

## Worksheet 8A: Players From The Past

**Christy Ring** played for Cork in the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. He is considered one of the greatest players of all time and was named on the GAA's 'Hurling Team of the Millennium'.

**Christy Ring** played his **first game for Cork** hurlers in 1939. In 1941 he played on the Cork team that won their first All-Ireland title in ten years. He was captain in 1954 when they beat Wexford in the All-Ireland final. In front of a record attendance of nearly 85,000, Ring won his eighth **All-Ireland medal**. This is a record no other hurler has beaten.

In 1956 Ring played for **the last time in an All-Ireland final.** He was hoping for his ninth All-Ireland medal. In the last minute of the game the Wexford goalkeeper, Art Foley, saved a brilliant shot from Ring. Foley quickly played the ball up the field to another brilliant hurler, Nicky Rackard, who then **scored the winning goal for Wexford.** Even though Cork lost, two Wexford players showed great sportsmanship as they lifted Ring onto their shoulders and carried him off the field.

**Ring's record of medals and trophies is amazing. During his career he won:**

- 8 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship medals (1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1952, 1953, 1954).
- 4 National Hurling League medals (1940, 1941, 1948 and 1953).
- 18 Railway Cup medals with Munster.
- 14 county hurling championship medals with his club Glen Rovers and a football championship medal with St. Nicholas's.

**Answer the following:**

1. How many All-Ireland medals did Christy Ring win?
2. When did Christy play his **first game for Cork?**
3. When Did Christy Ring play **for the last time in an All-Ireland final?**
4. Who **scored the winning goal for Wexford** in the 1956 All-Ireland final?

**Complete the following sentences:**

1. Even though \_\_\_\_\_ lost, two \_\_\_\_\_ players showed great sportsmanship as they lifted \_\_\_\_\_ onto their \_\_\_\_\_ and carried him off the field.
2. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1954 when they beat \_\_\_\_\_ in the All-Ireland final.



Included in the list below are the years in which Christy Ring won his All-Ireland medals; circle the years in which he didn't win an All-Ireland.

1941, 1942, 1940, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1972, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956

Complete the table below:

Name	All-Ireland medals	National League medals	Railway Cup medals	Club hurling medals
Christy Ring				

How do we know Christy Ring was a great hurler?

We know Christy Ring was a great hurler because \_\_\_\_\_

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Track through the story and circle the following as they appear in the words of the story:

pl (Blend)

ch (Digraph)

ed (ending)

Choose a famous past player from your county and produce a fact file on them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Honours he/she won \_\_\_\_\_

Years they played \_\_\_\_\_ A famous game or occasion they were involved in.



## Worksheet 8B: RTE And The GAA

Almost every house in Ireland now has a television but it wasn't always so. **The first television** was made in 1926 by an inventor John Logie Baird. It was made with needles, a bicycle headlamp, wax, a biscuit tin, wires, old motors and army equipment. The BBC started showing black and white programmes in 1929.

**Telefís Éireann** or RTE television started in 1961. RTÉ's second television channel/station, now called RTE 2 started in 1978.

RTE has always been closely linked with the GAA. 2RN (Ireland's first radio station) **broadcast** the first radio **coverage** of a field game in Europe **in 1926**. It was the All-Ireland hurling semi-final between Kilkenny and Galway at Croke Park. The most famous radio coverage of a GAA game was when Micheál O'Hehir presented the 1947 All-Ireland football final live from the Polo Grounds in New York. The final was between Cavan and Kerry. Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh now commentates on GAA games every Sunday.

The first television broadcast of a GAA game was the second half of the Railway Cup hurling final between Leinster and Munster in 1962. This game was in black and white. The first game to be shown in colour was also a Railway Cup final between Leinster and Munster in 1947. The commentator for both games was Micheál O'Hehir.

RTÉ television's *The Sunday Game* started in 1986 and is now more popular than ever. The hurling final of 2006 was the most watched final of the past four years, with 774,000 viewers. The football final between Kerry and Mayo **attracted** an audience of 709,000. It was always a dream of Dublin midfield football star Ciarán Whelan to play for his county: "To see the games on TV every Sunday, your dream as a kid is to get out there and play," he said.

### Questions:

1. Who invented **the first television**?
2. When was **Telefís Éireann** founded?
3. What happened in **1926**?
4. When was the most famous radio coverage of a GAA match?

# RTÉ SPORT



**Complete the sentences.**

- The first \_\_\_\_\_ broadcast of a GAA game was the second half of the Railway Cup hurling final between Leinster and \_\_\_\_\_ in 1962.
- RTÉ television's the \_\_\_\_\_ started in 1986 and is now more popular than ever.

