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## Good on ya irish

I think it's about time I focused on a common struggle for a foreigner in Ireland: understanding the Irish people. Not only are their accents starkly different from county to county (remember that you, Ireland as a whole are smaller than the state of New York), but their slang seems like a different language in itself. Too often I've found myself saying wait, what does that mean? for my Irish friends because what they said literally doesn't make sense. So forgetting the words everyone's heard before, such as boyfriend or mate, crisps and chips, and cheers or cheerio, I made a list (with the help of my good ol' Irish friend James) of some of my favorite Irish words and phrases: You're some kind of crayon = You're having good fun. (Craic = fun; so if someone says where craic?, they're actually looking to say where the fun is?) Yours is gas = This person is funny. (Gas = funny; someone called me a gas girl and I was a little embarrassed because, well, I didn't really gas that day.) I'm just giggling at the gaffe = I'm aimlessly hanging around in my house. (A perfect example of one of those statements that made no sense.) Would you fancy a cup? = Would you like a cup of tea? (Everything in Ireland pretty much revolves around drinking tea, so I've asked this many times while in a friend's house.) History? = What happened? (When I was asked about it via a Facebook chat, I literally sat there confused, trying to think about what story my friend wanted me to tell.) Gwang I'm a good thing! - Keep going guy! (Gwang = go on; you'll hear it screaming many times during matches, whether it's Gaelic football, in a hurry, or football.) Are you going for the blands? Are you going out drinking? It's deadly = It's good that I've only scratched the surface of various things I've heard in Ireland; the lingo itself is even dramatically different from south to north. I love the fact that there are so many unique words and phrases here, further adding to the culture in Ireland and to my experience here as a whole. Can't wait to go home and my friends don't understand what I'm saying! Until next time readers! SHARE THIS ARTICLE Go to content A significant part of learning abroad learns about the culture and people of the country in which you live. This will help you form connections with people and make friends for life. Ireland is an English-speaking country, but Irish people often use a different terminology than other English-speaking countries. Here's our guide to Irish words and phrases to help you understand what people on earth are saying! Craic - The very popular word used by the Irish is Craic; pronounced crack. This is a direct translation from the Irish language and means pleasure. It is used to ask how things are going, it vibe like, or if something good fun. For example: What is a edge? Ach last night was a good craic. Are you a little chalk?. Niall Horan from One Direction teaching Irish slang Like – This is used in many other countries, however the Irish use it a little differently, it is usually placed at the end of sentences. For example, it is crazy as; It was some good chalk, like. This is often like focusing on history. Grand, Delighted or Class - Grand is probably used most of all three of these words. Some Irish will go so far as to say: Ach it's grand so that means it's nice just like that. Everything can be grand, but it's usually mentioned when something is amazing, big or just OK. Delightedly used when they would love, for example, I would be delighted and the class refers to when something is top-notch, it was class. Shattered - You'll hear the Irish people say it when they mean how tired they are. This is usually used after a night out and referring to how tired you are now because of it. Yoke – It's another word for something you don't know the name or what to call it, like thingamajig; Or that thing, Irish folk will call it a yoke. Your husband - It's not related to your actual husband, or your husband or boyfriend. But rather refers to some guy used in a sentence like this: I was at Tesco and your husband behind the counter said they had a sale. This is possibly the most errant of them all. You can also hear a variation of it as yours, which means the same thing. No bother - This saying is similar to how some countries would say don't bother. That means something isn't trouble at all. You may want to – it actually applies to something you probably should do. The Irish are very polite. The Irish will say: You might want to try to