



# Ulster-Scots Surnames Workbook

Name:

Class:

Armstrong

Burns

Davidson

Dunlop

Grant

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Look at this short list of Ulster-Scots surnames.

Match them up with the following words.



Tyres

Writer

Leader

Fighter

Machines

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Here are ten surnames. Write the words **Ulster-Scots** next to four of them and the word **other** next to the remaining four.



McCartney

Fitzgerald

Campbell

Drummond

Wong

McGregor

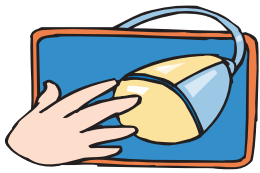
Paderewski

York

McIlwaine

Garibaldi

**4** Gather information and make a list of famous people with a Scots or Ulster-Scots surname.



You should say who they are and if possible what their connection is with Ulster or Scotland.



Here are a few examples:

**Tony Blair**



Politician

Born in Edinburgh

**Joey Dunlop**



Former motor bike racer

From Ballymoney

Report back to your teacher.



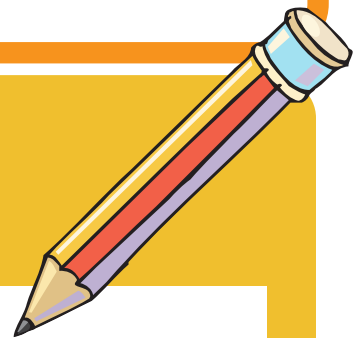


**5** Find five important towns in Scotland and five in Ulster. Mark them on this map.

**6** Here is Andrew Armstrong's full name as it appears on his birth certificate. Draw a circle around his surname.

**Andrew John Angus Armstrong**

**7** Now write out your full name. Write your Christian or first names in one colour and your surname in another.



Blank space for writing the student's full name.

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Write your date and place of birth.



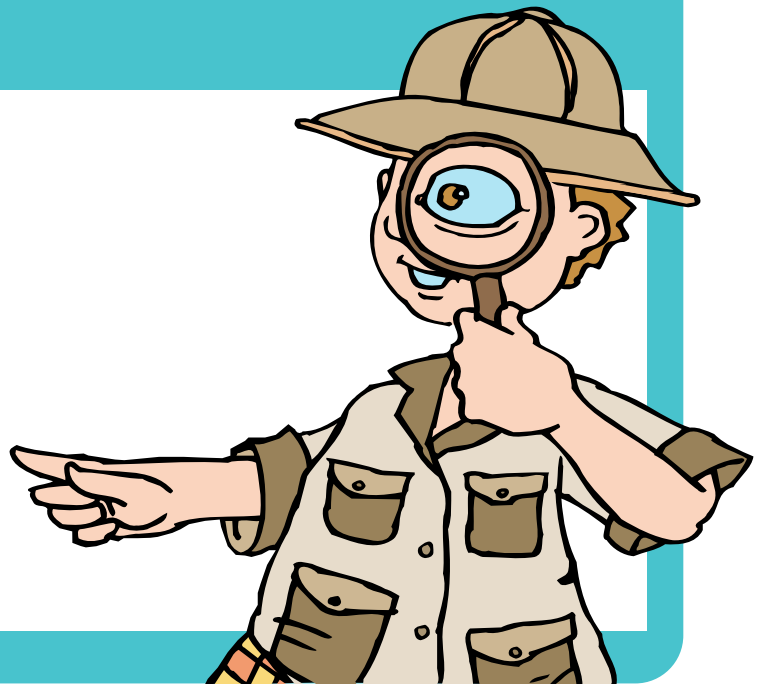
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Discover something about your own family history.

- ✓ Talk to relatives to find out if any of them came from Scotland. Perhaps you will find out about the places in Scotland they once lived or about relatives who live there today.
- ✓ Look at an old birth certificate.
- ✓ Write lots of things down so you don't forget!
- ✓ Report back to your teacher.



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Why do you think people have a surname, which is also a place name?



Curious?

