(H) Counting in Irish (1/3)

Irish, also known as Erse, Gaeilge, or Irish Gaelic, is spoken by approximately 260,000 people in Ireland. There are about 25,870 speakers in the USA, or about one in every 10,000 Americans. It is a Celtic language, distantly related to English.

Below are some number phrases in Irish and their English equivalents, given in order:

- garra amhain 1 garden
- gasur deagh 11 boys
- ocht mballa is dhá fichid 48 walls
- dhá gharra déag is ceithre fichid 92 gardens
- trí bhád 3 boats
- seacht ndoras déag 17 doors
- seacht mbád déag is dhá fichid 57 boats
- naoi nduine déag is fiche 39 people
- ceithre fichid doras 80 doors
- cúig bhall 5 walls
- sé ghasúr is trí fichid 66 boys
- deich mbád 10 boats
- sé dhuine 6 people
- trí dhoras is dhá fichid 43 doors
- garra is ceithre fichid 81 gardens

H1. Translate the following phrases into English:

a. naoi mbád déag is ceithre fichid

b. sé dhuine déag

c. naoi nduine

d. fiche gasúr

e. garra déag is fiche

(H) Counting in Irish (2/3)

**H2.** Translate the following phrases into Irish:

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<td>a. 2 boys</td>
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<td>b. 38 walls</td>
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<td>c. 14 walls</td>
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<td>d. 71 doors</td>
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<td>e. 21 boats</td>
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<td>f. 90 people</td>
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**H3.** Explain how the counting system of Irish works. (You may continue your explanation on the following page.)
(H) Counting in Irish (3/3)