

Reading a placename

SAY IT ALOUD

baile

BAL-ya

town

mór

MORE

big

COPYBOOK MOMENT · 6 MIN

Write two placenames from today and, beside each, the picture the name is painting.

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

WATCH FOR

- Accents. One of this lesson's words carries an accent (mór). A missing accent is a missing letter.

ANSWERS

1 · The pieces inside the names

- baile — town
- mór — big

2 · Find your piece inside a real name

- Dublin — baile — town (whole name: Black Pool)
- Athlone — baile — town (whole name: Ford of Luan)
- Tullamore — mór — big (whole name: Great Hill / Big Mound)
- Arklow — mór — big (whole name: Arnkell's Meadow (Norse) / The Great Estuary (Irish))

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.