**Match the event to the date on which it happened.**

Telefís Éireann or RTE television started in	1926
RTÉ Television's <i>The Sunday Game</i> started in	1961
2RN broadcast the first radio coverage of a field game in Europe in	1986

**Use your dictionary to find out the meanings of the words in bold.**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Write down three interesting things you have learned form the story.**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested Activity:**

Listen to a match commentary. Talk with a partner about how the commentator describes the action. Close your eyes and try to imagine the game. Now using a dictaphone, record your commentary of a lunch time game, or play a video of a game with the sound down and have the group take turns to commentate.



## Worksheet 8C: Tracking

1. The GAA terms listed in the text box below are repeated in the jumbled up sets of letters marked 1-10. Track and highlight these words.

hurling	camogie	county	football	gaelic
umpire	goal	referee	point	sliotar

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. fotallbalfootballfight | 2. hurlpingcaocamogiemg      |
| 3. inghurtinhurlihurling  | 4. irecountyconteyrdirels    |
| 5. oalgoalloadgaolloadd   | 6. priumpmetimeumpireed      |
| 7. freerefrerrefereeffree | 8. gealicgeligcgaelicgaelci  |
| 9. hteintepontinpointpnt  | 10. liotersliotarslotairedre |

2. Below is a verse from a song written about the famous Wexford hurler Nicky Rackard. The words of the verse are included in the jumbled up group of words also listed below. Track and highlight the words in the order in which they appear in the song.

The hand that held that stick of ash,  
 The man who led with style and dash,  
 Oh Carrigtwohill once felt the crash,  
 Bennettsbridge and Thurles,

(Cúchulainn's Son by Tom Williams)

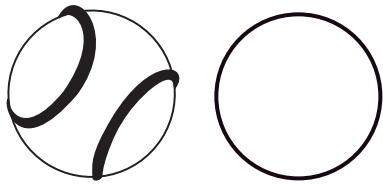
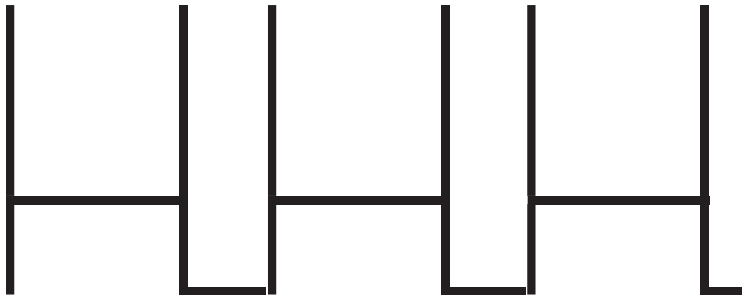
Then this thet the theiw hard happy hand handy that help  
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 Days dash o how ho oh Carrigtotill Carrigtwohill Carrig  
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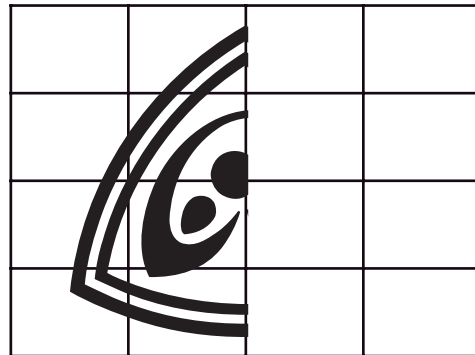
# Worksheet 8D: Visio - Motor Sheet

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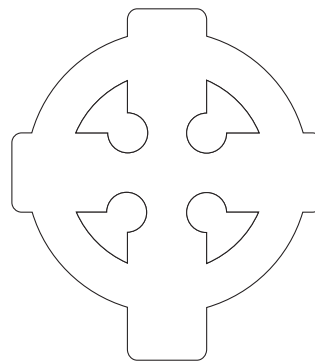
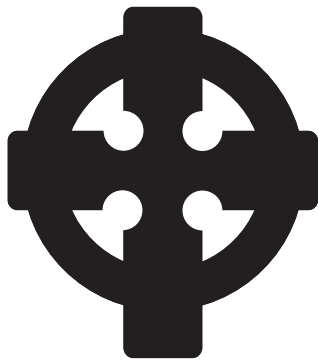
# GAA



## 2. Copy the Outline



## 3. Shade in the shape



## Worksheet 8E: Decoding

Use the following code to work out the counties and players below.  
When you have worked them all out match the players to their counties:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. 11 9 12 11 5 14 14 25<br>-----  | 6. 10 15 5 4 5 1 14<br>-----            |
| 2. 4 21 2 12 9 14<br>-----         | 7. 11 5 14 13 3 7 18 1 20 8<br>-----    |
| 3. 23 1 20 5 18 6 15 18 4<br>----- | 8. 20 15 13 13 25 23 1 12 19 8<br>----- |
| 4. 11 5 18 18 25<br>-----          | 9. 1 12 1 14 2 18 15 7 1 14<br>-----    |
| 5. 3 15 18 11<br>-----             | 10. 3 15 12 13 3 15 15 16 5 18<br>----- |

Complete the cross reference puzzle below. Write the letter that corresponds to the number in the reference box. Seven letters are given to you to start. All words relate to the GAA and sport.