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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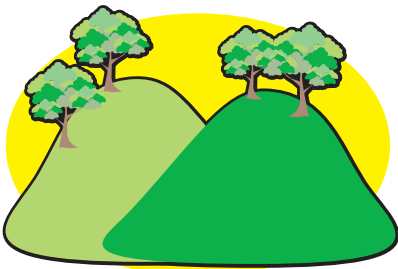
Work out the Ulster-Scots surname for each of these picture clues. Add some more names and picture clues of your own.



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H \_ \_ \_ \_



G \_ \_ \_ \_



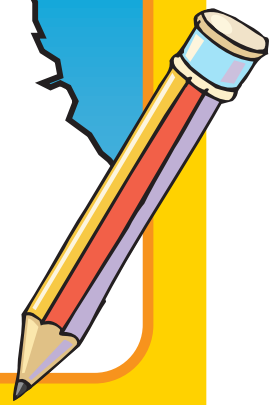
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# Surnames and **place names**

You will need an atlas or map of Scotland

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At the foot of the page you will find 8 Ulster-Scots surnames that are also places in Scotland. Write these names in the correct place on the map below: Mark them on this map.



Lewis

Kelso

Stirling

Glasgow

Moffat

Dunbar

Abernethy

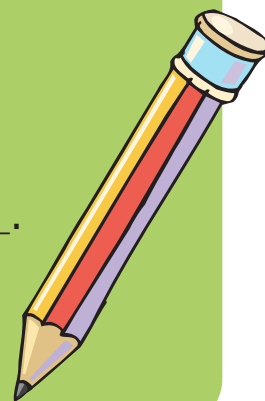
Girvan

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Complete each of these sentences with the correct word. Choose from the Ulster-Scots surnames in the box below.



- a) The \_\_\_\_\_ cuts hair and shaves beards.
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_ preached in the cathedral.
- c) A man who owns a corn-mill might be called \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) The \_\_\_\_\_ opened the door of the mansion.
- e) A wonderful suit was made by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) Beautiful music was performed by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) The \_\_\_\_\_ cut leather to fit the hand.
- h) Each cut in the stone was made by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) A Scottish lord is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) Wooden barrels are made by a \_\_\_\_\_.



Harper                      Barber                      Butler                      Mason  
 Cooper                      Taylor                      Millar                      Bishop  
                                  Glover                      Laird

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Do you know of any other Ulster-Scots surnames that are also occupations?



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Draw a line from the pictures to the correct surname.

Mr Smart

Mrs Black

Miss Long





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Complete this table using Ulster-Scots surnames.

Add 3 more of your own.



Rhyming Word	Reason for nickname	Surname
<b>ball</b>	Not very big	_____
<b>ox</b>	Slyness	_____
<b>snort</b>	not very tall	_____
<b>quell</b>	handsome, beautiful	_____
<b>brittle</b>	small person	_____
<b>throng</b>	great strength	_____
<b>reel</b>	reliable	_____
<b>throw</b>	noisy bird	_____
<b>site</b>	fair hair or complexion	_____
		_____
		_____

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**Design your own Coat of Arms for your family in this space**



A large, empty white rectangular space framed by a thick orange border, intended for drawing a family coat of arms.

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From this chart you can see that Andrew Armstrong's brother is Gary. Gary's mother was Sally Robinson. Look carefully at the chart or family tree and see if you can answer the following questions:

1. Who is Andrew Armstrong's sister?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who is Andrew's Great Grandfather?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who is Andrew's Aunt?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Who is Andrew's Great Grandmother?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. When was Andrew's Great Grandmother born?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. How much younger is Andrew than his brother Gary?

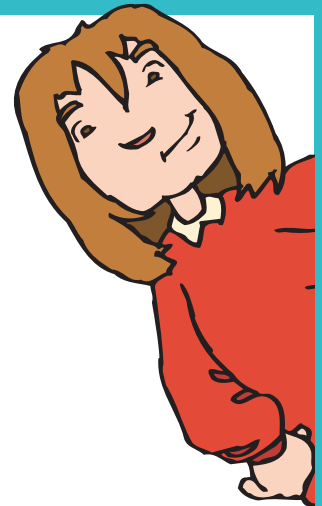
\_\_\_\_\_

7. When was Andrew's father born?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Which boy's and girl's names are popular in the Armstrong family?

\_\_\_\_\_



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Now try drawing your own or some else's family tree.

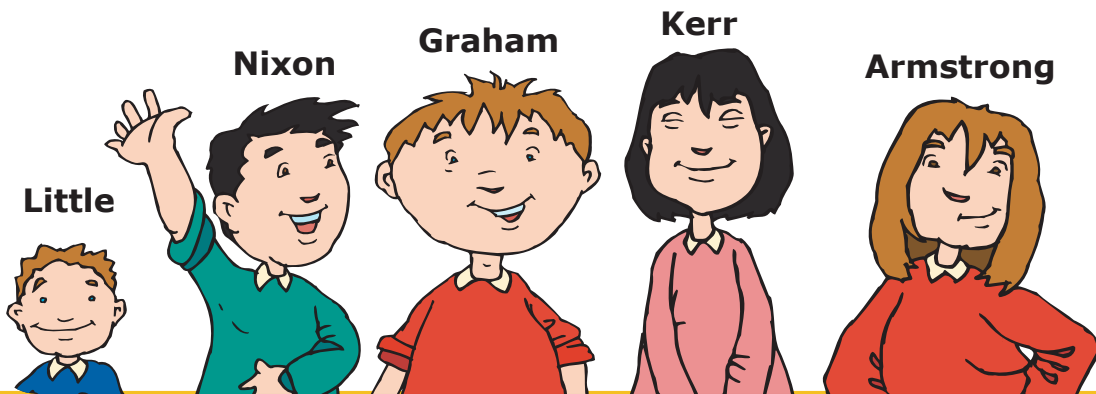


A large, empty white rectangular area intended for drawing a family tree.

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Now that you have seen how Andrew completed his surname project, perhaps you could do the same.

Choose a Scottish surname or your own.



If you wish you could use the guidance Mr White gave Andrew. Don't be afraid to add more points. Make your work colourful and interesting. Draw and download pictures from the Internet.

Here are some useful sites to get you started:

[www.county-surnames.co.uk](http://www.county-surnames.co.uk)

[www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com)

[www.scotsmart.com](http://www.scotsmart.com)

[www.ancestryireland.co.uk/](http://www.ancestryireland.co.uk/)

You may prefer to try a search engine:

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

[www.askjeeves.com](http://www.askjeeves.com)

For example if you were looking for information about a particular surname you might type the following into the search engine :

Information on the surname Armstrong



Don't forget that often the best place to get information is from your own older relatives

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Colour in the correct box beside these surnames



	Ulster and Northern England	Southern England and Wales
Nelson		
Kitson		
Wilks		
Patterson		
Henderson		
Watts		

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Fill in the boxes, using the names at the bottom of the page, so that each line makes sense.



- a) Robert's son      Rob's son
- b) Walter's son            Watson
- c)       Jeff's son      Jefferson
- d) Dennis's son            Dennison
- e) Henry's son      Hen's son

**Wat's son      Henderson      Robson**  
**Jeffrey's son      Denni's son**

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Look up these Bible verses to work out each Ulster-Scots surname that ends in 'son'. The number of letters you need is given to help you and the first one is done for you as an example



	Bible name	Ulster-Scots name
John 20 verse 29	_____	Thompson (8)
Luke 22 verse 61	_____	-----son (8)
1 Samuel 17 verse 20	_____	-----son (8)
1 Corinthians 15 verse 7	_____	-----son (7)
Acts 7 verse 59	_____	-----son (9)

Watch out - the Bible verses are just clues!

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Each of these surnames can be written or spelt in two or more ways. Find out another way for each of these. The first is done for you.

a) Mackenzie.....

McKenzie

b) Macartney.....

\_\_\_\_\_

c) Mackay.....

\_\_\_\_\_

d) Maclean.....

\_\_\_\_\_

e) MacFarlane.....

