

Super English



Level 7
St. Patrick's Day

The Boy Who Was Kidnapped

Discuss the words in bold and answer the questions.

St. Patrick, the man behind one of the world's most famous holidays, wasn't actually born in Ireland. He was born in Britain around the late 300s CE. When he was about sixteen, Irish **raiders** attacked his village and **kidnapped** him. Patrick was taken across the sea to Ireland as a slave and forced to work as a shepherd. During these lonely years, he began to **develop deep spiritual faith** and spent long hours praying while watching sheep. After six difficult years, Patrick claimed he **experienced a vision guiding him to escape**, which gave him the courage to flee and return home.

1. How do you think being isolated for years would affect someone's personality?
2. If you were in Patrick's situation, what would help you stay hopeful?



Returning to Ireland

Discuss the words in bold and answer the questions.

1. Why do you think Patrick chose to return to Ireland instead of staying home?
2. Would you travel somewhere dangerous if you believed your mission was important?



After Patrick escaped and returned to Britain, he could have avoided Ireland forever. Instead, he made a surprising decision. He studied **Christianity** and trained to become a missionary, someone who travels to teach religious beliefs. Years later, Patrick returned to Ireland to spread Christianity among the Irish people, even though it was the place where he had once been a prisoner. At that time, many Irish communities practiced Celtic religions and traditions. Patrick's teaching, determination, and ability to communicate with people slowly made him an **influential** religious leader throughout the region.

Why He Became a Saint

Discuss the words in bold and answer the questions.

Today we call him Saint Patrick, but he was never officially declared a **saint** in the modern way by the Catholic Church. Instead, people gradually began **honoring** him because of his work in Ireland. Stories about his kindness, leadership, and teachings spread across the island. Many believed he had performed **miracles** and helped convert thousands of people to Christianity. Over time, he became known as the patron saint of Ireland, meaning a special protector of the country. His story and teachings became an enduring symbol of Irish culture and identity that continues today.



1. What kinds of actions might make someone respected for hundreds of years?
2. Do you think legends help make historical figures more memorable?

Idioms

Match the idioms to their meanings.

- Strike it rich
- The luck of the Irish
- A pot of gold
- Chasing rainbows
- A lucky break
- Worth its weight in gold

1. Being extremely lucky or successful.
2. A situation where someone unexpectedly becomes rich.
3. Something that brings good fortune or luck.
4. To dream about something unrealistic or very unlikely.
5. A very lucky or rare opportunity.
6. Something very valuable or difficult to obtain.

Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

- hybrid
- generosity
- commercial
- sacred
- practical
- faith

1. Something done mainly to make money or sell products.
2. A mix of two different ideas, styles, or traditions combined into one.
3. A strong belief or trust in something, especially without needing proof.
4. Something connected to religion or treated with deep respect.
5. Willingness to give or help others without expecting anything back.
6. Useful, realistic, and focused on what actually works in real life.

Dialogue 1 – Leprechaun Logic



Read the dialogue and answer the question.

Liam: If I catch a leprechaun, he has to give me gold, right?

Maya: Yeah, but they're like professional escape artists.

Liam: I'd just hold onto him and not blink.

Maya: You'd blink. Humans blink.

Liam: Okay... I'd wear sunglasses and stare forever.

Maya: Congratulations, you just lost to a tiny shoemaker.

Discussion: Do you think people would actually try to catch a leprechaun if they were real?

Dialogue 2 – Lucky or Not?



Read the dialogue and answer the question.

Ethan: My sister says wearing green on St. Patrick's Day brings good luck.

Sophie: That's not luck, that's fashion pressure.

Ethan: So if I wear green socks, I'm safe?

Sophie: Only if the luck detector accepts socks.

Ethan: Pretty sure luck doesn't have a dress code.

Sophie: Tell that to every parade ever.

Discussion: Do you think lucky clothes or objects actually work?



The Blarney Stone

Read the text and answer the question.

At Blarney Castle in Ireland, there is a famous stone called the Blarney Stone. According to legend, anyone who kisses the stone will receive the “gift of gab,” which means the ability to speak confidently and persuasively. Every year, thousands of tourists visit the castle and lean backwards over a ledge to kiss the stone. It might sound strange, but many people enjoy participating in traditions like this because it makes them feel connected to history and legend.



Discussion Question: Would you try something unusual like this while traveling? Why or why not?

See you next time!

