Unit 4 — Ireland: Stories from the Island — Teacher copy

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1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Reading — *Niamh's letter from Galway*

Hi Hawa, today the wind tried to take my school bag along Salthill prom. I won. Galway is the kind of city where you can walk into a pub at lunchtime and find three musicians playing for the joy of it. My grandmother, who learned Irish (Gaeilge) as a first language, says the language is louder than ever. The shops where the staff speak only Irish are still rare, but they exist. I'll write more on Tuesday, which is when I'm meant to be doing homework but I'll probably write to you instead.

Grammar — relative clauses

who — for people: *My grandmother, who learned Irish, …* *which* — for things: *The wind, which is famous, …* *that* — people or things (informal): *The pub that has the best music …* *where* — places: *Galway is a city where …*

Defining (no commas) vs. non-defining (with commas): *The pub that has music* (defines which pub). *Galway, which is on the west coast, is famous for music* (extra info).

2. Practise

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1. Choose: *who, which, that, where*. The musicians _____ play in the pub. The wind _____ ___ took the bag. Galway is a place _____ the rain is constant.
2. Combine: *Niamh has a grandmother. She learned Irish.* → ___ .

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3. Build 4 sentences with one relative clause each (use *who, which, that, where*).

3. Your turn

Place-portrait, 120 words. Write a short letter describing a place you know (or want to know) in an English-speaking country. Use 4 relative clauses.

Sample

Hi Niamh, I'd love to visit a place where the sea and the city sit next to each other — like your Galway. I want to find the pub that has music every lunchtime. My friend Jonas, who has been to Dublin twice, says the buses there are run by people who actually answer questions. I'd start with the Cliffs of Moher, which I have only seen on postcards. Then I'd ask your grandmother to teach me one Irish phrase, just one, that I could use every day.

4. Further reading / listening

- RTÉ Learning English — Ireland-focused content.
- Tourism Ireland — accessible articles for young learners.

5. Teacher answer key

G. 1. who / that — which / that — where.

2. *Niamh has a grandmother who learned Irish.*

M. 3. Open.