


# Celebrating the Irish - Excerpt



# Word game: Irish proverbs



There are a lot of both well-known and peculiar Irish proverbs. Among the peculiar are these:

- Never bolt your door with a boiled carrot.
- Never sell a hen on a wet day.

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2. A kind word never \_\_\_\_.
3. A trout in the pot is better than \_\_\_\_
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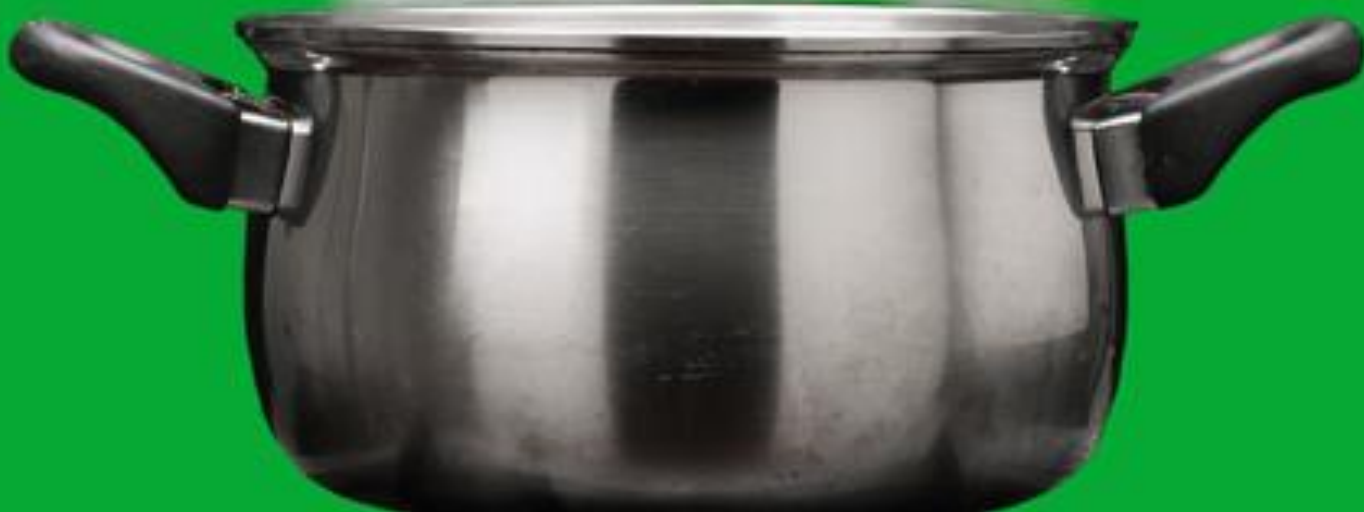
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Irish version: A silent mouth never did any harm.

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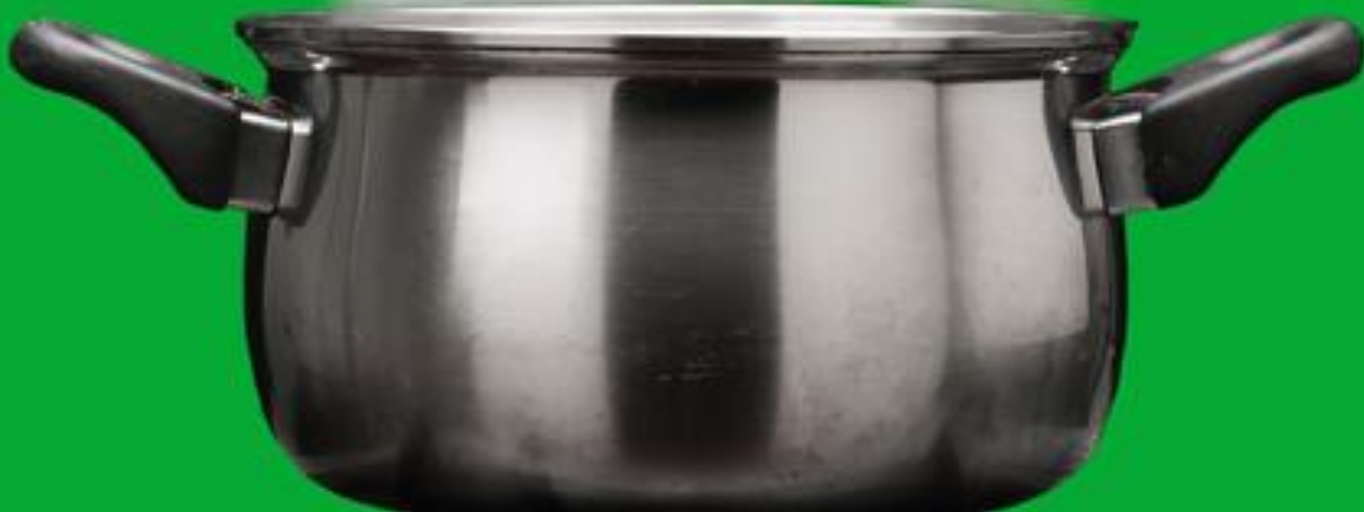