be a little more polite than to go straight out and say just do it my way. They say it's in a way that you can have a choice, but actually it's more like a strong proposit. Look, come here to me - It's a sentence that runs out of their tongue so fast, you might think you've heard it wrong! But once you hear someone say it - you just can't help but hear it. They tend to say when they are pursuing a request or trying to get information from you. Some countries may say: The Irish will say: Ach sure, look here. Once you know these keywords and statements, it will be much easier for you to understand your classmates! Don't be afraid to say one in conversation, the Irish people are very welcoming and will definitely teach you even more sayings. Q: Where the phrase is good on you, or the Aussie version, is good at Come? I used Aussie rendition of myself instead of fame. A: Exclamation Good on you! is associated with Australia, but according to the Dictionary of Kassel Sling, it is equally common in Ireland. Some assumed origin in the Gaelic expression maith thú (good for you, well done). The phrase originated in the 20th century as a general expression of approbation, thank you, etc.; also abbr. to goodness, says Cassel. The Eric Partridge Dictionary slang and unconventional English notes that the vocal emphasis is on the middle word: on (as in, Good ON you!). Book editor Paul Beale comments that the phrase is often shortened to something like Y'm! What is its ultimate origin? Here, opinions differ. Partridge says: The phrase, though recognized quintessentially Australian, may well be borrowed from Cockney: Good on them! = good for them, well done!, appears in the cartoon caption Punch 10 Oct. 1917. But Cassell cites a source who linked the phrase to the Irish expression, rinne sé mhaith orn, meaning he made/made his good on me. Others, as we mentioned above, quoted a Gaelic mait-something. Since Good on you! is common among Irish, Gaelic seems to be of similar origin. Buy our books at your local Amazon.com, or Barnes&Noble.com. When you arrive in Ireland, you can be forgiven for thinking that English is a completely different language here! Indeed, from the dawn of time, the Irish have managed to invent our own slang words and phrases to open up on all the strangers with lingol! In this article, we highlight the most commonly heard Irish idioms and words, their meanings and examples of how they are used in everyday language. You will speak like an experienced professional at any time! Acting Maggot Value: Cheating and Tinkering Butt: Stop Acting Maggot Bad Dose Meaning: Severe Illness Example: You got a bad dose of it, right? Bags (to make bags something) Meaning: Make a mess of doing something Example: He made the right bags of this blast to sense: right, accurate, correct example: You bang on Banjaxed Meaning: Broken butt: Chair banjaxed black material Meaning: Guinness Example: a pint of black stuff, please Boyo Sense: man, minor Example: Come on, you're a boy! Brutal meaning: Horrible, horrible example: it was a brutal bucket tackle down Meaning: Rain hard Example: Is this bucket down bunk off Meaning: Skip (school, work) Example: Do you want to bunk tomorrow? Meaning: Someone who takes the risk Example: He is a real chiseler stationery Value: Young child (Dublin slang) Example: He was an add-on at the time Ciotóg Sense: Left-hander Example: I'm Ciotóg and proud Cod / Coding I Sense: Pull someone's foot Example: I'm only coding me! Craic Value: Fun, gossip, goings-on Example: What/where is craic? Crack at meaning: Go on, get going Example: I have to crack on, a lot to make Culchie Sense: A Man from a Rural/Agricultural Area Example: She's culchie first Cute Hoor Value: The Man Who Quietly Engineers Things to His Advantage Example: He's a Real Cute Hoor Delira and Excira Sense: Delighted and Excited (Dublin Slang) Example: Are You Delirah and Excira About It? Deadly: Brilliant, Fantastic, Great Example: It Was a Deadly Film Donkey Years Sense: For a Very, Very long time Example: They've lived there donkey years Dossier Value: Someone doesn't work or mess about, to no good example: They're a couple of dosers Meaning: Eat your head off Meaning: To give someone an example: Don't eat your head off me Eejit Sense: Complete fool, doing something stupid Example: You're so eejit Earwigging Sense: Listening on a private conversation Example: Have you been ears again, yes? Meaning Effin' and blindin' Meaning: Swearing and cursing Example: He was effin' and blind 'nonstop eff off Meaning: Polite swear word (for F