17 H	11 U	23	21 L	3	22	10 G			14
	7					9			2
	5 P	21 L	9 A	19 Y		1			2
25	3	22				21			18
	23					3			6
	1			13	3	16	13		9
									21
		16	2	11	22	18	19		21
9	21	21	3	23	1	21	9	22	20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			S				X				J	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Q									V		Z



## Worksheet 8F: Creative writing

Use the two GAA words below to create a sentence.

**Here are some high frequency words to help:**

after	every	how	some	thank	use	draw	own	much
again	from	once	over	when	about	together	never	long
could	know	round	then	were	better	only	myself	start

1. ball

crowd

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2. hurling

fast

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3. fantastic

young

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4. September

Croke Park

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5. Irish

sport

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**Rewrite the sentences below. Add descriptive words to give the reader a clearer picture.**

1. He jumped to catch the ball.

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2. The keeper made a save.

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3. The crowd cheered every score.

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4. Christy Ring was one of Ireland's greatest hurlers.

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5. It was a close game.

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## Worksheet 8G: Sentence Formation

Rewrite the words in brackets in the right order to complete the following sentences.

- Kerry \_\_\_\_\_ football county winning 32 All-Ireland titles.  
(most the successful are)
- Hurling is one of \_\_\_\_\_ field games in the world.  
(fastest the oldest and)
- Croke Park has a capacity of 82,300, making \_\_\_\_\_ stadium in Europe.  
(largest it fourth the)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ played at Croke Park was the All-Ireland final's of 1885.  
(first be to game)
- The GAA has 2500 clubs in Ireland alone \_\_\_\_\_ America, Australia, Britain and other parts of the world.  
(more and in many)

These are mixed up sentences. Read each word carefully and re-write the sentences correctly. The capital letter will help you.

- Star one is of Kerry's Cooper footballers Colm.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- All-Ireland last Kilkenny year's champions are Hurling.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Ireland's Croke Park National at Both rugby and teams football played last year.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Mayo played last year's football All-Ireland and Final Kerry in.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Cork both ladies won the camogie and last year ladies football finals.  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Worksheet 8H: Comprehension

Find the missing words or phrases to complete the following conversation between two GAA fans.

**Sean:** How are you Tom?

**Tom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sean:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tom:** Yes it was a very close game.

**Sean:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tom:** In the Hogan Stand, it was a great seat.

**Sean:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tom:** Yes, I thought the goalkeeper was going to save it.

**Sean:** Who were you shouting for?

**Tom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sean:** Do you think they will win the All-Ireland final.

**Tom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sean:** I hope you're wrong, I want \_\_\_\_\_ to win.

**Tom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sean:** We will see, we will see.

**Tom:** Bye now Sean.

**Sean:** \_\_\_\_\_

Answer true or false to the following questions.

### 2006 Top Scorers

#### FOOTBALL

- 1-36 (39) Conor Mortimer (Mayo)
- 1-29 (32) James Masters (Cork)
- 1-25 (28) Matty Forde (Wexford)
- 2-22 (28) Ross Munnely (Laois)
- 1-24 (27) B Kavanagh (Longford)
- 2-20 (26) Paddy Bradley (Derry)

#### HURLING

- 2-47 (53) Henry Shefflin (Kilkenny)
- 3-38 (47) Eoin Kelly (Tipperary)
- 1-33 (36) James Young (Laois)
- 3-26 (35) Niall Gilligan (Clare)
- 0-33 (33) David Curtin (Dublin)
- 0-32 (32) Joe Deane (Cork)

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|--|------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 1. Henry Shefflin was the top scorer in hurling? | True | <input type="checkbox"/> | False | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. James Masters was the top scorer in football? | True | <input type="checkbox"/> | False | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Matty Forde scored a total of 28 points?      | True | <input type="checkbox"/> | False | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Niall Gilligan scored a total of 36 points?   | True | <input type="checkbox"/> | False | <input type="checkbox"/> |

