

# Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day during the pandemic

Intermediate level

# Task 1: Warm-up

## Watch the video and answer the questions.

1. What holiday is mentioned in the video? Where is it celebrated? What do you know about that country?
2. What drink is popular on St. Patrick's Day?
3. What do you know about St. Patrick's Day?
4. What color do people wear on St. Patrick's Day?
5. Was the holiday celebrated in 2020?
6. How do you think people can celebrate St. Patrick's day this year?



## Task 2: Quiz time

Let's do the quiz and find out how much you know about St. Patrick's day.



What is the most fascinating thing about the holiday that you didn't know?

# Task 3: St. Patrick's day celebration before the pandemic

- a) How do you think the holiday is usually celebrated in Dublin? Watch the [video](#) and check your guesses.
- b) Answer the questions:
1. What do people do on this day?
  2. What is the most visited site in Ireland?
  3. What can you see in Guinness?



# Task 4: St. Patrick's day in 2021

**Because of the pandemic people will not be able to take in part in crowded parades this year. What do you think will be different in 2021? If necessary, google it and fill in the columns with your own ideas.**

<b>St. Patrick's day before the pandemic</b>	<b>St. Patrick's day in 2021</b>

# Task 5: Watching a video

Watch the [video \(till 02:26\)](#).  
What is the theme of this  
year's festival?



## Task 6: Watching the video.

**Watch the video again (till 02:26) and mark the sentences true or false.**

1. Sadly, last year the celebration was cancelled, but this year we are going to host the best parade.
2. From March 12 to 17 you can tune in and experience the real Ireland.
3. St. Patrick's festival TV can be found on <https://www.stpatricksfestival.ie/>.
4. During 3 days and nights, both the locals and the visitors will celebrate their vibrant and contemporary culture and ancient traditions.
5. The theme of this year's Festival is Dúisigh Éire, which means get up Irish people.
6. It is a strong request to all our people to get rid of the dark months and welcome brighter days.

# Task 7: New Vocabulary

**Match the words with the definitions. Use your dictionary, if necessary.**

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. Raucous      | A. To go or travel in a particular direction.                                   |
| 2. Site         | B. Taking in or moving over (or as if over) a wide area.                        |
| 3. To head      | C. To send out a programme on television, radio or the Internet.                |
| 4. Brewery      | D. to watch or listen to a particular television or radio programme or station. |
| 5. Sweeping     | E. A place where something has happened or that is used as tourist attractions. |
| 6. To broadcast | F. To accept something enthusiastically.  |
| 7. To tune in   | G. A plant where beer is brewed by fermentation.                                |
| 8. To embrace   | H. Disturbing the public peace; loud and rough.                                 |



## Task 8: Vocabulary practice

**Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words:** *raucous, site, to head, brewery, sweeping, to broadcast, to tune in, to embrace.*

1. This was a great opportunity that he would definitely \_\_\_\_.
2. The most visited \_\_\_\_ in Dublin is Guinness.
3. Though the party was quite \_\_\_\_, even she enjoyed it greatly.
4. There is a large \_\_\_\_ in the town with the best beer, and extensive market gardens in the neighbourhood.
5. Will the millions of viewers who regularly \_\_\_\_ stay loyal, now that their favourite host is gone?
6. St. Patrick's festival will be \_\_\_\_ from March 12th to 17th on St. Patrick's festival TV.
7. In the highest bar in Dublin, you can enjoy \_\_\_\_ 360-degree views.
8. I think we ought to \_\_\_\_ back now before it gets too dark.

# Task 9

Work in pairs. Look through the events that are taking place on St. Patrick's day in 2021. Choose the ones that you like most (2-3 events) and will participate in. Explain your choice. Try to persuade your classmate to join you.



# Task 10: Freer speaking

## **Discuss the questions in pairs.**

**Words to use:** *raucous, site, to head, brewery, sweeping, to broadcast, to tune in, to embrace.*

1. If you had a chance to go to St. Patrick's day celebration next year, what would you wear and what *sites* would you visit?
2. Are you going to *tune in* and watch the festival of St. Patrick online? Why yes/no?
3. What's your attitude towards *raucous* celebrations? Do you enjoy them?
4. Is there any holiday in your country that is usually celebrated in a *brewery*? If no, do you know any other country that has this tradition?
5. How differently are holidays celebrated in your country after the pandemic? Are they usually *broadcast*?
6. Will you ever *head* to a foreign country to take part in a famous festival? Why?

# Keys

## Task 3

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1. The locals head downtown for the parade. Local police and community groups march. There is also music and dancing.
2. Guinness is the most visited site in Ireland, where local families and visitors head to.
3. Live music, Irish stepdancers and Gravity bar - the highest bar in Dublin.

## Task 4

Possible answers.

St. Patrick's day before the pandemic: parade, live music, gathering with friends, crowds in the streets.

St. Patrick's day in 2021: gathering with family members, watching festivals online, wearing green face masks.

## Task 5

The theme of this year's Festival is Dúisigh Éire! Awaken Ireland!

## Task 6

1. False. While sadly we cannot gather on the streets of Ireland for St. Patrick's day this year, all across the nation are working safely to create for you a very special online St. Patrick's festival.
2. True.
3. True.
4. False. During 6 virtual days and nights people will celebrate their vibrant and contemporary culture and ancient traditions.
5. False. The theme of this year's Festival is Dúisigh Éire! Awaken Ireland!
6. True.

## Task 7

- 1 - H
- 2 - E
- 3 - A
- 4 - G
- 5 - B
- 6 - C
- 7 - D
- 8 - F

## Task 8

- 1 - embrace
- 2 - site
- 3 - raucous
- 4 - brewery
- 5 - tune in
- 6 - broadcast
- 7 - sweeping
- 8 - head