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History

Irish Governments 1923-1948

It is not necessary to carry out all the activities contained in this unit. Please see *Teachers' Notes* for explanations, additional activities, and tips and suggestions.

Theme	Irish Governments 1923-1948	
All students: Activities that are suitable for Learning Support, Language Support and the Mainstream Subject Class include:	Keywords	3
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Levels for Language Support	A1 – B1 The language level of each activity is indicated in an information box.	
Learning focus	Using History textbooks and accessing curriculum content and learning activities.	
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Note: The categorisation of activities is indicative only and should not prevent teachers from using any activities that are considered suitable for a particular group of students.

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Making the best use of these units

Learning Record

A copy of the Learning Record should be distributed to each learning support and language support student.

Students should:

1. Write the subject and topic on the record.
2. Tick off/date the different statements as they complete activities.
3. Keep the record in their files along with the work produced for this unit.
4. Use this material to support mainstream subject learning.

Introduction of a topic or activity should ensure that students understand **what** they are doing and **why**. Many students will have some difficulty in understanding both the language in the activity and the instructions/purpose for carrying out the activity.

You can create your **personal teaching resource** by printing these units in full and filing them by subject in a large ring binder.

Encourage students to:

- Bring the relevant **subject textbooks** to learning/language support class. It does not matter if they have different textbooks as the activities in these units refer to vocabulary and other items that will be found in all subject textbooks. These units are based on curriculum materials.
- Take some **responsibility for their own learning** programmes by:



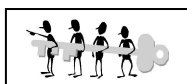
Developing a **personal dictionary** for different subjects, topics, and other categories of language, on an on-going basis. This prompt is a reminder.



Recording what they have learnt on the **Learning Record**, which should be distributed at the start of each unit.



Keeping their own **files** with good examples of the work produced for different subjects and topics. This file will be an invaluable **learning resource** in supporting mainstream learning.



Indicates that answers may be found at the end of the unit.

Don't forget that many of the activities in these units are also suitable as **homework** tasks or for **self-study**.

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Keywords

The list of keywords for this unit is as follows:

Nouns

achievements
act (also a verb)
activist
addition
allegiance
annuities
articles
censorship
commission
commonwealth
constitution
defence
economy
election
emergency
fascist
government
ideals
imports
income
invasion
livestock
minister
mutiny
neutrality
oath
outline (also a verb)
party
relations
seats
source
supplies
supporters
tariffs
territory
treaty
unity

war

Proper nouns

(names of people or places)

Blueshirt
Britain
Churchill
Cumann na nGaedheal
Eamon DeValera
Fianna Fail
IRA
Ireland
Kevin O Higgins
Eoin O Duffy
Sean Lemass

Verbs

act
adopt
become
call
defeat
invade
refuse
remove
rename
respond
return
transfer
win

Adjectives

economic
northern

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Vocabulary file 1

Word	Meaning	Note or example*
government		
state		
allegiance		
Commonwealth		
territory		
achievements		

* You may wish to write a sentence or phrase, make a note of the page in your textbook where this word appears or, if English is not your first language, provide a translation into your language.



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Vocabulary file 2

Word	Meaning	Note or example
neutrality		
constitution		
censorship		
supporters		
invasion		
activists		



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Language Level: all
Type of activity: whole class
Suggested time: 10 minutes

Activating students' existing knowledge

Use a spidergram to activate students' ideas and knowledge on the key points in this chapter. See **Teachers' Notes** for suggestions.

Possible key terms for the spidergram:

Irish politics

Irish political parties

- Invite newcomer students to provide key words in their own languages.
- Encourage dictionary use.
- Encourage all students to organise their vocabulary into relevant categories (e.g. meaning, nouns, keywords, verbs etc.).

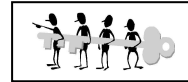


All students should record vocabulary and terms from the spidergram in their personal dictionaries.

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Language Level: A1
Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 30 minutes



Working with words

1. Use your textbooks to find the names of these two men. Tick the correct answers.



- a) W.T. Cosgrave
- b) Patrick Pearse
- c) Éamon de Valera
- d) Douglas Hyde



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2. Find these words in your textbook.

Write your own explanation for these words. Then write a note or example to help you remember the word. Use your dictionary if necessary.

