

Language layers in Ulster names

Name _____

- 1 THE PIECES INSIDE THE NAMES:** Say each piece aloud, then write it once in the last column. These pieces turn up inside real placenames.

THE PIECE	WHAT IT MEANS	WRITE IT
doire (DIRR-a)	an oak grove	
dún (DOON)	a fort	

- 2 FIND YOUR PIECE INSIDE A REAL NAME:** Every name here has one of today's pieces hiding in it, in the English name or the Irish one. Ring it, then write it in the last column with what it means.

PLACENAME	ITS IRISH NAME	THE PIECE YOU KNOW, AND WHAT IT MEANS
Donegal	Dún na nGall	
Derry / Londonderry	Doire	
Down	An Dún	

- 3 NAME A PLACE YOURSELF:** Irish placenames were built from whatever was really there. Build one the same way.

One thing you can actually see from your window or your street:

An Irish-style name for it, using one of today's pieces:

What your name means:
