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Some basic terms:

an sliabh (sléibhte)	mountain
an sliabhraon	mountain range
sléibhtiúil / sléibhteach	mountainous
an leiceann sléibhe	mountainside
an cnoc (cnoic)	hill
an mhala cnoic	hillside
an gleann	valley / glen
an cainneon	canyon
an mhá (mánna)	bay
na féarthailte	the prairies
an ¹ árdchlár	plateau / meseta
an móinéar	meadow
an abhainn (na haibhneacha)	river
an leaba abhann	riverbed
an sruth (na sruthanna)	stream
an struthán (srutháin)	brook
an chanáil	canal
an t-aigéan	ocean
an fharaige / an mhuir (na mara)	sea
an loch (lochanna)	lake
an tonn	wave
an taoide	tide
lán mara	high tide
lag trá	low tide
taoide tuile	flood tide
muirbhrúcht	tidal wave
abhainn taoide	tidal river
an cósta	coast
an cladach	seashore
an trá (tránna)	beach
an bhá (bánna)	bay
an cuan (cuanta)	harbour
an fiord (fiordanna)	fiord

an leithinis	peninsula
an t-oileán na h-oileáin)	island
an t-oighearshruth	glacier
cnoc oighir	iceberg
an charraig (carraigeacha)	rock
an t-eas (na heasanna)	waterfalls
an fásach gaineamhlach	sand desert
an fásach te/ fuar	hot/ cold desert
an talamh feirme	farmland
an fásach	wilderness
an fhorais bháistí	rainforest
an fhorais dhuillsilteach	deciduous forest
an fhorais bhuaircíneach	coniferous forest
an seascann	swamp
an steip (na steipeanna)	steppe
an tundra	tundra
an taiga	taiga
an talamh síorshioctha	permafrost
an teorainn (f) (teorainneacha)	frontier / border
an tír (tíortha)	country, nation
an phríomhchathair (acha)	capital city
leathsféar thuaidh	Northern Hemisphere
leathsféar theas	Southern Hemisphere
leathsféar thoir	Eastern Hemisphere
leathsféar thiar	Western Hemisphere
amchríos	time zone
Cianoirthear	Far East
An Meánoirthear	Middle East
An Neasoirthear	Near East
na tríopaicí	the tropics
hairicín / stoirm ghaoithe	hurricane
an teochríos	torrid zone
an fuarchríos	frigid zone
an domhan	the world
screamh an domhain	earth's crust



An Eoraip Europe

An tAontas Eorpach	The European Union
Éire	Ireland
Baile Átha Cliath	Dublin
Gaillimh	Galway
Corcaigh	Cork
Luimneach	Limerick
Cúige Uladh	Ulster
Cúige Mumhan	Munster
Cúige Chonnacht	Connacht
Cúige Laighean	Leinster
An tSionainn	The Shannon
An Life	The Liffey
Oileáin Árann	The Aran Islands
Oileán Mhanann /An Mhanainn	The Isle of Man
An Ríocht Aontaithe	The United Kingdom
Albain (f.) (na hAlhan	Scotland
Dún Éideann	Edinburgh
Glaschú	Glasgow
Inse Ghall	The Hebrides
Sealtainn	The Shetlands
Inse Orc	The Orkneys
An Mhuir Thuaidh	The North Sea
Sruth na Maoile	The North Channel
Garhbchríocha na hAlban	The Scottish Highlands
Ísealchríocha na hAlban	the Scottish Lowlands
Sasana	England
Londain	London
Learpholl	Liverpool
Manchain	Manchester
Briostó	Bristol
An Tamais	The Thames
An Mhuir Bhreatain	St George's Channel
An Bhreatain Bheag	Wales
Caerdydd	Cardiff

