

Language layers in Ulster names

SAY IT ALOUD

doire	DIRR-a	an oak grove
dún	DOON	a fort

COPYBOOK MOMENT · 6 MIN

Write one name and label which part came from which language.

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

WATCH FOR

- Accents. 1 of this lesson's words carry one (dún). A missing accent is a missing letter.

ANSWERS

1 · The pieces inside the names

- doire — **an oak grove**
- dún — **a fort**

2 · Break the names open

- Donegal — **Fort of the Foreigners**
- Cavan — **The Hollow**
- Monaghan — **Place of Thickets**
- Derry / Londonderry — **Oak Grove**

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.**