

Ice Age Ireland Cool Fossils!

What happened to the Irish Grey Wolf?



This is how the closest living relative of the Irish grey wolf looks today!

Did you know that grey wolves used to howl in Ireland? They lived alongside Irish woolly mammoths over 27,000 years ago. They even survived on the island until about 300 years ago! Back then, people wanted the animal off their lands and they eventually became extinct in Ireland through over hunting.

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Did Grey Wolves' Growl in Galway?



This is a fossil jawbone of an Irish grey wolf that is in the National Museum of Ireland – Natural History.

Locations of fossil evidence of Ice Age grey wolf found in Ireland.



The grey wolf is a carnivore meaning they eat other animals. They probably hunted giant deer, red deer and even reindeer in Ireland long ago.



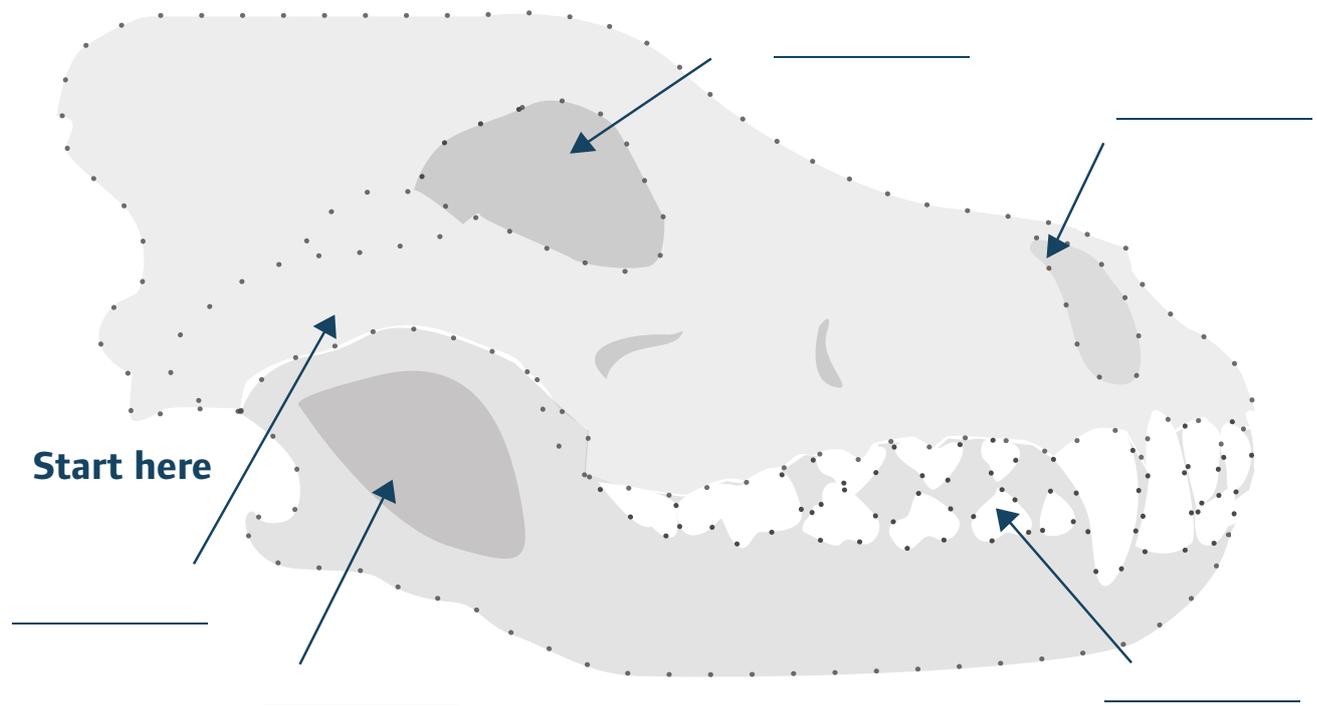
We know from reading old documents that around 300 years ago they paid people to hunt the Irish wolf - £6 for a female, £5 for a male and 10 shillings for a cub.

Did you know people found grey wolf fossils in caves in Co. Sligo, Co. Clare, Co. Cork and Co. Waterford? Some of the wolf fossils marked on the map are at least 27,000 years old!

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Solve an Ice Age Mystery!

Join the Dots



Keywords: Eye Nose Cheek bone Jaw bone Teeth

Solve the Secret Code:

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What predator is hiding in this picture? Ready to do some detective work to find out who it is. All you need is a pencil and steady hand. Join the dots to reveal the mystery skull. Use the key words to label the skull, just like a scientist! Finally, reveal the mystery animal by solving the secret code below. Hint! Read the word backwards and write it in the space below.