

Let's Correct!

- ▶ **1 Describe the ring. Guess what each element of the ring represents.**
- ▶ We can see 3 parts: a heart, a crown with two hands around it.
- ▶ The heart may stand for love / friendship / life / health, the crown for loyalty / royalty / high rank, the hands for sharing / friendship / generosity / work.
- ▶ The coat of arms gives the characteristics of the county.
- ▶ **2 PAIR WORK Find out what the Claddagh ring symbolises and its origins using the two different documents (the text and the recording). Then share your findings with your partner.**
- ▶ The legend says that pirates took Irishmen from a small village and sold them into slavery. One of the Irishmen, named Richard Joyce, was going to get married when he was captured and sold. As he worked for a goldsmith, he crafted a ring for his true love. When he was freed and came back to Ireland, he gave the ring to his lover in the village of Claddagh and married her. Later, the ring was named Claddagh after the name of the village.

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- ▶ **3. Explain in a short paragraph why offering a Claddagh ring on Valentine's day is symbolic.**
- ▶ Valentine's day has become a symbol of love. In the same way the Claddagh has become a symbol of loyalty or love, and many Irish people wear it as a token of friendship. It is a nice present which tells a story.