

Saint Patrick's Day, Pre-intermediate - Intermediate (worksheet)

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Discuss the questions:

- 1) When is St. Patrick's Day?**
- 2) What do you know about St. Patrick's Day?**
- 3) What color do you wear on St. Patrick's Day?**
- 4) What countries celebrate St. Patrick's Day?**
- 5) What is a shamrock? What is a leprechaun?**

Task 2

Picture Matching Quiz

1) What do you associate with St. Patrick's Day?
2) Match the pictures and words:

1) 	2) 	3) 
4) 	5) 	6) 

- a) harp
- b) shamrock
- c) saint
- d) emerald
- e) leprechaun
- f) rainbow

Task 3

Why St Patrick's Day went global

1) Discuss the questions:

- A. Why did St. Patrick's Day became so popular around the world?
- B. How many people claim Irish heritage or ancestry worldwide?
- C. Where did the traditions to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with parade start?

2) Watch **the video** and check your guesses.

3) Watch **the video** again and complete the gaps.

- A) Statrick's Day is celebrated on March ____th.
- B) There are approximately ____ million people on Earth with Irish blood.
- C) A ____ of the population left the country during the Great Irish Famine.
- D) In ____ Irish soldiers began the tradition of St. Patrick's Day parades.
- E) There are approximately ____ Irish pubs around the world.

Task 4

Word formation

Let's learn more about the history of the holiday.

Complete the gaps using the proper lexical forms of the words on the right.

<p>Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, St. Patrick was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but then returned to convert the Irish to _____. He had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him — for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious _____ and feasts.</p> <p>St Patrick's Day is now celebrated in many parts of the world, especially by Irish communities and _____. Parties featuring Irish food and drinks that are _____ in green food color are part of this celebration. Some people plan a pilgrimage to St Patrick's Purgatory, which has been associated with _____ healing since the early 13th century.</p>	<p>Christian</p> <p>serve</p> <p>organize</p> <p>dye</p> <p>spirit</p>
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Task 5

Saint Patrick's Day 2020

Discuss the questions:

- 1) How do people usually celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Dublin?
- 2) What do you think will be different this year? Why?

Read **the article** and find out

Do you think the situation is the same for **London** or **New York**?

Discuss the questions:

- 1) Have you ever celebrated St. Patrick's Day? If yes, what did you do?**
- 2) Do people in your country celebrate this holiday? If not, do you have any holidays similar to St. Patrick's Day in your country?**
- 3) Is there a Saint Patrick's Day parade in your city? Have you ever been to an Saint Patrick's Day parade?**
- 4) What drink is popular on St. Patrick's Day?**
- 5) Do you wear special clothes on St. Patrick's Day in your country?**

Task 6

More questions

- 6) If you had to go to a St. Patrick's Day celebration, what would you wear?**
- 7) In what country would you like to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?**
- 8) What do you know about Ireland? What musical instrument is on the Irish flag?**
- 9) Have you ever been to Ireland? If yes, how was it? If not, do you want to go there? Would you want to visit Ireland for St. Patrick's Day next year?**
- 10) Why don't more countries in the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day, like they do Christmas or Halloween? What holidays are unique to your country?**

Task 2

- 1) d
- 2) b
- 3) f
- 4) c
- 5) a
- 6) e

Task 3

- A) 17
- B) 70
- C) quarter
- D) 1762
- E) 8500

Task 4

- 1) Christianity
- 2) services
- 3) organizations
- 4) dyed
- 5) spiritual