Corn na Breataine
Éire Thuaidh
Béal Feirste
Loch Lao
Muir Éireann / Meann
An Mhuir Cheilteach
Muir nIocht
Oileáin Mhuir nIocht
Geansaí
Geirsí
An Ibéir
An Phortaingéil
Liospóin (f)
Maidéara
na hAsóir
An Spáinn
Maidrid
An Chatalóin
an Ghailís
Mallarca
Mionarca
Ibiza
Na hOileáin Chanáracha
An Tágais
An Éabró
Na Piríiní
Sierra Nevada
Bá na Bioscáine
An Chríoch Bhascach
Andóra
An Mheánmhuir
An Caolas Ghiobrálta
An Iodáil
An Róimh
Cathair na Vatacáine
Na hAipíníní
Na hAlpa

Cornwall
Northern Ireland
Belfast
Belfast Lough
The Irish Sea
The Celtic Sea
The English Channel
Channel Islands
Guernsey
Jersey
Iberia
Portugal
Lisbon
Madeira
The Azores
Spain
Madrid
Catalonia
Galicia
Majorca
Menorca
Ibiza
Canary Islands
The Tagus River
The Ebro River
The Pyrenees
The Sierra Nevada
Bay of Biscay
The Basque Region
Andorra
The Mediterranean
The Strait of Gibraltar
Italy
Rome
Vatican City
the Apperines
The Alps

An Tibir
Flórans
An Veineís
An tSicil
An tSairdín
An Chorsaic
An Eilvéis
Beirn
An Ghinéiv
An Ostair
Vín
An Fhrainc
Páras
An tSéin
An Loire
Na hArdennes
An Bhriotáin
An Ghearmáin
Beirlín
An Eilbe
An Réin
An Odair
An Danóib
An Ísiltír
An Ollainn
Amstardam
An Háig
Oileáin Fharó
An Bheilg
An Bhruiséil
Lucsamburg
An Lichtinstéin
An Danmhairg
Cóbanhávan
Críoch Lochlann
An tSualainn
Stócólm
An Iorua

The Tiber
Florence
Venice
Sicily
Sardinia
Corsica
Switzerland
Berne
Geneva
Austria
Vienna
France
Paris
The Seine
The Loire
The Ardennes
Brittany
Germany
Berlin
The Elbe
The Rhine
The Oder
The Danube
The Netherlands
Holland
Amsterdam
The Hague
Faroe Islands
Belgium
Brussels
Luxemburg
Liechtenstein
Denmark
Copenhagen
Scandinavia
Sweedon
Stockholm
Norway

Osló
An Ioslainn
Reykjavik
An Fhionlainn
Heilsincí
An Mhuir Bhailt
An Rúis
Moscó
An Volga
An Dnípir
An Don
An Mhuir Dhubh
An Chrimé
Iálta
An Úrail
Sléibhte na hÚraile
Sléibhte Cugais
An Mhuir Chaisp
An Mhuir Aral
Loch Baikal
An tSibéir
Caolas Bhering
An t-Aigéan Artach
An Ciorcal Artach
An Pol Thuaidh
An Mhuir Barents
An Eastóin
Taillinn¹ *
An Laitvia
Ríoga*
An Liotuáin
Vilniús*
An Bhealarúis
Minsc
An Úcráin

Oslo
Iceland
Reykjavik
Finland
Helsinki
The Baltic Sea
Russia
Moscow
The Volga
The Dnieper
The Don
The Black Sea
The Crimea
Yalta
The Ural River
The Ural Mountains
The Caucasus Mts
The Caspian Sea
The Aral Sea
Lake Baikal
Siberia
The Bering Strait
The Arctic Ocean
The Arctic Circle
The North Pole
The Barents Sea
Estonia
Tallinn
Latvia
Riga
Lithuania
Vilnius
Belarus
Minsk
Ukraine

¹The names here marked with an asterisk * are found in newspapers but I have not encountered them in official dictionaries.