words) Example: Ach, just eff off, will I fair play! Meaning: Well done! Example: Fair play, mate! Feck Off Value: Go (polite version), used to show surprise or shock Example: Feck off . . . Don't bother me Fella Sense: Used for your boyfriend like my boyfriend; partner/husband/boyfriend Example: Will your boyfriend be there? Fierce meaning: Very good, wonderful, excellent Example: This was a fierce performance of The Subtle Thing Sense: A Beautiful Man or Woman Example: This Guy Is a Wonderful Thing Floozie Value: A Woman of Dubious Moral Attributes Example: A Place Full fluke Flute Meaning: A Very Drunk Example: I Was Absolutely Flute Last Night Gaff Sense: Home; Have a free guff means you're home one Example: I pop to your gaff later Gammy Value: Crooked, or weird example: He had a gamut leg Gander Value: Quick look Example: Take a quick gander here first gas Value: Funny or funny example: There's a Gawk gas man Value: To roughly watch Example: Stop gawking Get out of this garden! Meaning: The hilarious phrase used in the conversation to get a laugh, reaction Example: Wud ya get out of this garden!!! Great value: Many applications; most often used as an answer to How are you?, How do you feel?, or say about the solution Example: We will meet you there - Grand; Dinner will be in 10 minutes - Grand Hames/haymes Meaning: A complete mess Example: I did a complete haymes of this work St. Joe's Sense: Complacent or Religious Man Example: She's a little Holy Joe actually Holy Show Meaning: Shame scene Example: She made a holy show of herself How she cuttin' ? Meaning: Hello; How are you?, What is news? Example: How does it cut? by Howia Value: Hello, hello Example: Howya don't? Jackeen Value: Rural man's name for Dublin example: You jackeen... my sympathies! Jacks Value: Toilet Example: I go to jacks Jo maxi Value: Taxi, cab Example: We can get jo maxi in later Kip Value: Dump seats as well as sleep Example: I had a quick kip before dinner; The room was quite big and comfortable, make an attempt at something; or go out drinking Example: It was slipped out of heaven. Give him his armies. Let's go on Saturday. Foot it means: Run fast Example: Come on, we need to foot it now! Blocked sense: Very drunk Example: It was completely locked up during the closure of Manky Value: Dirty, dirty, disgusting Example: My hair feels soft, it needs washing Moran Sense: Fool Example: It looks right moran Moran Mortified Sense: Very confused Example: I was mortified when I realized my mistake Not Meaning: Girlfriend (Dublin slang) Example: Where's your mot tonight? Murder value: Very hard or really want to do something Example: Finding a taxi was murder. I could have killed Guinness. Nixer Value: Work made for cash to avoid taxes Example: It can do it as a knicker for you Not a complete shilling Meaning: Not completely judicious Example: I don't think it's full of shilling on a tear Meaning: Going drinking Example: We were on a tear last night Ossified Sense: Drunk Example: We got ossified Oulified Meaning: Your father, dad (Dublin slang) Example: My out guy at the moment Oul Dear / Oul Wan Meaning: Your mother, mom Example: My oul dear out shopping Pictures Meaning: movies, movie Example: We went to pictures a week ago Keith (To have a cat on you) Meaning: Sulky Face Example: Take that pus from your face Rugger Bugger Sense: Someone posh, Loud and Loves Rugby Example: He's a sturdy bugger for sure Savage Value: Great, brilliant Example: It was a wild contest to end Scarlet Value: A very confused Example: I was red-shabby Sense: Exhausted Example: After driving, I was smashed by Slag Sense: Verb used to amplick someone in a nice way or otherwise it has the same meaning as elsewhere . . . Ordinary Slut Example: He's only slapping you, don't worry, sorry Meaning: Mean sorry, and also excuse me, excuse me Example: Excuse me, can I get there please story? (What is) Credit: Tourism NI Sense: Hello, what's going on ? Example: What story, Rory? Sucking diesel (Now you) Meaning: Now you say now you're doing well Example: Now you're sucking diesel, my friend! Pale meaning: The Irish people in the Dublin region Example: I live just outside of pale thick meaning: an extremely stupid example: He's as thick as a dosche Throw shapes Meaning: Show, sometimes aggressively Example: They all threw shapes at a Trainers pub Meaning: Trinity College Dublin Example: Did you go to triners to do your degree? There you have them: the top 80 Irish slang words you'll probably hear when visiting Ireland! Ireland!

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