

The image shows the flag of Northern Ireland, which consists of a white field with a large red saltire (X-shape) in the center. The text "Northern Ireland" is written across the center of the flag in a blue, sans-serif font with a white outline and a slight drop shadow.

Northern Ireland

In Northern Ireland, Mrs Grimes should **see...**



There are **6 counties** in Northern Ireland.

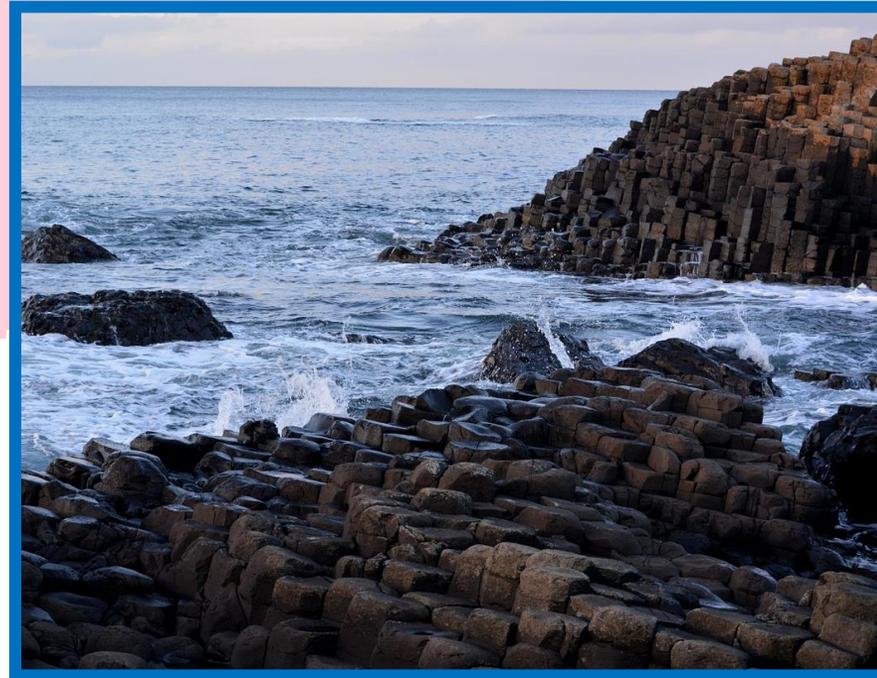
This means there are lots of places to visit and lots of things to see!

The capital city of Northern Ireland is **Belfast**.

It is also the largest city in Northern Ireland with a population of over 333,000 people.

Giant's Causeway

- The Giant's Causeway in County Antrim is made up of 40 000 giant, hexagonal blocks of black basalt.
- These columns were formed as a result of a volcanic eruption that occurred 60 million years ago!
- The lava from the volcano cooled when it reached the ocean and the columns were formed.
- Some of the columns are around 12 metres tall!



Titanic Belfast

- The Titanic Belfast is where the famous RMS Titanic was built.
- This is a popular visitor attraction where visitors can learn all about the ship and its infamous voyage.
- The impressive six-floor building consists of nine interactive galleries and was named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction in 2016.



Carrick-a-Rede

- Carrick-a-Rede is a rope bridge near Ballintoy in County Antrim which joins the tiny island of Carrickarede to the mainland of Northern Ireland.
- The bridge is 20 metres long and sits 30 metres above the Atlantic Ocean below!

Do you think you would like to walk across this bridge?

How do you think it would feel?



