to the new world.

Why did the greater part of Irish emigrants choose America and Canada as their destination?

In general, people **believed** that emigration **was** the best solution to Irish starvation. Canada and USA **were** interested in the Irish disaster since both countries **needed** workers and settlers. They **advertised** low-cost land and American companies **wanted** Irish workers for the construction of railways, canals and roads.



1. MAKE A LIST OF THE REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS YOU FIND IN THE TEXT AND CHECK THEIR MEANING.

2. TRUE OR FALSE (CORRECT THE FALSE SENTENCES)

- By 19th century , Ireland population was low.
- By 19th century , The number of landlords in Ireland was high.
- Most of landlords were catholic.
- For Most of Irish people potatoes were their primary food.
- In 1945, a lot of people died because they didn't have potatoes to eat.
- Canada and USA were interested in Irish workers to build roads, railways ,canals, etc.

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In the city of Chicago

Where is Chicago?

As the evening shadows fall

Which part of the day does it refer to?

**There are people dreaming
Of the Hills of Donegal.**

Where is Donegal?

Why are there people dreaming of Donegal in Chicago?

**1847 was the year it all began,
deadly pains of hunger
drove a million from the land.**

After reading the text about emigration in Ireland, what happened in 1847?

**They journeyed not for glory
Their motive wasn't greed
A voyage of survival**

What were they looking for?

Across the stormy sea

Which sea are they crossing?

CHORUS Some of them knew fortune

Some of them knew fame

**Some of them knew hardship
And died upon the plain.**

What kind of life **did** they **know** in their new country?

They spread through the nation

Which nation does it refer to?

They rode the railroad carts

How **did** they **travel** around the country?

**Brought their songs and music
To ease their lonely hearts.**

What did they bring to ease their loneliness?

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There are people 2. _____
Of the Hills of Donegal.

3. _____ was the 4. _____ it all 5. _____
deadly pains of hunger
6. _____ a million from the land.

They journeyed not for 7. _____
Their 8. _____ wasn't greed.
A 9. _____ of survival
Across the stormy 10. _____

(Chorus)

Some of them knew 11. _____
Some of them knew fame
Some of them knew hardship
And 12. _____ upon the plain.

They 13. _____ throught the nation
They 14. _____ the railroad carts
15. _____ their 16. _____ and 17. _____
To ease their lonely 18. _____.

BEFORE LISTENING

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS IN THE SONG

1. Part of the day before the night.
2. You do it while you are sleeping.
3. eighteen forty-seven.
4. A century has one hundred _____
5. Past tense of "begin".
6. Past tense of "drive".
7. A synonym of "fame".
8. A synonym of "reason".
9. A synonym of "travel".
10. A homophone of "see".
11. A synonym for "luck and money".
12. Lost their life.
13. Past tense of "spread"
14. Past tense of "ride"
15. Past tense of "bring".
16. Something you sing.
17. What you play with instruments.
18. Part of the human body associated with feelings.

1. PHONETICS

a. Find homophones for the following words:

See	four	plane	new	road	buy
Sum	inn	dye	there	knot	bye