Kiev
An Mholdóiv
An tSeoirsia
Tbilísí*
An Airméin
Iérevean*
Asarbasáin*
Bakú*
Úisbéiceastáin
Kazakstáin
An Chordastáin
Turcastáin
Taidseacstáin*
An Chorgastáin*
An Pholainn
Vársá
An Viostuíle
An tSéic
Prág
An tSlóvaic
An Ungáir
Búdaipeist
An Mhuir Aeigéach
An Mhuir Aidriad
Na Balcáin
An tSlóivéin
An Chróit
An tSeirbia
Béalgrád
An Bhoisnia
An Albáin
Tirana
An Rómáin
Búcairist
An Bhulgáir
Sóifia
An Ghréig

Kiev
Moldavia
Georgia
Tibilisi
Armenia
Yerevan
Azerbaijan
Baku
Uzbekistan
Khazakstan
Kurdistan
Turkistan
Tadzhikstan
Kirghistan
Poland
Warsaw
The Vistula
The Czech Republic
Prague
Slovakia
Hungary
Budapest
The Aegean Sea
The Adriatic Sea
The Balkans
Slovenia
Croatia
Serbia
Belgrade
Bosnia
Albania
Tirana
Rumania
Bucharest
Bulgaria
Sofia
Greece

An Aithin
An Choraint
An Chréit
Málta
An Chipir
An Bhosparais
An Dardainéil

Athens
Corinth
Crete
Malta
Cyprus
Bosphorus
Dardanelles



Meiriceá Thuaidh North America

An t-Aigéan Atlantach
An t-Aigéan Ciúin
An t-Aigéan Artach
Bá Hudson
An Graonlainn
Oileán Baffin
Talamh an Éisc
Alabain Nua
Ceanada²
An Sciath Cheanadach
Ottawa
Toronto
Montréal
Na Sléibhte Creagacha
Na féarthailte
An Abhainn San Labhras
Na Lochanna Móra
Easanna Niagara
Stáit Aontaithe Mheiriceá
Washington
An Mhississippi

The Atlantic Ocean
The Pacific Ocean
The Arctic Ocean
Hudson's Bay
Greenland
Baffin Island
Newfoundland
Nova Scotia
Canada
Canadian Shield
Ottawa
Toronto
Montreal
The Rockies
The Prairies (grasslands)
St. Lawrence River
The Great Lakes
Niagara Falls
USA
Washington
The Mississippi

² The names for the Canadian provinces in Irish are the same as in English. This is also true for the names of the States in the USA as well as for cities in both countries. The Names of the Great Lakes are the same, but they are preceded by Loch. e.g. Loch Ontario, Loch Huron etc.

Bostún / Boston	Boston
Nua Eabhrac	New York
Havái	Hawaii
An Mhurascaill Mheicsiceo	Gulf of Mexico
An Mhurascaill Chalifornia	Gulf of California
Trópaic an Phortáin	Tropic of Cancer
Meicsiceo	Mexico
Cathair Mheicsiceo	Mexico City
An Mhuir Chairib	Caribbean Sea
Oileáin Chairib	Caribbean Islands
Cúba	Cuba
Havana	Havana
Háítí	Haiti
Port-au-Prince	Port-au-Prince
Puertó Ríce	Puerto Rico
San Juan	San Juan
Iamáice	Jamaica
Kingston / Baile an Rí	Kingston
An Phoblacht Dhoiminiceach	Dominican Republic
Santó Domingo*	Santo Domingo
An Bheilís	Belize
Cathair Bheilíse	Belize City
Guatamala	Guatemala
Cathair Ghuatamala	Guatemala City
An tSalvadóir	El Salvador
Hondúras	Honduras
Tegúcialpa	Tegucigalpa
Nicearagua	Nicaragua
Managua	Managua
Cósta Ríce	Costa Rica
San José	San José
Panama	Panama
Canáil Phanama	Panama Canal
Cathair Phanama	Panama City
Meiriceá Láir	Central America
Beirmiúda	Bermuda
Na Bahámaí	The Bahamas
Oileán na Tríonóide	Trinidad

Barbadós

Barbados



Meiriceá Theas

South America

An meánchiorcal
Trópaic an Ghabhair
Na hAindéis
An Amasóin
An mothar
An Cholóim
Bogotá
Veiniséala
Caracas
An Oranócó
An Ghuáin
Georgetown
Suranam
Paramaribo
An Ghuáin Fhrancach
Cayenne
Ardchríoch na Guáine
Eacuador
Quito
Oileán Cásca
Oileáin Ghalapagós
Peiriú
Lima
An Bholaiiv
La Paz
An tSíle
Santiago
An Airgintín
Buenos Aires
Na Pampas
An Phatagóin
Uragua

