

Patrick O’Grady is an Irishman. He lives in Athlone. He usually goes fishing on the river Shannon. He never goes on the river when it’s raining. His friends always say: *Fish bite when it rains*. It often rains in Ireland but Patrick doesn’t like bad weather.



In July Patrick goes to Spain on a fishing trip. He flies to Tarragona. He hires a car at the airport. He drives about 50 kilometres to a Riverside Fishing Resort on the river Ebro. It’s very hot there. Patrick goes fishing in the morning. But he doesn’t catch a lot of fish. At noon he has his siesta. In the evening he usually enjoys a fine meal and then goes to the bar. He talks with some English people. They always talk about fishing.

usually: normally
to bite: sink your teeth into
trip: journey
to hire: rent
to enjoy: like
guide: leader
spot: place, location
to leave: go away
trail: path
path: track
to point at: aim at
opportunity: chance
outstanding: wonderful



Patrick wants to learn Spanish. He hires a Spanish guide to help him find the best fishing spots. The guide’s name is Pablo.

He asks Pablo to speak to him in Spanish. He also asks him to correct any of his mistakes.

Today they leave the hotel at five o’clock in the morning. They walk for one hour on a trail along the river. Suddenly a very large, purple and blue fly crosses their path. Patrick points at the insect with his fishing rod, and says, “Mira el mosca!”



This is a nice teaching opportunity for Pablo. He replies, “No, señor, *la mosca ... es femenina*.”

The Irishman looks at him, then at the fly. He says, “Good heavens... you must have an outstanding good eyesight.”

Odd one out:

Shannon	Thames	Moon	Danube
river	stream	rock	canal
midnight	July	noon	evening
opportunity	guide	leader	scout
purple	orange	pink	bright
outstanding	awful	excellent	great
trail	track	spot	path
catch	enjoy	grab	take
siesta	nap	rest	fight
food	meal	lunch	stone
sight	view	cross	vision