The many legends that swirl around banshees add to their mystery. Do banshees really exist? Some people firmly believe they do, while others are not so sure.

In 1976 the Irish Folklore Department at the University of Dublin sent out a questionnaire about banshees to many Irish residents. The purpose of the questionnaire was to find out what the Irish people believed a banshee was, where the legend began, and how many people believed banshees were real.

The questionnaire contained 24 questions about everything from how a banshee looked, to how she sounded, to what happened to people if they insulted...