

Saint Patrick's Day (exercises)

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Task 1

Match the pictures with the phrases. What do these symbols stand for?

- A. Parade
- B. Gold
- C. Shamrock
- D. The flag of Ireland



Task 2

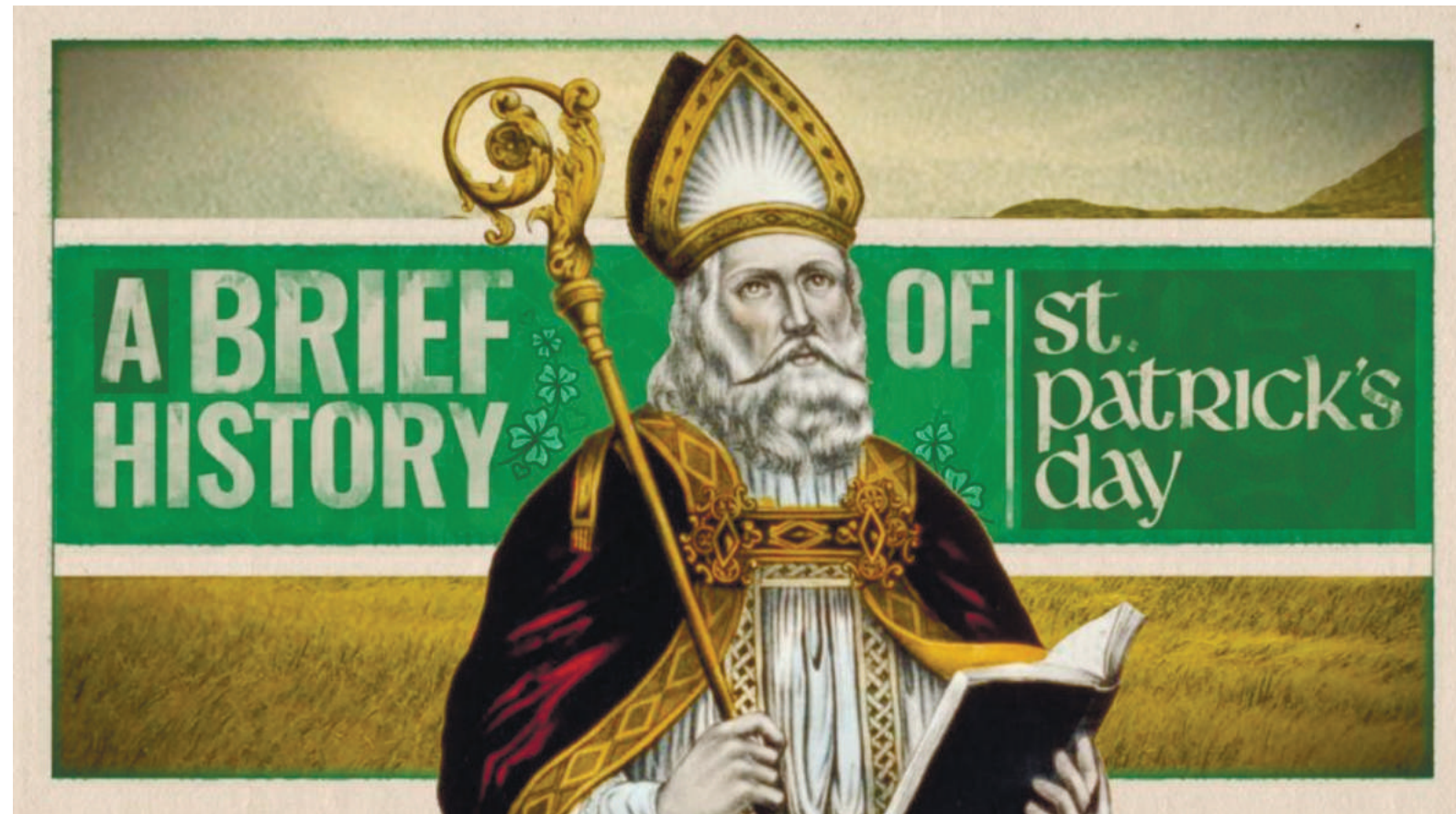
Answer the questions:



1. What do you know about St. Patrick's day?
2. When do people celebrate it?

Task 3

Read the text and mark the sentences true/false/not mentioned.