The equator
Tropic of Capricorn
The Andes
The Amazon
jungle
Colombia
Bogotá
Venezuela
Caracas
The Orinoco River
Guyana
Georgetown
Surinam
Paramaribo
French Guyana
Cayenne
Guyana Highlands
Ecuador
Quito
Easter Island
The Galagapos
Peru
Lima
Bolivia
La Paz
Chile
Santiago
Argentina
Buenos Aires
The Pampas
Patagonia
Uruguay

Montevideo
Paragua
Asunción
An Bhrasail
Brasilia
Rio de Janeiro
São Paolo
An Pharaná
Tierra del Fuego
An t-Aigéan Antartach
An t-Antartach
An Ciorcal Antartach
Na Oileáin Fháclainne
Rinn an Choirn

Montevideo
Paraguay
Asunción
Brazil
Brasilia
Rio de Janeiro
São Paolo
The Paraná River
Tierra del Fuego
The Antarctic Ocean
Antartica
The Antarctic Circle
Falkland Islands
Cape Horn

An Áise

Asia

An tSeapáin
Tóiceo
An Mhuir na Seapáine
An Mhongóil
Ulan Bator
An tSín
Péicing
An Mhanchúir
Hong Cong
Taiwan
Tai-pei
An Chóiré Theas
Súl
An Chóiré Thuaidh
Pyongyang
Vitneam
Hanoi
Cathair Ho Chi Minh

Japan
Tokyo
Sea of Japan
Mongolia
Ulan Bator
China
Peking
Manchuria
Hong Kong
Taiwan
Tai-pei
South Korea
Seoul
North Korea
Pyongyang
Vietnam
Hanoi
Ho Chi Minh City



Saigon
 Laos
 Vientiane
 An Champúis
 Phnom Penh
 An Téalainn
 Bangkok
 Burma
 Rangún
 An Mhalaeisia
 Kuala Lumpur
 Singeapór
 Na hOileáin Philipíneacha
 Mainile
 An Indinéis
 Iakárta
 Iáva
 Sumatra
 An India
 Deilí
 Calcúta
 An Ghainséis
 An t-Aigéan Indiach
 An Chaismír
 Neipeál
 Na Himiléithe
 Katmandú
 An Tibéid
 Lasa
 An Mhurascaill Bheangáil
 An Bhanglaidéis
 Dacca
 Srí Lanca
 An Phacastáin
 Islamabad
 An Afganastáin
 Cabúl

Saigon
 Laos
 Vientiane
 Cambodia / Kapuchea
 Phnom Penh
 Thailand
 Bangkok
 Burma
 Rangoon
 Malaysia
 Kuala Lumpur
 Singapore
 The Philippines
 Manila
 Indonesia
 Jakarta
 Java
 Sumatra
 India
 Delhi
 Calcutta
 The Ganges
 The Indian Ocean
 Kashmir
 Nepal
 The Himalayas
 Katmandu
 Tibet
 L(h)asa
 The Bay of Bengal
 Bangladesh
 Dacca
 Sri Lanka
 Pakistan
 Islamabad
 Afghanistan
 Kabul

An Iaráin	Iran
Tehran	Teheran
An Mhurascaill na Peirse	The Persian Gulf
An Iaráic	Iraq
Bagdad	Bagdad
An Tuirc	Turkey
Ankara	Ankara
Iostanbúl	Istanbul
An Iordáin	Jordan
Amman	Amman
An tSiria	Syria
An Damaisc	Damascus
An Liobáin	Lebanon
Béiriút	Beirut
Iosrael	Israel
Iarúsailéim	Jerusalem
Tel Aviv	Tel Aviv
Nasairéit	Nazareth
An Bheithil	Bethlehem
An Tír Bheannaithe	The Holy Land
An Talamh Naofa	The Holy Land
An Mhuir Mharbh	The Dead Sea
An Araib Shádach	Saudi Arabia
Riyadh	Riyadh
Cuáit	Kuwait
Éimin	Yemen
Sana	Sana
Éimin Theas	South Yemen
Oman	Oman
Muscat	Muscat
An Mhuir Arabach	The Arabian Sea
An Mhuir Rua	The Red Sea
An Phalaistín	Palastine
Aontas na nÉimíróchtaí Arabacha	United Arab Emirates
Bairéin	Bahrein

