

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

ANSWERS

1 · The pieces inside the names

- doire — an oak grove
- dún — a fort

2 · Find your piece inside a real name

- Donegal — dún — a fort (whole name: Fort of the Foreigners)
- Derry / Londonderry — doire — an oak grove (whole name: Oak Grove)
- Down — dún — a fort (whole name: The Fort)

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.