I’m Orla and I live in Cork. It’s the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland. About 100,000 people live here. Cork is an old city. Most of it was built in the 18th century and there are still a lot of old buildings here. Cork has two cathedrals and a university. Cork is near the sea and the town of Cobh. Cobh was the last stop the Titanic made before it sailed to America, in 1912. A lot of Irish people died when the Titanic sank.
Many people come to Cork to visit Blarney Castle. It’s about 10 km from Cork. The castle is nearly a thousand years old. High up on the castle walls is a stone called the Blarney Stone. There’s a tradition that people who kiss the Blarney Stone become very good at talking. My sister kissed it when she was about six years old and she never stops talking. My mum says I don’t need to kiss the Blarney Stone because I already talk too much!
Hi, I’m Michael and I live in Dublin. It’s a great city to live in. Over a million people live here, so there’s a lot to see and do.

O’Connell Street is Dublin’s main street and it’s really beautiful. It’s famous for the Dublin Spire, which is 121 metres high. It’s the highest piece of art in the world! At night the spire has lights on it and it looks fantastic.
Phoenix Park is one of the largest city parks in the world. I love to go there with my family on Sundays when the weather is good. Temple Bar is the place to go for restaurants and cafés. It’s a good place to visit in the evening.

A lot of famous writers come from Dublin, for example Oscar Wilde and James Joyce. All of James Joyce’s books are about Dublin and the people who lived here.