

Stories hiding in surnames

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 surnames and placenames.

THE PIECE	WHAT IT MEANS	WRITE IT
mac (MAK)	son of	
ó (OH)	grandson of	
de (DEH)	of, from a place	
ciar (KEER)	a man's name	

- 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.

NAME	ITS IRISH NAME	THE PIECE YOU KNOW, AND WHAT IT MEANS
McCarthy	Mac Cárthaigh	
O'Brien	Ó Briain	
Burke	de Búrca	
Kerry	Ciarraí	

- 3 MAKE A SURNAME YOURSELF:** Irish surnames were built from a father, a grandfather or a place. Build one the same way.

 A first name, or a place you know:

 A surname made from it, using one of today's pieces:

 What your surname means:
