

Una leyenda

El Pasado Simple es el tiempo característico de las narraciones, es decir, es el tiempo que utilizamos cuando contamos una historia pasada.

Ahora vas a leer una famosa leyenda irlandesa.

Giants Causeway.



Al ver el paisaje de la *Calzada de los Gigantes* parece algo tan artificial, que uno enseguida piensa que son las ruinas antiguas de alguna civilización; sin embargo es un fenómeno natural y se encuentra en el norte de la isla de Irlanda. Sobre ella flota una leyenda que relata su construcción y posterior destrucción a cargo de unos gigantes. Con la lectura de este texto tendrás nuevamente oportunidad de ver **las expresiones de tiempo y los tiempos verbales** que hemos aprendido en esta unidad.

Many centuries ago there was in Ireland a giant¹ called Finn MacCool. He wasn't a very big giant, but he was very intelligent. Across² the sea, in Scotland, there was another giant called³ Benandonner. He was an enormous giant, but not very intelligent.

Benandonner was very arrogant; he said that he was the strongest⁴ giant in the world.

One day Finn said:

–“You, Benandonner. You're not very big! You're not very strong!”

–“Yes, I am! Yes, I am!” Benandonner said.

Finn invited Benandonner to Ireland for a competition: The world's strongest Giant!

Benandonner said: “Finn, I can't cross⁵ the sea!”

Finn replied: “Don't worry I am building a causeway⁶ to cross the sea.”

After two years of great work, Finn finally finished the causeway, and Benandonner crossed the sea between⁷ Ireland and Scotland.

When Finn saw Benandonner he thought :“he is very, very big and very, very strong, I have to do something.”

He decided to put on⁸ a pyjama and get into a cradle⁹.

Benandonner arrived at Finn's house.

–“Where are you, Finn!! Where are you!!” he shouted¹⁰.



–“Finn is not here; he went to see some friends; and be quiet¹¹, my baby is sleeping” Finn's wife said.

–“What baby?” asked Benandonner.

–“Our small baby; he is in the cradle” said Finn's wife.

When Benandonner went inside¹² the room and saw the "giant baby", he was surprised.

–That's Finn's baby!!

–Yes, that's our small baby.



Benandonner thought: "if this is the baby, the father must be¹³ very, very big and very, very strong."

He ran back to Scotland and he destroyed¹⁴ the causeway.

Glossary.-

¹giant = gigante

²across = al otro lado de

³called = llamado

⁴the strongest = el más fuerte

⁵cross = cruzar

⁶causeway = calzada

⁷between = entre

⁸put on = ponerse

⁹cradle = cuna

¹⁰shout = gritar

¹¹be quiet = callarse

¹²inside = dentro

¹³must be = tiene que ser

¹⁴destroy = destruir

Autoevaluación:

Contesta a estas preguntas sobre el texto:

Who were Finn and Benandonner?

*****They were giants.***

They were soldiers.

They were kings.

Where did they live?

They lived in Scotland

They lived in Ireland

*****Finn lived in Ireland and Benandonner in Scotland***

What was the name of the contest?

*****The world's strongest Giant***

The building of the Causeway

Who built the Causeway?

Benandonner

*****Finn***

Both

Who destroyed the Causeway?

*****Benandonner***

Finn

The sea

Was there a real baby in Finn's house?

Yes, there was.

*****No, there wasn't.***