Word	Page in textbook	Explanation	Note or example
constitution			
government			
election			
oath			

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Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 30 minutes



Sentences

1. Tick the correct answer. Discuss with another student or use your textbook to help you.

- a) Fianna Fáil is a political party in Ireland.
- b) Fianna Fáil was a political party in Ireland.
- c) Fianna Fáil is a British political party.

- a) The Irish police force is called the Guardians.
- b) The Irish police force is called the Gardaí.
- c) The Irish police force is called the Constables.

- a) Ireland supported Germany during World War 11.
- b) Ireland supported Britain during World War 11.
- c) Ireland was neutral during World War 11.

2. Put these words in the correct order to form sentences about what the Irish government did in the 1920s.

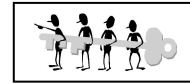
police force/it / an unarmed/ set up

semi-state/ it/ companies/set up

it/ the ESB/ set up/ to provide/ for the country/ electricity

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Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 20 minutes



Odd One Out

1. Circle the word which does not fit with the other words in each line.

Example: *apple* *orange* *banana* *taxi*

country nation state city

American Irish French British

government queen minister parliament

election vote candidate fascism

2. Find these words in your textbook. Then put them in short sentences in your own words. Use a dictionary if necessary.

to govern _____

to defeat _____

to refuse _____

to rename _____

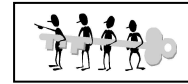
to invade _____



Check that these key words are in your personal dictionary.

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Type of activity: individual
Suggested time: 20 minutes



History Keywords

1. Fill in the missing letters of the keywords listed below.
On the line beside each word, write whether the word is a noun, an adjective or a verb.

s_at_ _____
co_mis_io_ _____
all_gi_nc_ _____
el_ct_on _____
inv_si_n _____
min_s_er _____
ec_no_ic _____

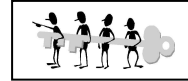
2. Write as many words as possible related to **Irish Government and politics 1923-1948**. You have 3 minutes!



Check that these key words are in your personal dictionary.

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Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 20 minutes



Unscramble the letters

1. A written promise. HOAT
Answer _____

2. Voting for a government. ELCETINO
Answer _____

3. The set of laws for a country. NONSTCITTIOU
Answer _____

4. Taking no side in a war. TYNERUTALI
Answer _____

Solve the secret code

English	A	C	D	E	F	I	N	M	O	S	T	U
Code	B	X	Y	F	G	Q	R	O	L	E	A	W

example: EAWYFRA = STUDENT

EABAF _____

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Type of activity: pairs or individual
Suggested time: 30 minutes



Completing sentences

Fill in the blanks in these sentences. Use words from the Word Box below.

W.T. Cosgrave and his Pro-Treaty _____ formed a party called Cumann na nGaedheal which ruled the Free State until 1932.

Anti-Treaty TDs did not enter the Dáil for several years and the Labour Party led the opposition to the _____.

Law and Order

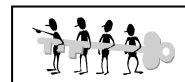
1. Kevin O'Higgins had the job of restoring law and order after the _____ War.
2. He set up the unarmed _____ Siochana to replace the RIC.
3. He simplified the _____ system.

Word Box

Garda court supporters government civil

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Language Level: A2 / B1
Type of activity: individual
Suggested time: 40 minutes



Multiple choice

Read the text below and choose the best answers.

Fianna Fail became popular. (i) It had radical policies to improve the economy. (ii) It intended to weaken the links with Britain. (iii) It used the Irish Press as an effective means of propaganda and (iv) it was very well organised throughout the country. Fianna Fail won seventy-two seats in the 1932 general election and formed a government with the help of the Labour Party.

Fianna Fail governments ruled the country until 1948.

The first Fianna Fail government took office on 9 March 1932.

Amending the Treaty

1. Fianna Fail in government now changed the Treaty. They (i) abolished the oath of allegiance; (ii) removed the governor general; (iii) removed all reference to the monarch from the Constitution and (iv) introduced the 1937 Constitution which made 'Ireland a republic in all but name'

1. What did Fianna Fail become?

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| a) the league of nations | b) popular |
| c) depressed | d) liberal |

2. In what year did Fianna Fail win seventy-two seats?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| a) 1900 | b) 1978 |
| c) 1932 | d) 1923 |

3. What did Fianna Fail amend?

- | | |
|---------------|------------|
| a) school | b) nothing |
| c) the Treaty | d) people |

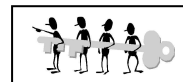
4. Did Fianna Fail abolish the oath of allegiance?

