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Country Life

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Discover Ireland's Past through English

Elementary

People in the Community

Hi! Welcome to the National Museum of Ireland.

In the past most Irish people lived in very small village communities. Life was very difficult and people helped their families, friends and neighbours. In the village communities there were people who made and sold things for the house and farm. These people were very important.

Task 1- What do you think?

Here are the names of six materials in English. Before you start use your dictionaries and find the names of these materials in your language.

fabric =	straw =	
iron =	leather =	
wood =	tin =	

Go to Level C and find the section called 'Life in the Community'. If you can't find it ask one of the museum attendants.

Here is a list of people who were very important in the village communities in Ireland. Match the people with the names of the material they worked with. The first is completed as an example.

A woodturner works with	wood
A thatcher works with	
A shoemaker	
A blacksmith	
A carpenter	
A tailor	
A tinker	

Task 2

Look at the objects that these people made. Do you know the names? Write the name of three objects that these people made. The first one is the example.

(If you don't know the names, ask a museum attendant, your teacher or someone in your class and practise your English).

A shoemaker made	boots, shoes and sandals
A woodturner made	
A blacksmith made	
A carpenter	
A tailor	
A tinker	

Homework

Write about two of the people. You can write about the material they worked with and the things they made. You can also say if you think it was good or bad work and why.

For example, if you write about the blacksmith you can say "I think it was good work because the horse was very important in Irish life at this time. But it was also difficult work because it was dirty and hot".

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In class tomorrow your teacher will ask you to read your descriptions, but you can't say the name of the person. Your friends in class will listen to your descriptions and say who it is.

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