1. Christianity was spread in Ireland due to St. Patrick.
2. The religion in Ireland before Christianity was paganism.
3. March, 17 was St. Patrick's birthday.
4. Yet in his teens, he was captured by pirates.
5. His parents died, when he was 16 years old.
6. St. Patrick threw snakes away from Ireland.
7. He managed to found many churches in Ireland.
8. The holiday doesn't have any dress code.
9. After slavery in Ireland, he escaped to Rome and became a monk.
10. People dye green one of the lakes in Chicago as part of the celebration.

St. Patrick's Day honours Ireland's patron saint, the beloved religious leader who, in the latter part of the fourth century, brought Christianity to a **pagan** nation. Americans of Irish **descent** celebrate the anniversary of his death on March 17.

Strangely enough, the patron saint of Ireland was not Irish either by birth or heritage. Born in what is now Scotland or England, he was the son of Roman citizens. When he was 16 years old, he was captured by pirates and brought to Ireland, where he was sold as a slave. He spent six years in slavery in Ireland. During this time, he saw the Irish **worshipping idols** and dreamed of bringing them Christianity. When he escaped, he went to France, where he studied religion and later became a **monk**. He eventually returned to Ireland, where he **preached** Christianity and established more than 300 churches.

St. Patrick is the favourite saint of the Irish, who tell many stories about his kind deeds and miraculous powers. He is even given credit for driving the snakes out of Ireland!

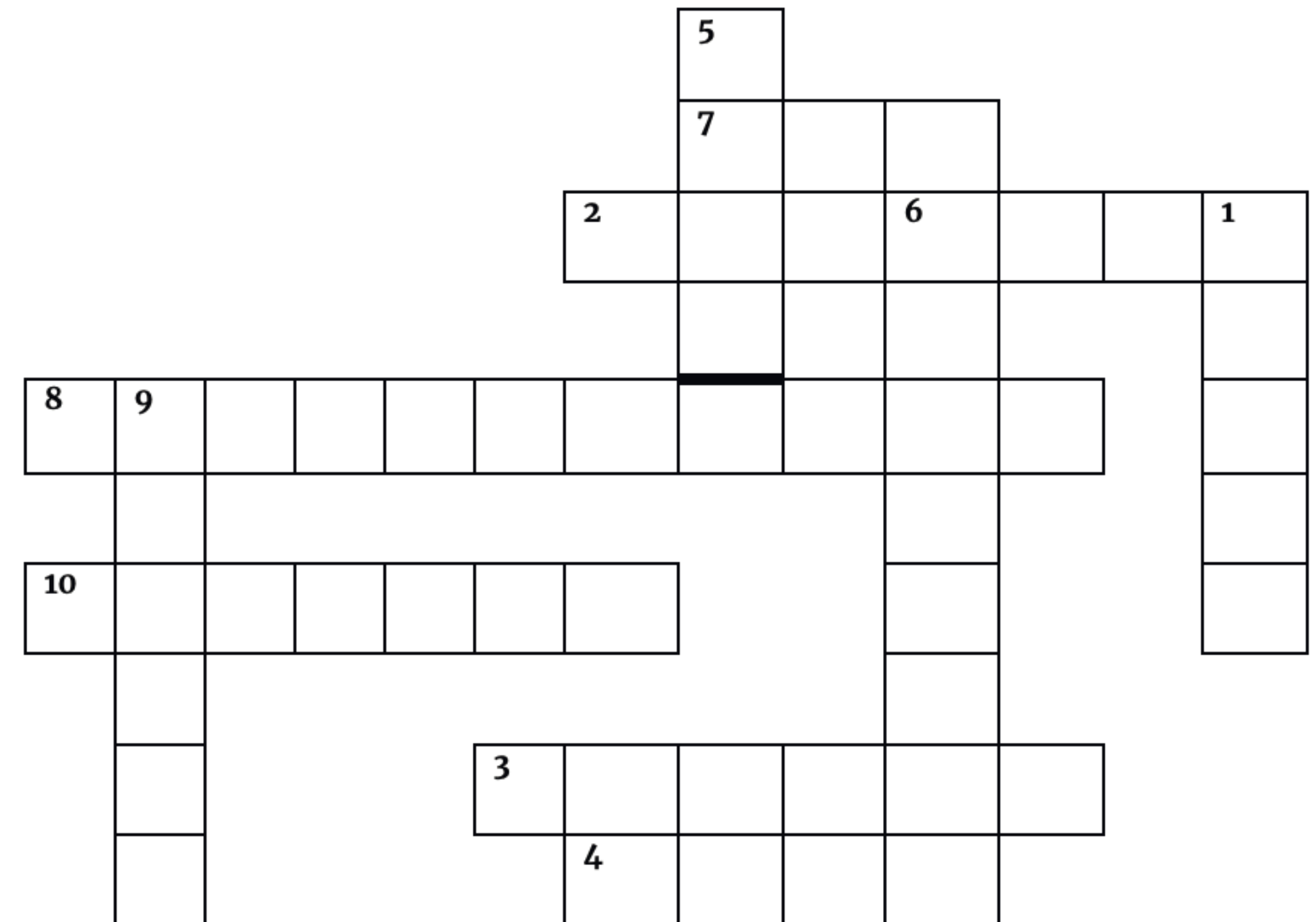
In the United States, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with parades, church services, banquets, and the wearing of the green. St. Patrick used the three-leaf clover (the **shamrock**) to explain the **Trinity**, which refers to the unity of the Father (God), the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost (the Holy Spirit). Today, green cloth shamrocks and green clothing are worn by people of Irish descent on St. Patrick's Day.

