



# ST PATRICK'S DAY

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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th each year. The holiday originated in Ireland in the 1630s as a feast day celebrating Saint Patrick.

Saint Patrick was a fifth century missionary from Britain who converted many Irish people to Christianity, helping to create churches and schools across Ireland in the process.

Today, Saint Patrick's Day celebrates Irish culture and heritage, with festivities taking place across Ireland and all over the world - wherever people of Irish descent live.

In Dublin, the capital city of Ireland, the celebrations last an entire week. Called the Saint Patrick's Festival, the holiday includes a parade, street theatre and music performances, and a fireworks display.

Boston, New York City and Chicago offer some of the biggest celebrations of Saint Patrick's Day outside of Ireland. In fact, the New York celebration has become the largest Saint Patrick's Day parade in the world.

Since 1962, the city of Chicago has dyed the water of the Chicago River green to mark the holiday! Many famous monuments around the world are lit with green lights on Saint Patrick's Day. In recent years these have included the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Sydney Opera House, Niagara Falls and the London Eye.



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Irish and non-Irish people commonly wear green on Saint Patrick's Day - either an item of green clothing or a shamrock badge. Wearing green is said to make you invisible to leprechauns - the tiny, mischievous fairies of Ireland. It is a Saint Patrick's Day tradition to pinch people who are not wearing green!

The shamrock is the national plant of Ireland and a type of clover. One legend states that Saint Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, with the three leaves acting as a symbol of the three-in-one nature of Christianity's one true God being made up of the Son, the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Four-leaf clovers are extremely rare and many people believe finding a four leaf clover will bring the finder good luck. The four leaves of a lucky clover are said to stand for luck, love, faith and hope.

To celebrate Saint Patrick Day some people dye their food green, eating foods such as green bread, cookies and hot dogs!

## Why green?

Saint Patrick was first associated with blue but thanks to the shamrock's popularity as a national symbol and the green of Ireland's natural landscape, green is now associated with the popular holiday.

Ireland is also known as the Emerald Isle as a result of the lush, green landscape. It is home to grassy hills and lush, leafy trees.

The national flag of Ireland is made up of three equally sized stripes of green, white and orange.



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Leprechauns are tiny, mythical male fairies appearing in traditional Irish stories.

Leprechauns are usually drawn as small bearded men wearing green top hats and suits, although they were traditionally described as wearing red, not green.

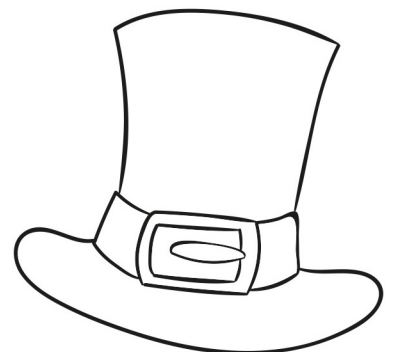
Leprechauns are said to work as shoemakers (also known as cobblers) who hide the gold coins they earn in pots at the end of rainbows.

As well as being kept busy as fairy shoemakers, leprechauns are believed to be excellent musicians who are able to play the Irish harp, tin whistle and fiddle. They are also said to enjoy dancing a jig to traditional Irish music.

Leprechauns are believed to be very cheeky and mischievous, and they cannot at all be trusted.

They are extremely hard to catch, and legend states that those who are lucky enough to catch a leprechaun will be granted three wishes, in exchange for setting the leprechaun free.

Leprechauns became associated with St Patrick's Day celebrations in the late 1900s when Disney released a movie about an old Irish man and his experiences with magical leprechauns.

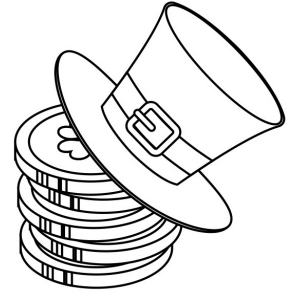




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## *True or False*

Read each statement below and label it as true or false.



Saint Patrick was a Christian missionary.

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The capital city of Ireland is Chicago.

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On Saint Patrick's Day it is a tradition to pinch people who are not wearing green.