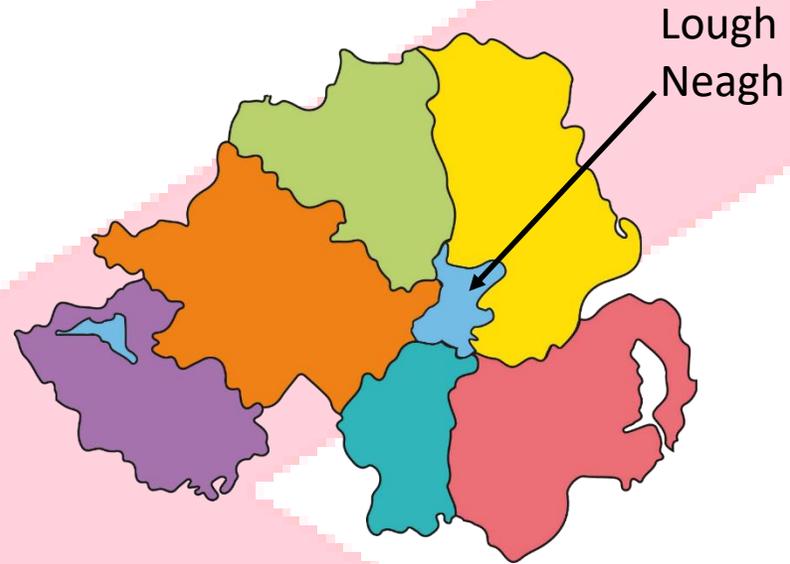
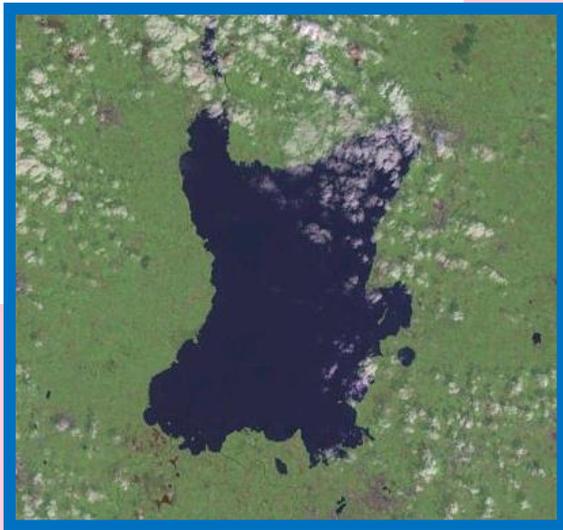
Belfast City Hall



- The Belfast City Council's civic building is located in the centre of Belfast in Donegall Street.
- The impressive building was opened in August 1906 and the people of Belfast come here to register births, deaths and marriages.
- Visitors can find the Titanic Memorial Garden inside the grounds of the city hall. This is a lovely peaceful place to sit and escape the noise of the busy city of Belfast.

Lough Neagh

- Lough Neagh is the United Kingdom's largest freshwater lake covering an area of 392 square kilometres.
- The lake holds 800 billion gallons of water. This is enough to fill seven million swimming pools!



- The lake provides Northern Ireland with 40% of it's water.
- Lough Neagh is pronounced 'Lokh Nay' and the name means Lough of the horse-god Eochu. Legend has it that he was the lord of the underworld who lived under the lake!

In Northern Ireland, Mrs Grimes could eat...

- **Soda Bread**

- Every family has their own special recipe on how to bake soda bread, hand written and passed down the generations.



- **Irish Stew**

- Traditionally made with mutton, onions and potatoes!
- Potatoes transformed the Irish diet in the 16th century and Ireland's population boomed with this cheap and plentiful food source!



In Northern Ireland, Mrs Grimes could **celebrate...**

Like people all over the world, people in Northern Ireland like to celebrate their history and culture and have fun!

The most famous of these celebrations is **St. Patrick's Day**.

On the 17th March every year the Irish will celebrate St Patricks day through festivals, parades and great food and drink.

In Belfast you can experience a fantastic parade, where everybody comes together, dressed in wonderful outfits and costumes.



Mrs Grimes might want to **watch out** for...

Leprechauns!

The luck of the Irish is brought by these mythical creatures!

Northern Irish leprechauns wear bright orange clothes.

Legend says that if you can capture a leprechaun, they will give you 3 wishes!

