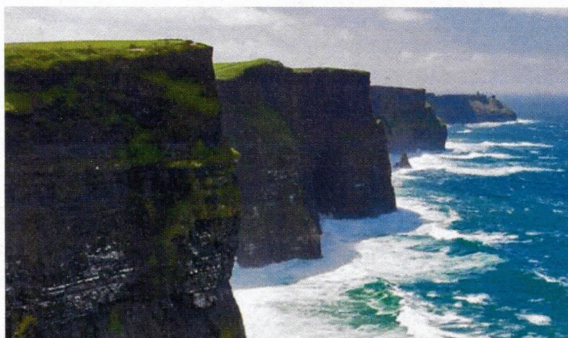
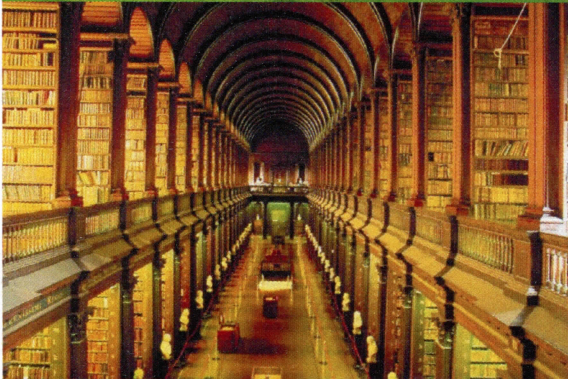


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Hi, everyone! Welcome back from summer vacation! I hope you relaxed and did a lot of fun things! This is English Extravaganza and I have a few more English-speaking countries that I want to tell you about. This week, I want to tell you about Ireland! Ireland is very important to me because my mom is from there. In fact, most of my family lives in Ireland.

Ireland is an island in Europe. It's next to Great Britain. Ireland is known for big, green fields. The country is so green that it is often called the Emerald Isle (島). The country is so beautiful that many movies are filmed in Ireland, like Harry Potter and Star Wars.

There are also peat bogs (泥炭沼) in some parts of Ireland. Peat bogs are big areas of wet plants, which can be used for energy. It's hard to move in the peat bogs, so sometimes animals get stuck (はまってしまい) and die. Mummies (ミイラ) of animals and people are found in the bogs, known as bogmen.

There are many tourist attractions all around Ireland. Blarney Castle is one of the most famous sites. There is a stone in the castle and it is said that if you kiss the stone, you will be given the gift (才能) of eloquence (雄弁), which means you can speak very well.

As for the people, Irish people are known to be the friendliest people in Europe! They are very charismatic (カリスマ的). Also, Ireland is a nation of storytellers. Many famous writers come from Ireland, including four winners of the Nobel Prize for literature: James Joyce, Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde and Bram Stoker, who wrote Dracula. Speaking of scary things, Ireland is also where Halloween comes from. I'll tell you more about Halloween in October, though. Well, that's all for this time. See you next week!