

# Ireland – Glossary

**abroad** adverb

in or to a foreign country

*We try to go abroad at least once a year.*

**ancestor** noun [count]

someone who is related to you who lived a long time ago

*Her ancestors went to America with the Pilgrims.*

**ancestry** noun [uncount]

the people related to you who lived a long time ago

*His family was of Danish ancestry.*

**be associated with** phrase

to be connected with something in some way

*His social problems were associated with heavy drinking.*

**Catholicism** noun [uncount]

the religion of the Roman Catholic Church

**dye** noun [count/uncount]

a substance used for changing the colour of something such as clothing or your hair

**emerald** noun [count]

a bright green stone used in expensive jewellery

**emigrate** verb

to leave your country in order to live in another country

*We're thinking of emigrating to New Zealand.*

**export** noun [count]

a product that is sold to another country

*Agricultural products are the country's largest export.*

**hockey** noun [uncount]

game played on grass by two teams of 11 players who try to score goals by hitting a ball with a curved stick called a hockey stick

**immigrant** noun [count]

someone who comes to live in a country from another country

*There has been a rise in the number of immigrants coming from Eastern Europe, especially Poland.*

**investment** noun [count/uncount]

money used in a way that may earn you more money, for example money used for buying property or shares in a company

*new tax incentives that will attract foreign investment*

**isle** noun [count]

an island

*the British Isles*

**nickname** noun [count]

an informal name that your friends or family call you that is not your real name

**poverty** noun [uncount]

a situation in which someone does not have enough money to pay for their basic needs

*There are many areas where the problems of poverty and unemployment still persist.*

**pub** noun [count]

a place where people go to drink alcohol, especially in the UK and Ireland

*Shall we go to the pub for a drink?*

**reputation** noun [count/uncount]

a general opinion that someone or something has a particular quality

*Clark had a reputation for arrogance and ruthlessness.*

**rugby** noun [uncount]

a game played by two teams of players with a ball shaped like an egg. Goals are scored by kicking the ball over a high bar, and points called tries are scored by putting the ball behind the goal line.

**situated** adjective

in a particular place

*The Business Library is situated on the ground floor.*

**sociable** adjective

a sociable person is friendly and enjoys being with other people

*I'm not feeling very sociable today.*

**survey** noun [count]

a set of questions that you ask a large number of people or organisations

*This survey shows the percentage of single-parent households in each area.*

**talkative** adjective

a talkative person talks a lot

**whereas** conjunction

used for comparing two things, people, situations etc and showing that there is an important difference between them

*Whereas knowledge can be acquired from books, skills must be learned through practice.*