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The Irish flag is green, white and orange.

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Four-leaf clovers are believed to bring bad luck.

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Leprechauns wear purple hats and suits.

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Cobbler is another word for shoemaker.

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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Research the meaning of each of the following words and write your own definition for each word.

Leprechaun \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Luck \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Irish \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Saint \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Rainbow \_\_\_\_\_

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Emerald \_\_\_\_\_

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Jig \_\_\_\_\_

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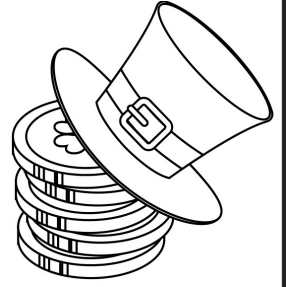
Cobbler \_\_\_\_\_

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## Word Scramble



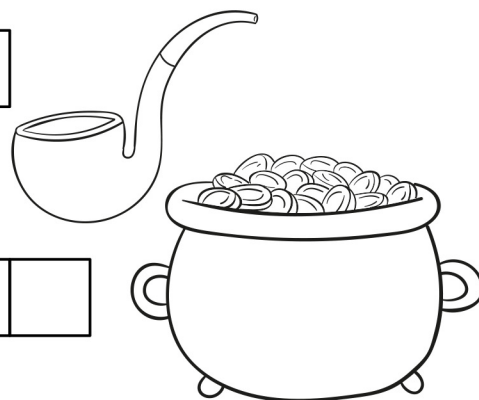
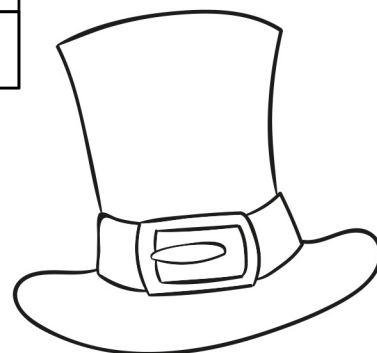
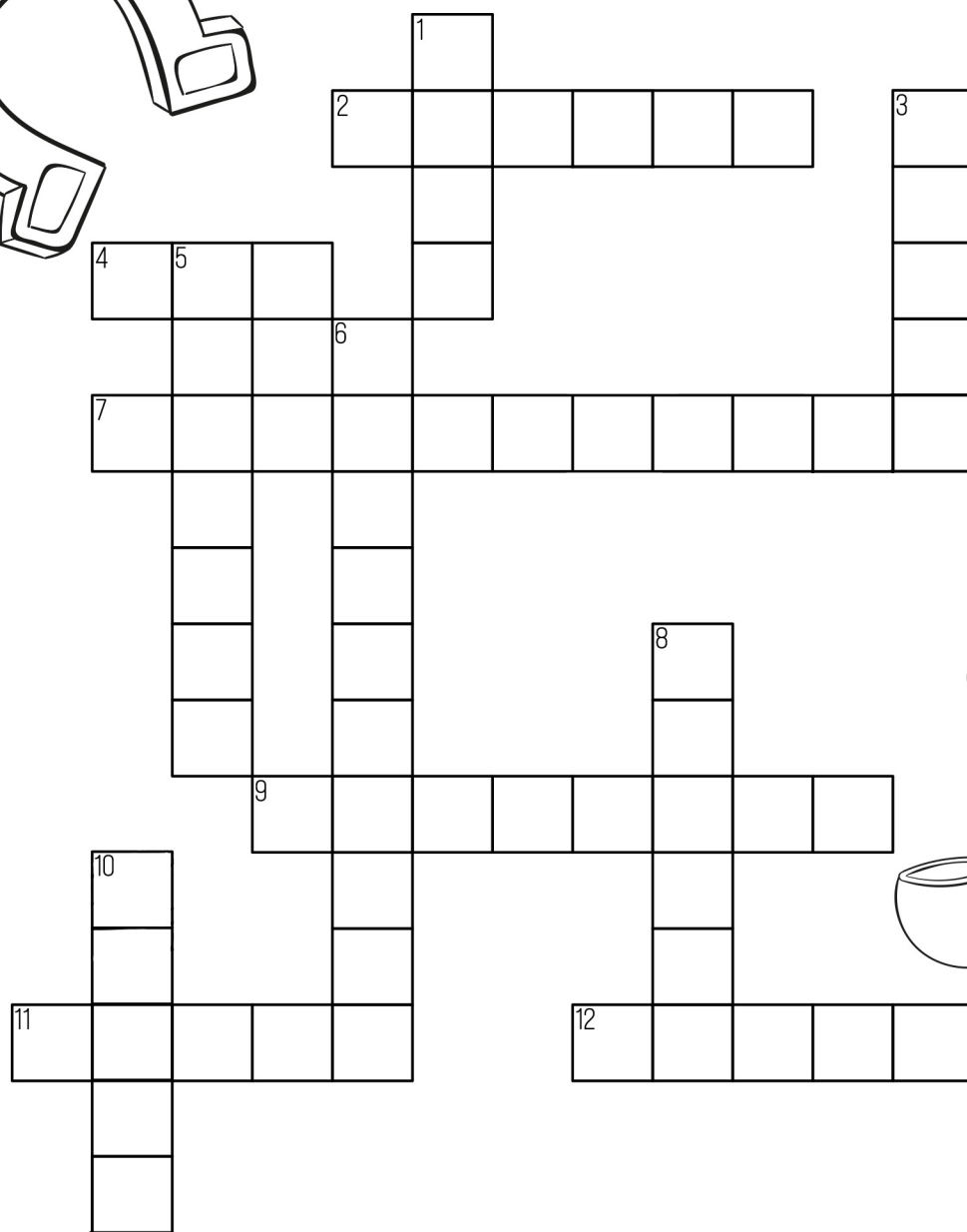
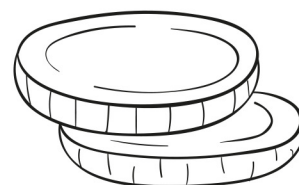
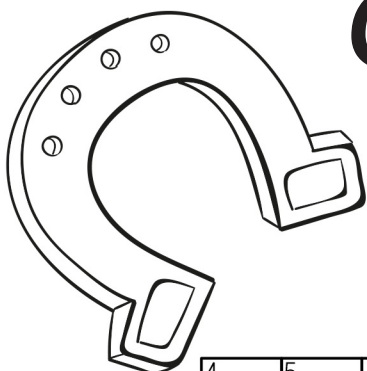
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## Crossword Puzzle



1. Good fortune
2. Capital city of Ireland
3. This will happen if you do not wear green on March 17
4. A type of Irish jig
5. The country called the Emerald Isle
6. An Irish fairy

7. The date St Patrick's Day falls on
8. 4 leaf \_\_\_\_\_
9. The national floral emblem of Ireland
10. The third month of the year
11. Yellow and blue make \_\_\_\_\_
12. From Ireland

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## Word Search

F	A	M	S	H	O	E	M	A	K	E	R	S	R	C	O	K	B	R	F	M	K
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K	M	Z	O	S	A	T	E	P	Y	M	I	S	S	I	O	N	A	R	Y	V	E

Circle or highlight each of the following words as you find it in the word search grid. Words may run across, down and diagonally and may overlap.

CLOVER

FIREWORKS

LEPRECHAUN

PATRICK

COINS

FOOD

LOVE

PINCH

DUBLIN

GOLD

LUCK

RAINBOW

EMERALD

GREEN

MAGIC

SAINT

FAIRIES

HOPE

MARCH

SEVENTEENTH

FAITH

IRELAND

MISSIONARY

SHAMROCK

FESTIVAL

IRISH

MUSIC

SHOEMAKER

FIDDLE

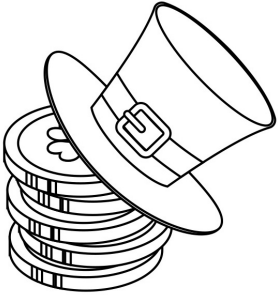
JIG

PARADE

WISHES

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## *Alphabetical Order*



**Write the following words in alphabetical order.**

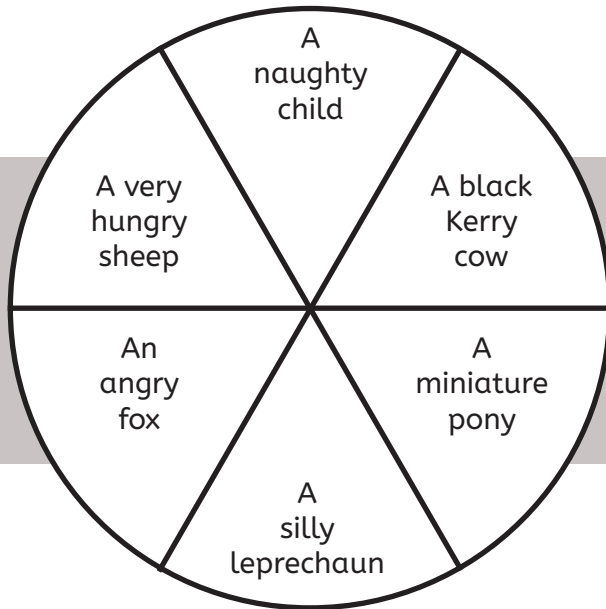
Shamrock	Ireland	Saint	Patrick	Rainbow
Leprechaun	Gold	Festival	Coins	Parade
Green	Parade	Cobbler	Pinch	March

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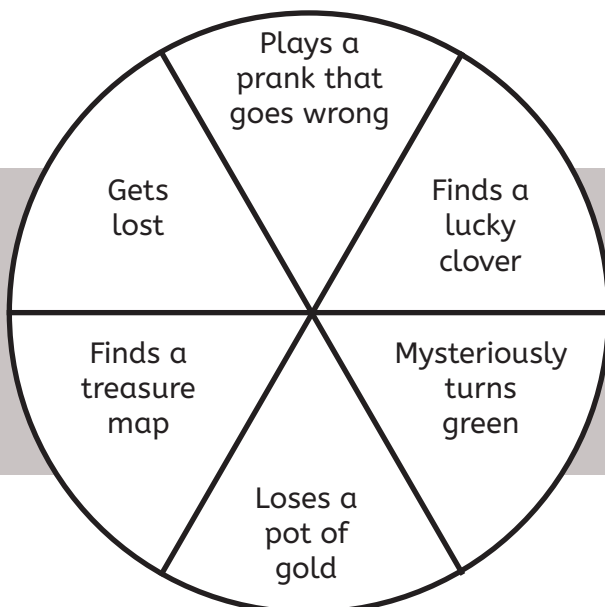
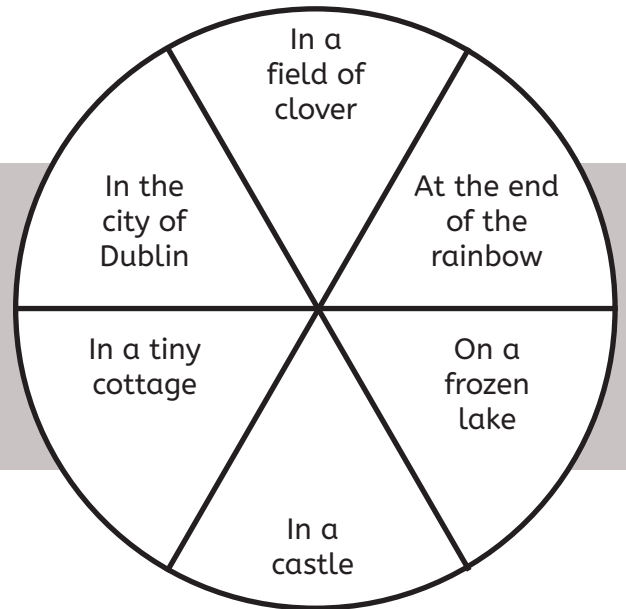
## Spin a Story

Use a paper clip and the tip of your pencil to create a DIY spinner and spin your own story elements. Record each element in the corresponding box and use these to write your own story.



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### PROBLEM