- | | |
|--------|-------|
| a) Yes | b) No |
|--------|-------|

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Type of activity: individual
Suggested time: 30 minutes



Grammar point

Verbs

(Verb: a word that refers to an action, for example: make, work)

1. Circle the ten verbs in the box below.

Garda	defeat	government	suffer	cruel	return
remove		transfer	ESB	fight	soldier
	win	rename	activist	act	war
		refuse	neutral	emergency	

2. The following sentences are taken from your textbook. However, some of the verbs are missing. Select a suitable verb from the box above. (Remember to change the verb to the past tense).

- Fianna Fáil _____ the 1932 general election.
- De Valera _____ the king as head of the Irish state.
- De Valera _____ to pay land taxes to the British government.
- During World War 11 Ireland declared itself neutral and did not _____ in the war.
- Southern Ireland _____ little bombing or other destruction during the war.

3. Now it's your turn!

Go to your textbook and the chapter on Irish history between 1923 and 1948. Rewrite 5 sentences from the textbook, but leave gaps where the verbs should be. Swap sentences with another student and check and correct one another's work.

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Alphaboxes

Using your textbook, find **one** word beginning with each of the letters of the alphabet. Write the word in the relevant box. You could also write the word in your own language.

a	b	c
d	e	f
g	h	i
j	k	l
m	n	o
p	q	r
s	t	u
v	w	xyz

Do you understand all these words?



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Play Snap

Make Snap cards with 2 sets of the same keywords. See *Notes for teachers* for ideas about how to use the cards.



commission	commission
allegiance	allegiance
territory	territory

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state	state
commonwealth	commonwealth
mutiny	mutiny

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Cumann na NGaedheal	Cumann na NGaedheal
treaty	treaty
oath	oath

Answer key

Working with words, page 7

1. c, a

Sentences, page 8

1. a,b, c

2. It set up an unnamed police force.

It set up semi-state companies.

It set up the ESB to provide electricity for the country.

Odd one out, page 9

City, Irish, queen, fascism

Keywords, page 10

State, noun, commission, noun, allegiance, noun, election, noun, invasion, noun,
minister, noun, economic, adjective

Unscramble the letters, page 11

Oath, election, constitution, neutrality

Secret Code: state

Completing Sentences, page 12

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Law and Order

1. Kevin O'Higgins had the job of restoring law and order after the **Civil War**.

2. He set up the unarmed **Garda** Siochana to replace the RIC.

3. He simplified the **court** system.

Multiple Choice, page 13

1.b, 2.c, 3. c, 4a

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Grammar point, page 15

1. verbs: defeat, suffer, return, remove, transfer, fight, win, rename, act, refuse

2.

- Fianna Fáil **won** the 1932 general election.
- De Valera **removed** the king as head of the Irish state.
- De Valera **refused** to pay land taxes to the British government.
- During World War 11 Ireland declared itself neutral and did not **fight** in the war.
- Southern Ireland **suffered** little bombing or other destruction during the war.

Word Search, page 17

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      R E J                Z J X
    H U O T D C          Y C E D J C
  E F D I I R I S H      C B I R A L H G I
  G G D U R I N G X      F A I L K I X U K
  J J I I O U H Y R P    D E F E N C E R A H
  M F F I A N N A U L    R F A S C I S T Y N
  O C H U R C H I L L J  T A R I F F S S G L M
    M M W M F B L U E S H I R T S S B M U L E G
      K Y S P F E M E R G E N C Y V A L E R A
          I A N N U I T I E S M X T M K
              K M I L J J H K H
                  Q C O N S T I T U T I O N
                      R M N E U T R A L I T Y T A T
                          X K F C S C E N S O R S H I P O R T S
                              Z C D D K D G M M B R I T I S H R H X A G
                                  B S J Q T R E C O N O M I C T R E A T Y Q
                                      C J I N G G O V E R N M E N T R Q L E M A S S
                                          P I N V A D E H G   G E O   E L E C T I O N Z
                                              A L T C U M A N N   H T X   J J F T W Z B S S
                                                  A U B P J W P X   Y I I   S B P Q Q K S I
                                                      D X G W Y P V   M H W   G E R M A N Q
                                                          B R D M Y   G P M   R Q G I U
                                                              F U R   G G B   A S J
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