



# Secret messages



Saint Patrick is trying to remove the snakes from Ireland. He communicates using secret messages so the snakes cannot read what he says. Saint Patrick wants to send his helper Colm the following message:

**ARETHERESTILLSNAKES?**

A	R	E	T
H	E	R	E
S	T	I	L
L	S	N	A
K	E	S	?



He writes each character in a 4 column grid from left to right and row by row starting from the top. The result is shown in the picture above.

Then he creates the secret message by reading the characters from top to bottom and column by column starting from the left:

**AHSLKRETSEERINSTELA?**

Colm then uses the same method to reply to Saint Patrick. The secret message Colm sends him is:

**INAIBFDKNLOSEDIUNSUN**

## QUESTION

**What message did Colm send?**

- A. THEREARENOSNAKESNOW
- B. ONEWASFOUNDINDUBLIN
- C. IHEARLOTSAREINDUBLIN
- D. IFOUNDSTHATAREINDUBLIN

