

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 · Find your piece inside a real name

- Dundalk — dún — a fort (whole name: Fort of Dealga)
- Donegal — dún — a fort (whole name: Fort of the Foreigners)
- Dungannon — dún — a fort (whole name: Fort of Geanann)
- Dungarvan — dún — a fort (whole name: 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.