An Aigéine

Oceania



An Astráil	Australia
Canberra	Canberra
An Tasmáin	Tasmania
An Mhuir Choiréil	The Coral Sea
An Mhórsceir Bhacainneach	The Great Barrier Reef
An Astráil Theas	South Australia
An Astráil Thiar	West Australia
An Chríoch Thuaidh	The Northern Territory
Melbourne	Melbourne
Sydney	Sydney
An Gaineamhlach Mór	Great Sandy Desert
An Nua-Shéalainn	New Zealand
Na h-Alpa Nua Shéalainne	New Zealand Alps
An Oileán Thuaidh	The North Island
An Oileán Theas	The South Island
Christ Church	Christ Church
Wellington	Wellington
Taihíti	Tahiti
Oileáin Fhidsí	Fiji Islands
An Nua-Ghúine	New Guinea
Caolas Sumatra	Strait of Sumatra
Guam	Guam
Samó	Samoa
Vanuatú	Vanuatu
Oileáin Chomóra	Comoro islands
An Pholainéis	Polynesia
An t-Aigéan Ciúin Theas	South Pacific

An Afraic Africa



An Egipt
Caireo
An Sahára
An Níl
An Suais
An Chanáil Shuais
An Libya
Benghazi
Tripoli
An Túinéis
Túinis
An Ailgéir
Cathair na hAilgéire
Maracó
Rabat
An Sahára Thiar
An Mharatáin
An tSeineagáil
Dakar
An Ghaimbia
Banjul
Gúine Bhissau
Siarra Leon
An Libéir
Monrovia
An Ghúine
Conakry
An Cósta Eabhair
Abidjan
Volta Uachtarach
An Nígir
Niamey
Gána
Accra

Egypt
Cairo
The Sahara
The Nile
Suez
Suez Canal
Libya
Benghazi
Tripoli
Tunisia
Tunis
Algeria
Algiers
Morocco
Rabat
Western Sahara
Mauritania
Senegal
Dakar
Gambia
Banjul
Guinea Bissau
Sierra Leon
Liberia
Monrovia
Guinea
Conakry
Ivory Coast
Abidjan
Upper Volta
Niger
Niamey
Ghana
Accra

Beinín
Portó Nóvó
An Nigéir
Lagos
Toga
Lomé
Camarún
Yaoundé
An Ghúine Mheánchiorclach
An Ghabúin
Libreville
An tSáir
Poblacht an Chongó
Brazzaville
Kinshasa
Ruanda
Kigali
Loch Victoria
An Bhurúin
Bujumbura
Angóla
Luanda
An Namaib
Windhoek
Poblacht na hAfraice Theas
Pretoria
Johannesburg
Capetown / Baile na Rinne
Rinn an Dóchais
Leosota
Maseru
An tSuasalainn
Mbabane
Mósaimbíc
Maputó
Madagascar
Tananarive

Benin
Porto Novo
Nigeria
Lagos
Togo
Lomé
Cameroon
Yaoundé
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
Libreville
Zaire
Congo Republic
Brazzaville
Kinshasa
Rwanda
Kigali
Lake Victoria
Burundi
Bujumbura
Angola
Luanda
Namibia
Windhoek
Republic of South Africa
Pretoria
Johannesbury
Capetown
Cape of Good Hope
Lesotho
Maseru
Swaziland
Mbabane
Mozambique
Maputo
Madagascar
Tananarive

