

PRESENTING A CITY OR A REGION

1. Listening and viewing

Pre-watching activities

Collect words and phrases for presenting a city or region in the form of a placemat.
Exchange your findings with another group.

Listening and viewing:

material: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/word-street/northern-irelands-street-art>

length: 4:17min

While-watching activities:

a) activity during first watching

Which aspects of Belfast are presented in the video?

b) activities during second watching

Task 1: Complete the following chart on the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

aspects	facts
causes	
aims	
methods used for achieving aims	

Task 2: Explain the importance of art in the past and today.

2. Analysis of a mural:



Research the meaning of this mural. Consider both the text and the visual elements.



Here you see a recent example of a mural. Describe its various elements and explain its message.

Optional Task:



Security

Separation

Perception

Reality



Peace Wall in Belfast

What parallels do you see with historical events in other countries? Discuss with your partner and summarize your ideas in a few sentences for your class.

3. Reading comprehension

Read the text about Belfast. Find 4 main topics and match them to the correct passages.

topics	passage (line numbers)



[http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei: Queen%27s_University_Belfast.jpg](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:Queen%27s_University_Belfast.jpg)
<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Wikibelfast1.jpg>
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Belfast_City_Hall.jpg?uselang=en

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Belfast (from Irish: *Béal Feirste*, meaning "mouth of the sandbanks")¹ is the capital of, and largest city in, Northern Ireland. Most of Belfast is in County Antrim, but parts of East and South Belfast are in County Down. It is on the flood plain of the River Lagan. By population, it is the fourteenth largest city in the United Kingdom¹ and second largest on the island of Ireland. It is the seat of the devolved government and legislative Northern Ireland Assembly.¹ The city of Belfast has a population of 281,000 and lies at the heart of the Belfast urban area, which has a population of 579,276. The Larger Urban Zone, as defined by the European Union, has a total population 641,638. Belfast was granted city status in 1888. Historically, Belfast has been a centre for the Irish linen industry (earning the nickname "Linenopolis"), tobacco production, rope-making and shipbuilding: the city's main shipbuilders, Harland and Wolff, which built the well-known *RMS Titanic*, propelled Belfast on to the global stage in the early 20th century as the biggest and most productive shipyard in the world. Belfast played a key role in the Industrial Revolution, establishing its place as a global industrial centre until the latter half of the 20th century. Industrialisation and the inward migration it brought made Belfast, if briefly, the biggest city in Ireland at the turn of the 20th century and the city's industrial and economic success was cited by Ulster unionist opponents of Home Rule as a reason why Ireland should shun devolution and later why Ulster in particular would fight to resist it. Today, Belfast remains a centre for industry, as well as the arts, higher education and business, a legal centre, and is the economic engine of Northern Ireland. The city suffered greatly during the period of conflict called the Troubles, but latterly has undergone a sustained period of calm, free from the intense political violence of former years, and substantial economic and commercial growth. Belfast city centre has undergone considerable expansion and regeneration in recent years, notably around Victoria Square. Belfast is served by two airports: George Best Belfast City Airport in the city, and Belfast International Airport 15 miles (24 km) west of the city. Belfast is also a major port, with commercial and industrial docks dominating the Belfast Lough shoreline, including the famous Harland and Wolff shipyard. Belfast is a constituent city of the Dublin-Belfast corridor, which has a population of three million, or half the total population of the island of Ireland.

<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belfast> (13.03.2013)

4. Listening comprehension: Northern Ireland

Useful vocabulary:

