



Technology in Irish life: advantages and drawbacks

4th Class

Print and cut along the dashed lines, then hand one card to each group. These carry the **text a group reads** — a job to do, a brief to research, or notes to identify by. They are not sorted or sequenced, so there is nothing to match on screen.

Job

Rs Rs Catch a bus to town. Know when the next bus comes so you do not wait too long in the rain. Rs Rs

With it (live bus tracker)

Rs Rs Phone app or stop screen shows live arrival times

Without it (paper timetable)

Rs Rs Printed times fixed to the stop or kept in a leaflet

Watch-outs in Irish life

Rs Rs Live bus info grew as phones and mobile data became common

Places to try

Rs Rs Busy city stop with good signal. Quiet rural stop with weak signal

With it (weather app)

Rs Rs Phone app can show hourly rain chance, wind, temperature and warnings for your area

With it (sensors, tags or farm apps)

Rs Rs Some Irish farms use sensors on gates, tanks or animals

Without it (walk the land and look)

Rs Rs Farmers walk fields, check troughs, watch animal behaviour and keep simple notebooks