In New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Atlanta, there are **spectacular** St. Patrick's Day **parades**. The **marchers** wear native Irish costumes and carry colourful **banners** and flags. Bands play familiar songs about Ireland. Observers crowd the sidewalks to watch the fun and sing or hum along with the marchers. In Chicago, as part of the celebration, the Chicago River is dyed green.

Task 4

Do the crossword.

1. Not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam (down)
2. To show reverence and adoration for (across)
3. To deliver a sermon (across)
4. A male religious living in a cloister and devoting himself to contemplation and prayer and work (across).
5. A picture or object that people pray to as part of their religion (down).
6. a low - growing clover-like plant with three-lobed leaves, used as the national emblem of Ireland (down)
7. to color (across)
8. Extremely good, exciting, or surprising (across)
9. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event (down)
10. The union of the Father and Son and Holy Ghost in one Godhead (across)



Task 5

Watch the video till 3:15 and answer the questions:

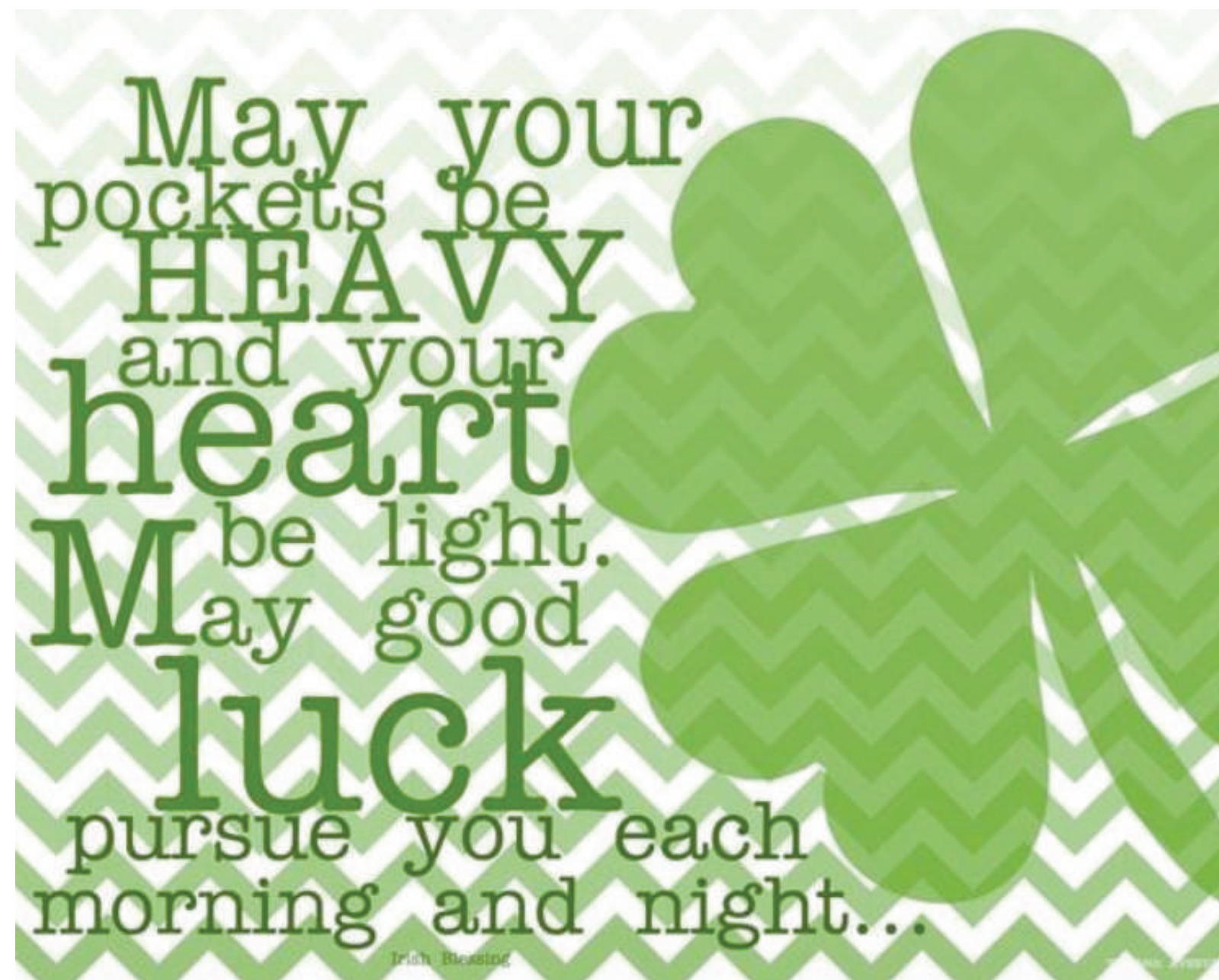
1. What meaning and role does St' Patrick's day have for most of the speakers?
2. Is it more a religious or a commercial holiday?



Task 6

Look at the pictures and choose one blessing that you like most. Discuss your choice with your partners. Why did you choose the very blessing and not the others? Give specific reasons for your decision.

Create your own wishes, use interesting and creative pictures to make a card on St. Patrick's day.



Task 7

Watch the [video](#). What do celebrities wear on St. Patrick's day?

Think about designing your own costume. What accessories would you use?



KEYS:

Task 1

1. - D
2. - C
3. - B
4. - A

The flag is the symbol of Ireland. And the other three - gold, parade and shamrock, are the symbols of St. Patrick's day.