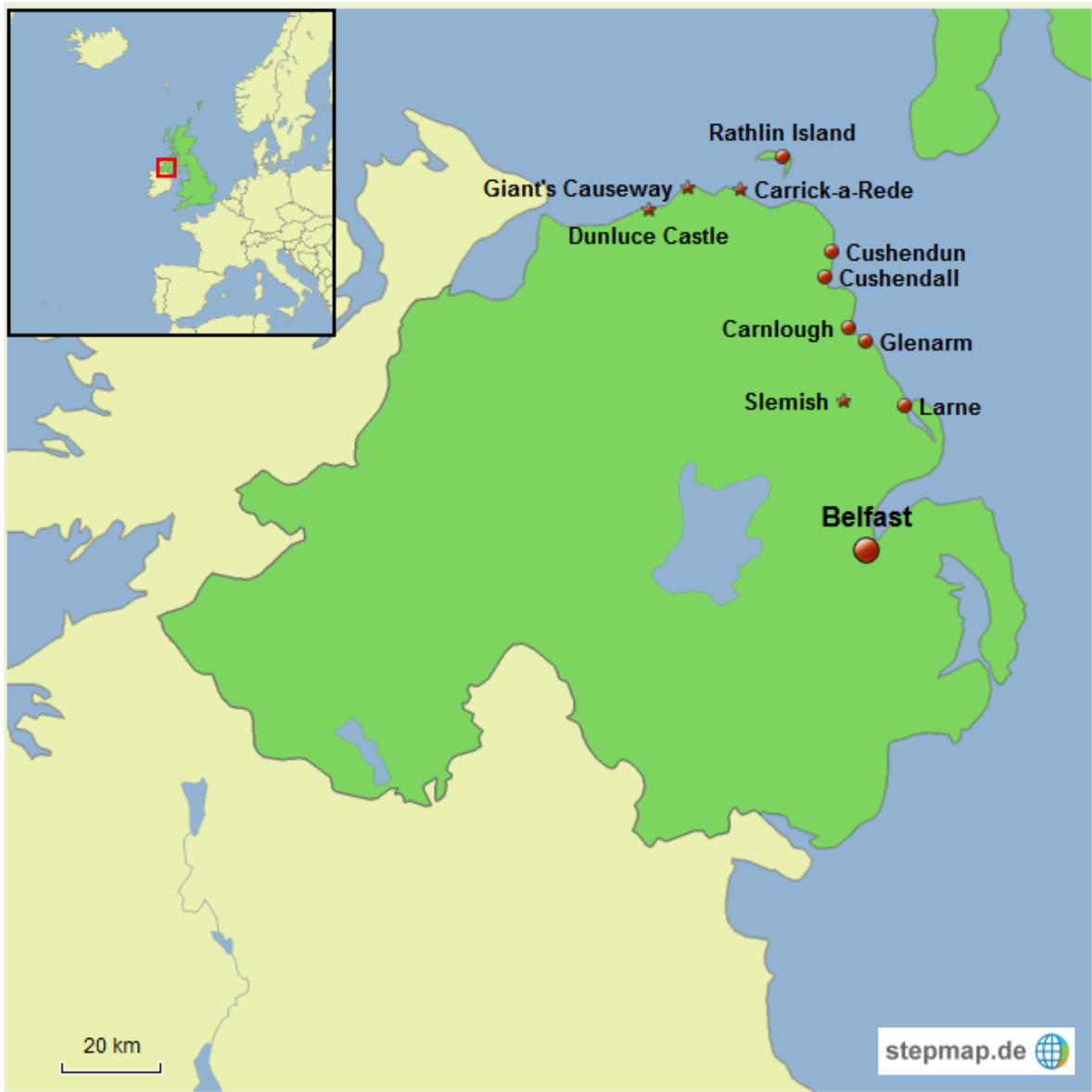
- world heritage
- objects and qualities such as cultural traditions, unspoiled countryside, and historic buildings that have been valued and passed on
- fled
- flee, fled, fled
- preserved village
- village kept in its original state
- haven
- a place of safety and refuge
- puffin
- dt.: Papageientaucher
- feature
- here: rock formation

Task 1: Listen to the text and create a suitable heading. Give reasons for your choice.

Task 2: Complete the table below.

Places of interest	Information
Giant´s Causeway	
Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge	
County Antrim	
Cushendun	
Rathlin Island	

Task 3: Use the map. Develop an attractive route for a one-week tour through Northern Ireland. Include sightseeing as well as activities. Find a balance between adventure and recreation. Mark your route in the map.



5. Project work – Our city / Our region

Research

Use different sources to gain knowledge about your area. You may use/contact

- travel guides
- newspapers
- brochures
- catalogues
- travel agencies
- tourist information centres
- internet

Project work

Work in groups of 3 - 4 students.

Imagine the following situation: An exchange student from the UK is new in your form. His host family is planning a weekend trip through the area. Only few brochures are available in English and therefore the host family needs your support.

Create a programme for the weekend trip which includes the following aspects:

- general information
- popular sights
- activities / offers
- events
- accommodations
- forms of transport
- ...

Choose one of the following options:

- flyer
- travel guide
- fact file
- virtual guide via social media, f. e. Twitter, Facebook etc.
- film/video
- audio guide
- ...

Accreditation:

The viewing tasks in section 1 of this worksheet are based on content from
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