

The Story in Your Own Name

SAY IT ALOUD

mac	MAK	son of
ó	OH	grandson of
dún	DOON	a fort

COPYBOOK MOMENT · 6 MIN

Write your own surname and what you think it once meant. If nobody knows, write who you would ask.

Read as written. Pause the board; every pupil writes. Not collected, not marked.

WATCH FOR

- Accents. 2 of this lesson's words carry one (ó, dún). A missing accent is a missing letter.

ANSWERS

1 · The pieces inside the names

- mac — son of
- ó — grandson of
- dún — a fort

2 · Break the names open

- Dundalk — Fort of Dealga
- Donegal — Fort of the Foreigners
- Dungannon — Fort of Geanann
- Dungarvan — Fort of Garbhán

3 · Name a place yourself

- Open answer — Any name built from something really there, with its meaning given. Accept English spelling of the Irish piece.