

## St. Patrick's Day (worksheet)

### Activity 1

Look at the pictures. What country is it?



Look at the sayings. What holiday are they associated with?



## Activity 2

### Read the statements. Are they true or false?

- 1) The day of St. Patrick's day is different every year.
- 2) St. Patrick was from Ireland.
- 3) St. Patrick was is the patron saint of Ireland.
- 4) Patrick used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.
- 5) The largest and longest St. Patrick's Day Parade is in Dublin.

### Watch the video and check your guesses.



### Watch the video again and complete the gaps.

- 1) When Patrick was 16 he was kidnapped by \_\_\_\_\_ pirates.
- 2) He was imprisoned for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 3) Patrick died on \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4) As one famous myth says, Patrick drove all the \_\_\_\_\_ from Ireland.
- 5) The \_\_\_\_\_ water is the real reason why snakes do not exist in Ireland.
- 6) According to the video the tradition of wearing shamrocks later grew into wearing \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.
- 7) The tradition of parades started in \_\_\_\_\_ after Great Potato \_\_\_\_\_ in Ireland in the 1840s.
- 8) In 1762 the 1<sup>st</sup> St. Patrick's Day parade in New York happened when a group of \_\_\_\_\_ marched a few blocks to a tavern.

### Activity 3

How many symbols of St. Patrick's can you name?

Read the riddles and try to guess the symbol.

- 1) What type of bow cannot be tied?
- 2) I'm a little man dressed in green, the funniest creature, you've ever seen. If you ever catch me, so it's told, I'll give you my treasure.
- 3) Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day? Because they are \_\_\_\_.
- 4) If you can ever reach the end of a big colorful rainbow. You should find something valuable of which little creatures with ginger beard won't let go.



- 5) What kind of music does a \_\_\_\_\_ band play?
- 6) What type of boots horses prefer most of all?
- 7) What brings that rhymes with puck.
- 8) It causes pain and rhymes with inch.

### Activity 4

What brings good or bad luck?

Look at the pictures. How can it bring you good luck?



1.



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Read and check your guesses.

## Blarney Stone

The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. It is said to have magical powers. The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman **cast a spell** on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and **convincingly**. When he kissed the stone he would be able to charm people with his words. Tradition says that if you pay a visit to Blarney Castle in County Cork and kiss the Blarney Stone, you'll receive the gift of eloquence and powers of **persuasion**. So Kissing it today will bring you luck. Kissing someone who is Irish is pretty much the next best thing to kissing the stone in Blarney Castle, which is likely where this famous saying comes from.

## Leprechauns

Leprechaun is an Irish fairy who looks like a small, old man about 2 feet tall. He is often dressed like a shoemaker, with a crooked hat and a leather apron. According to legend, leprechauns are **aloof** and unfriendly. They live alone, and pass the time making shoes. Leprechauns are actually one reason you're supposed to wear green on St. Patrick's Day—or risk getting **pinched!** The tradition is tied to folklore that says wearing green makes you **invisible** to leprechauns, which like to pinch anyone they can see. Some people also think sporting the color will bring good luck, and others wear it to honor their Irish ancestry. No wonder green decorations can be seen all over—the Chicago River in Illinois is even dyed green each year to celebrate the holiday.

They also have a hidden pot of gold! Treasure hunters can often track down a leprechaun by the sound of his shoemaker's hammer. Catch a leprechaun and he'll probably tell you where his treasure is in exchange for his freedom. Take your eyes off that little guy for even a split second and he will **vanish**. If you capture one of these at the end of a rainbow. He will grant you three wishes if you will then let him go.



Look at the **highlighted** words in the text. Match them with their definitions.

1. to cast a spell		a) the action of making someone do or believe something
2. convincing		b) to disappear or stop being present or existing
3. persuasion		c) to press something, especially someone's skin, strongly between two hard things such as a finger and a thumb
4. aloof		d) to use words thought to be magic
5. to pinch		e) not friendly or willing to take part in things
6. invisible		f) impossible to see
7. to vanish		g) able to make you believe that something is true or right.

### Activity

Discuss the questions with your partner.

1. If you were invisible, what would you do?
2. If you were a witch, what spell would you cast?
3. Would you like to get the power of persuasion? Why (not)?
4. Would you try to catch a leprechaun? What wishes would you ask?
5. Imagine you've found a pot of gold. What would you do with your treasure? (Save it? Spend it? Give it away?)
6. Where would you like to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Why? What would you do?
7. Would you take part in the parade? Why (not)?

