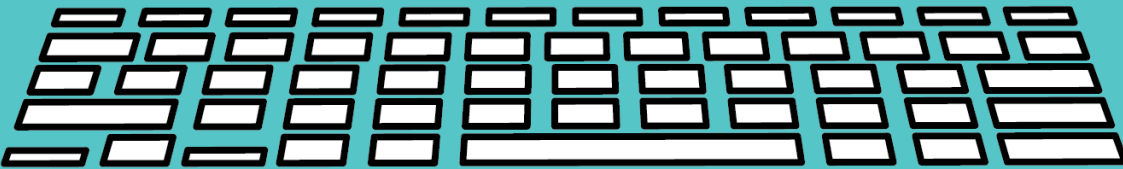


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4. What was St. Patrick's birth name?		12. A ____ person who gives financial support.	
5. What religion did St. Patrick bring to Ireland?		13. Traditionally, you ____ a person who is not ____ing great.	
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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day, a national holiday of Ireland, is celebrated annually on March 17th in countries around the world. Saint Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious celebration. It marks the death date of the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick, a missionary who converted Ireland from paganism to Christianity. It is believed that St. Patrick arrived in Ireland from his hometown of Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, in the late fourth century, brought Christianity to the island of Ireland.

According to Irish legend, he would have been named Maewyn's Day. Maewyn was Patrick's birth name before he adopted the name Patrick after becoming a priest.

It is also believed that St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland. Many historians believe the "snakes" referred to Druids, or Celtic priests. There are no real snakes in Ireland. St. Patrick died on March 17th in 460 AD. March 17th is celebrated as a religious holiday in the Catholic Church. Many non-Irish join in the celebrations.

St. Patrick's Day was named the "Friendliest Day of the Year" in the Guinness Book of World Records. The fountain in front of the White House is often dyed green in honor of the day. A major river in Chicago has also been dyed green to celebrate the holiday.

Irish immigrants began celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Boston in 1737. Legends say finding a four-leaf clover will bring you good luck. The first leaf represents hope, the second symbolizes faith, the third leaf is love and the fourth represents luck.

A leprechaun is a small Irish fairy that makes shoes. He wears green pointed shoes, a hat and a leather apron. Many believe that leprechauns live alone in the forest. Supposedly, they are unfriendly and spend their day guarding their treasures.

Leprechauns store their coins in a pot-of-gold hidden at the end of a rainbow. Many believe that if a person captures a leprechaun but looks away, the leprechaun will disappear and so will his

treasures.

There are more Irish people in the United States than Ireland. As a tradition, many people in the U.S. eat corned beef and cabbage. In Ireland, beef was not easily available therefore it was considered a luxury item.

A traditional Irish meal used to be ham or bacon because it was less expensive. When the Irish immigrants made it to United States, they missed the comforting food of their homeland. Once they reached America, corned beef was a meat that they could get easily and cheaply. Corned beef became the traditional meal of choice for generations of Irish Americans.

Ironically, corned beef and cabbage is not the national dish of Ireland. They do not eat it on St. Patrick's Day in Dublin, Ireland. It's typically only eaten in the United States. People eat all kinds of green foods such as green cookies, green hot dogs, green bread, and green drinks.

Three is a magic number of Ireland and the three petals of a shamrock are thought to bring good luck. The color green represents Ireland, which is also known as "The Emerald Isle."

In Ireland, some people wear a shamrock pin on St. Patrick's Day. Children wear orange, green and white because those are the colors of the Irish flag. A common tradition on St. Patrick's Day is to pin a person who is wearing green. The tradition of pinching is still common in the United States.

There are two common myths about pinching on St. Patrick's Day. The first is that people wearing green would become invisible to leprechauns. If leprechauns would catch a person not wearing green, they would also pinch those who are wearing green to remind them that the leprechauns would be catching them. The second myth is that people who are wearing green will be pinched as a reminder to honor the Emerald Isle.

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