An tSiombaib	Zimbabwe
Salisbury	Salisbury
An tSaimbia	Zambia
Lusaka	Lusaka
An Mhaláiv	Malawi
An Tansáin	Tanzania
Dar es Salaam	Dar es Salaam
Uganda	Uganda
Kampala	Kampala
An Chéinia	Kenya
Nairobi	Nairobi
Poblacht na Somaile/ an tSomáil	Somalia
Mogadiscio	Mogadishu
An Aetóip	Ethiopia
Addis Ababa	Addis Ababa
An tSúdáin	Sudan
Sead	Chad
N'Djaména	N'Djamena
Poblacht na hAfraice Láir	Central African Republic

Cleachtadh

There follows a list of countries. Give the form for the adjective of nationality and the name for the language spoken there derived from the country name. (Be careful. Sometimes, the name for the language is not derived from the name of the country!) A few of them have been done to guide you.

To form the adjective of nationality, add -(e)ach to the name of the country³; for the language, add -(a)is.

Éire	Eireannach	Gaeilge
Sasana		
Albain	Albanach	Gaeile na hAlban
Meiriceá		
An Fhrainc		
An Ghearmáin		
An Spáinn		
An Iodáil		
An Rúis		
An Ghréig	Gréagach	Gréigis
Ceanada		
An Airgintín		
An Bheilg		
An Bhreatain		
An tSín		
An Fhionlainn		
An Ollainn	Ollannach	Ollainnis/dúitsis
An Ungáir		
An Mhóngóil		
An Iorua (f.)		
An Phortaingéil		
An Rómáin		

³ The root is usually broad when forming the adjective of nationality. If the name of the country ends in -í, as in Háití, -och is added Háitíoch, Haváíoch etc. The root is usually slender when forming the name for the language.

An tSeapáin
An Laitvia
An Araib
An Tuirc
An Úcráin
An Téalainn
Vitneam
Laos
An Liotuáin
Andóra
An Airméin
An tSeoirsia
Beangál