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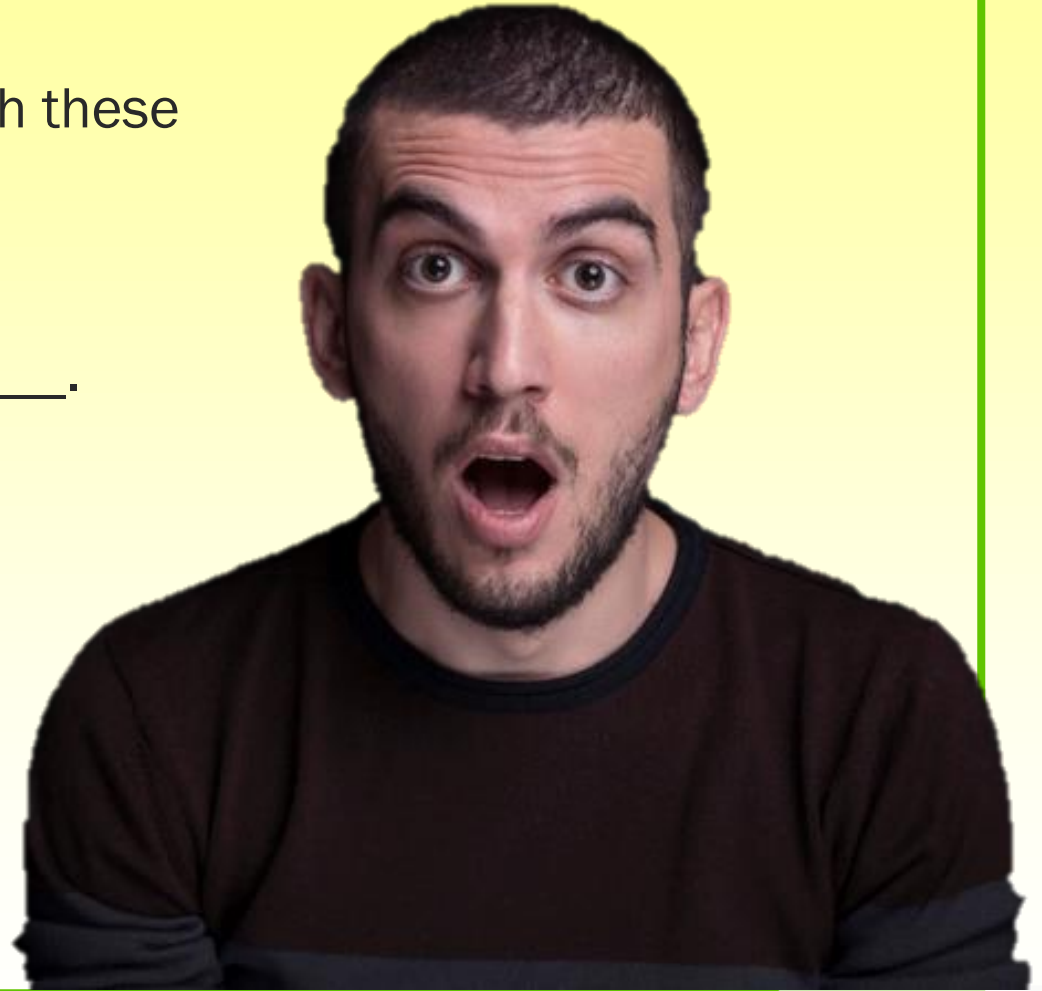
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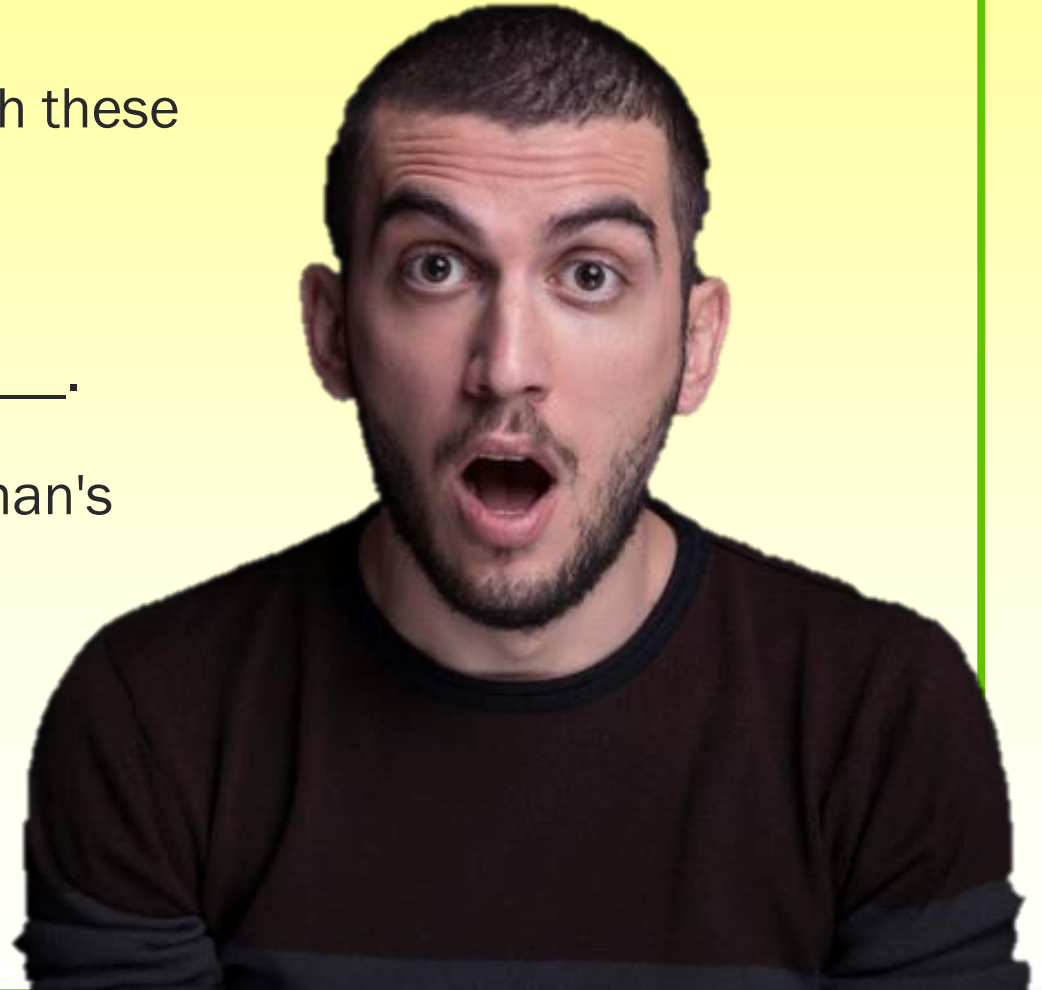
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Irish version: It's often a man's mouth broke his nose.



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Irish version:

When the belly is full, the bones like to stretch.






# Did you know?

English has taken many words from Irish Gaelic. Some of the most common, such as bog, brogue, galore, and glen you probably weren't aware are Irish in origin. Here are a few more:

- Banshee – It means female fairy or woman of the fairies, but today carries negative connotations of a wild and wailing woman
- Hooligan – One who takes part in rowdy behavior and vandalism
- Shenanigans - Devious tricks used especially for underhanded or mischievous purposes.
- Smithereens – Small fragments



An Irish blessing:  
May you be half an hour in Heaven  
Before the Devil knows you're dead.

I hope you've enjoyed  
learning more about the Irish.



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