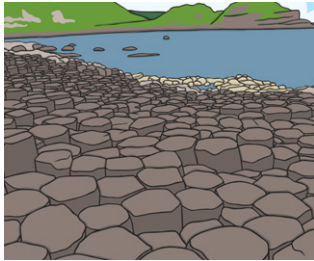


The Legend of Finn McCool

The Irish legend of Finn McCool was first written down in the 1840s. The story is about two giants who do not like each other.

Irish folk tales say that the Giant's Causeway was created by giants moving these huge rocks, these giants were Finn McCool and Benandonner. Finn walked across the causeway he had made to Scotland. He went to fight Benandonner but when he saw him, he was scared he would lose and went back home.

Benandonner then came to Finn's house to battle him but Finn's wife had a clever plan. She dressed Finn up as a baby and put him into their son's cot. When he saw the huge baby, Benandonner was very scared. He didn't want to meet the huge baby's father who had to be even bigger than he was. Benandonner left and never bothered Finn McCool again.



Did You Know...?

The Giant's Causeway is found in the north-east coast of Northern Ireland in Bushmills.

Scientists now know, the Giant's Causeway was created when lava poured out of the earth and cooled into different rock shapes. Rocks in the shape of hexagons can be seen there today.



The Legend of Finn McCool Questions

1. 1. What is the story of Finn McCool about? Tick one.
 - ☐ one giant
 - ☐ two giants
 - ☐ three giants
2. 2. When was the story of Finn McCool first written down? Tick one
 - ☐ 1940s
 - ☐ 1840s
 - ☐ 1740s
3. 3. Where is the Giant's Causeway found? Tick one.
 - ☐ Belfast
 - ☐ Bushmills
 - ☐ Scotland
4. 4. What shape are some of the rocks found at the Giant's Causeway?
 - ☐ square
 - ☐ triangle
 - ☐ hexagon
5. 5. What did Finn McCool dress up as to hide from the other giant?
 - ☐ baby
 - ☐ another giant
 - ☐ dog