

St. Patrick's Day Special**St. Patrick's Day**

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on the 17th March, the date of his death in the 5th century. It has been a national holiday in Ireland for thousands of years. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and is believed to have brought Christianity to pagan Ireland in the 5th century.



St. Patrick used the three leaves of the Shamrock to explain the holy trinity to the Irish people. Since then the Shamrock has since become one of the symbols of Ireland and also a symbol of good luck.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated all over the world in the UK, USA, Canada and Australia. People dress up in green clothes, drink green drinks and eat bacon and cabbage!

Green Idioms

In this month's lesson we are going to look at some idiomatic expressions using the word "green"!

In the table below match the idiom on the left to the explanation on the right.

Idiom	Explanation
1. to give someone the green light	a. to be very jealous
2. to have a green thumb <i>(US English)</i> to have green fingers <i>(British English)</i>	b. to look very sick
3. to be green with envy	c. to invest more money into something
4. to be green around the gills	d. to give permission to go ahead with a project
5. green-eyed monster	e. a place that is different seems better than where we are now
6. the grass is always greener on the other side	f. to have a talent for making things grow
7. to put more green into something	g. the feeling of being jealous

St. Patrick's Day Vocabulary

Match the words on the left to the definitions on the right:

1. Green	a. An important day of the year, when schools and companies are closed
2. Shamrock	b. An abbreviation for the word saint
3. Parade	c. The patron saint of Ireland
4. Cabbage	d. A green clover with 3 leaves
5. Ireland	e. A procession of people marching
6. Irish	f. The Capital city of Ireland
7. Island	g. Saint Patrick's Day
8. Holiday	h. People who come from Ireland
9. March 17	i. A country in the Atlantic ocean
10. St.	j. A green vegetable
11. Dublin	k. A piece of land surrounded by water

12. Saint Patrick

l. The official colour of Ireland

Answer Key

Idioms

1. d
2. f
3. a
4. b
5. g
6. e
7. c

Vocabulary

1. l
2. d
3. e
4. j
5. i
6. h
7. k
8. a
9. g
10. b
11. f
12. c

Happy St. Patrick's Day
or,
as we say in Ireland...

La Feile Padraig Shona Duit!



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