Task 2

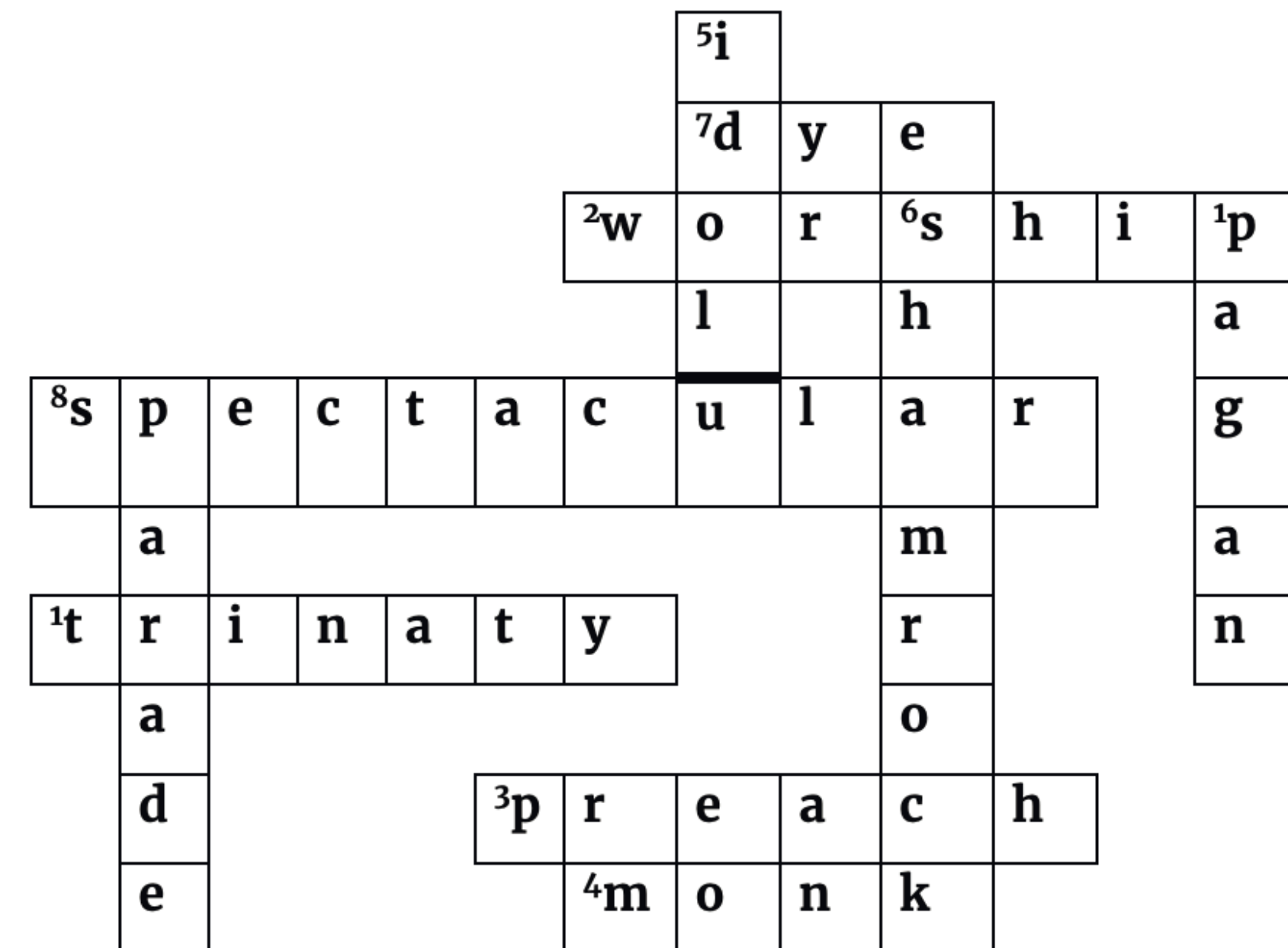
Possible answers:

1. St. Patrick's day is a global celebration of Irish culture. It remembers St. Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century.
2. It is celebrated on March 17.

Task 3

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| 1. - true | 6. - true |
| 2. - true | 7. - true |
| 3. - false | 8. - false |
| 4. - true | 9. - false |
| 5. - not mentioned | 10. - false |

Task 4



Task 5

1. It's a day to have fun, to drink, to go out with friends.
2. Commercial.