\_\_\_\_\_

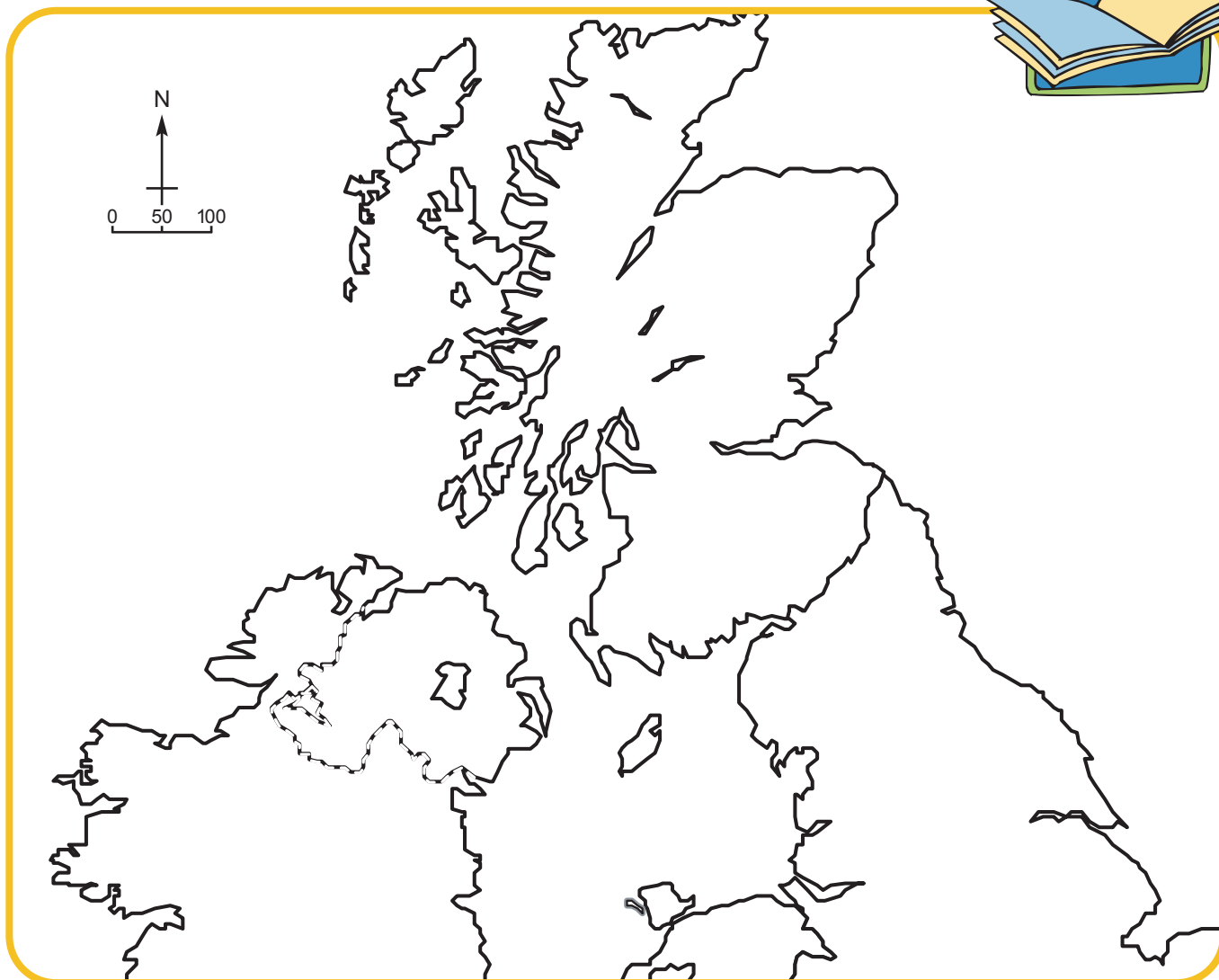
f) Magilligan.....

\_\_\_\_\_



# Where did the **Mc surnames begin?**

You will need: an atlas or map of Scotland a blank map



**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**28**

To find the answer to this question follow these instructions



- ✓ Shade in the whole of Ireland, including Ulster.
- ✓ Find on your map these two Scottish towns
  - Helensburgh
  - Stonehaven.
- ✓ Now draw a line joining up the two towns.
- ✓ Use the same colour and shade in the part of Scotland above (north) the line.
- ✓ Give your map a title and a key.