

Saint Patrick's DAY ACTIVITIES



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Read the text and answer the questions:

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17th. It is a national holiday in Ireland and is also popular in many other countries. This day honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who lived in the 5th century. He was born in Britain but was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. After escaping, he became a Christian missionary and returned to Ireland to spread Christianity. According to legend, he used a shamrock (a small three-leaf plant) to explain the Holy Trinity. Some stories also say he drove all the snakes out of Ireland, but this is only a legend.

One of the most famous traditions of Saint Patrick's Day is wearing green. People believe that green brings good luck and is connected to Irish culture. If you don't wear green, some people might playfully pinch you! In many cities, there are big parades with music, dancing, and traditional Irish costumes. The biggest parades happen in Dublin, New York, and Chicago. In Chicago, the river is dyed green for the occasion!

Many people celebrate by eating traditional Irish food, such as corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, and soda bread. Some also drink Irish beer or whiskey. Another tradition is listening to Irish folk music, watching Irish dancing, and enjoying a lively atmosphere in Irish pubs.

Although Saint Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday, it is enjoyed by people all over the world. Many cities, especially in the United States, Canada, and Australia, organize festivals and events. Even people who are not Irish love to celebrate by joining parades, dressing in green, and having fun with family and friends!





1 When is Saint Patrick's Day celebrated?

2 What did Saint Patrick use the shamrock for?

3 What color do people wear on Saint Patrick's Day? Why?



3 Name two traditional Irish foods eaten on Saint Patrick's Day.

4 Name two countries (besides Ireland) where Saint Patrick's Day is widely celebrated.



Complete the paragraph below with the missing words:

luck, green, pots, creatures, celebrations, rainbow, forests, trick, mischievous, three

Leprechauns are small, magical (1) from Irish folklore. They are usually described as little men who wear (2) coats and hats. According to the stories, leprechauns live in (3), caves, or hidden places, and they are known for being very tricky and (4). Leprechauns are also famous for their (5) of gold. It is said that they hide their treasure at the end of a (6). Many people believe that if you catch a leprechaun, he will give you (7) wishes to be released. However, leprechauns are very clever, and they often (8) people to escape. In Ireland, leprechauns are often linked to St. Patrick's Day (9). They are symbols of (10), and people sometimes wear green clothes or accessories to avoid being "pinched" by others. Today, leprechauns are popular in stories, movies, and even in the world of lucky charms.





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Answers B1

TEXT 1

1. March 17th
2. To explain the Holy Trinity
3. Green, because it is a symbol of Irish culture and good luck
4. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, soda bread
5. The United States, Canada, Australia

TEXT 2

1. creatures
2. green
3. forests
4. mischievous
5. pots
6. rainbow
7. three
8. trick
9. celebrations
10. luck





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