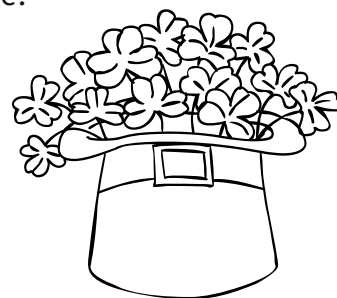


1. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in different places around the world. How much do you know St. Patrick and Irish culture? Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

harp Chicago potatoes Dublin 4.5 Boston pot of gold 70 shamrock 2 orange March

1. The population of the Republic of Ireland is million.
2. There are official languages in the Republic of Ireland.
3. The national flag of the Republic of Ireland is green, white and
4. St. Patrick's Day is on 17th.
5. A traditional St. Patrick's Day meal consists of and cabbage.
6. The first St. Patrick's day parade took place in
7. On St. Patrick's day the river is coloured green in
8. The is a plant that brings luck.
9. The national emblem of Ireland is the
10. is the capital of the Republic of Ireland.
11. Leprechauns are about cm tall.
12. If you catch a leprechaun, he has to show you where he keeps his



2. Read the texts to check your answers to Activity 1.

Ireland

Ireland is an island situated in the north-west of Europe. It is divided into the Republic of Ireland, which people often refer to as Ireland, and Northern Ireland. The population of the Republic of Ireland is 4.5 million. There are two official languages in the Republic of Ireland: English and Irish. The national flag is green, white and orange.

St. Patrick

He is a patron saint of Ireland, but he was born in Britain at the end of the 4th century. When he was young, he was sold as a slave in Ireland. Then he escaped to France where he lived at a monastery. He later returned to Ireland and taught people about Christianity. St. Patrick died on March 17th. The date of his death was chosen for St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day in Ireland

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday. People attend church services and eat a traditional meal of potatoes and cabbage. A four-day long St. Patrick's Day Festival takes place in Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland. There is a parade, music and fireworks.

St. Patrick's Day in the USA

The first St. Patrick's Day parade was organized in Boston, the USA. More than a hundred American cities hold St. Patrick's Day parades. Participants wear green clothes as green is the popular colour of Ireland. Even the river in Chicago is coloured green on St. Patrick's Day.

Irish symbols

The most famous Irish symbol is the shamrock, which is a small plant with three leaves. Irish people believe that it brings good luck. Ireland's national emblem is the harp, which you can see for instance on the Irish euro coin.

Leprechauns

These are little creatures from Irish legends and you can see them on St. Patrick's Day greeting cards. Leprechauns are about 70 cm tall. They are rich and keep their pot of gold in secret places. If you catch a leprechaun, he has to show you where he keeps his gold. However, if you turn your eyes away even for a second, the leprechaun will run away.

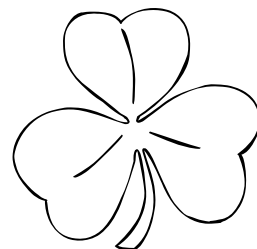
Student's Worksheet 2

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FACTS

Student A

Read the answers about Ireland and St. Patrick's Day. They are based on Activity 2. Write the questions to the answers. Then ask Student B the questions.

1. _____ ?
In the north-west of Europe.
2. _____ ?
At the end of the 4th century.
3. _____ ?
Four days.
4. _____ ?
More than a hundred.
5. _____ ?
The shamrock.
6. _____ ?
In secret places.



Student's Worksheet 3

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FACTS

Student B

Read the answers about Ireland and St. Patrick's Day. They are based on Activity 2. Write the questions to the answers. Then ask Student A the questions.

1. _____ ?
English and Irish
2. _____ ?
About Christianity
3. _____ ?
Because it is the date of his (St. Patrick's) death.
4. _____ ?
A parade, music and fireworks.
5. _____ ?
On the Irish euro coin.
6. _____ ?
The leprechaun will run away.