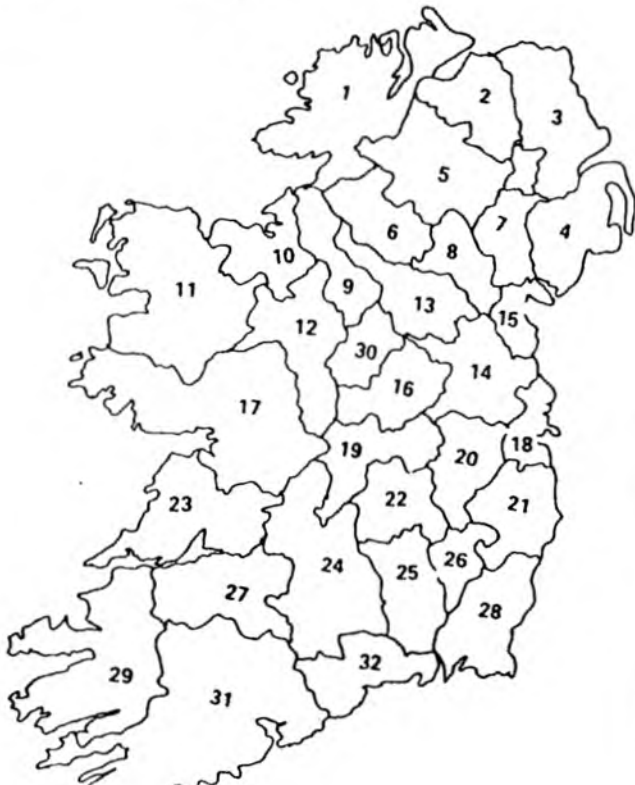
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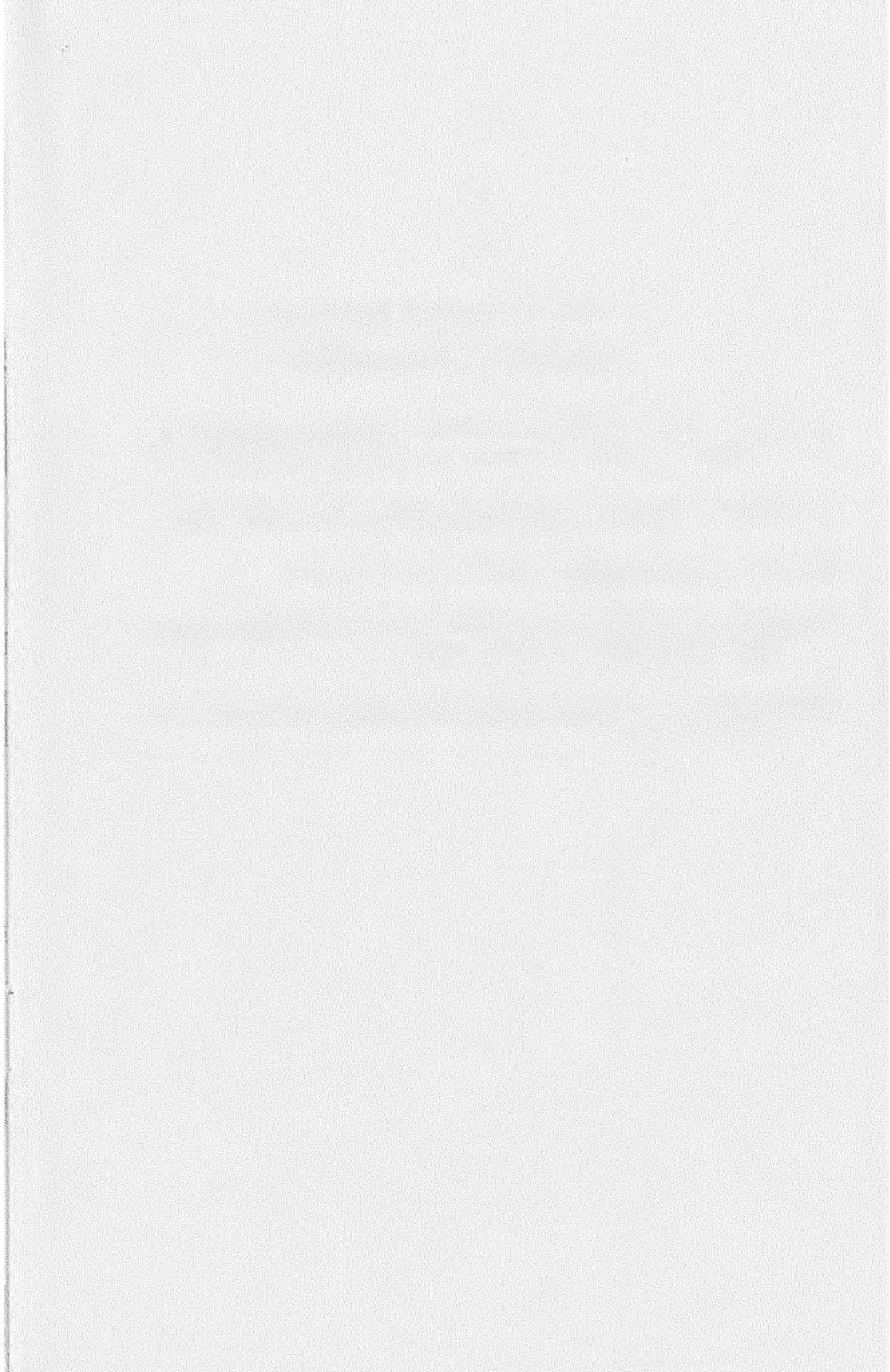
Match the names for the counties with the numbers on the map. Do you know the English equivalent for the Irish names?

Aontroim
An Cabhán
Cill Chainnigh
An Clár
An Dún
Fear Manach
Liatroim
Lú
An Mhí
Ros Comáin
Tír Eoghain

Ard Mhacha
Ceatharlach
Cill Dara
Corcaigh
Dún na nGall
An Iarmhí
Loch Garman
Luimneach
Muineachán
Sligeach
Uíbh Fhailí

Baile Átha Cliath
Ciarraí
Cill Mhantáin
Doire
Gaillimh
Laois
An Longfort
Maigh Eo
Port Láirge
Tiobraid Árann





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