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St Patrick's Day MORPHOLOGY VOCABULARY

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Origin of St Patrick's Day

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Fluency tracker

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Comprehension activities

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Answer the comprehension questions based on the story.

Question	Answer
What was St Patrick's original role in Ireland?	
Why are some stories about St Patrick described as legendary or mythical?	
How did St Patrick's Day change as Irish people migrated to other countries?	
What is the symbolic importance of the shamrock in the passage?	
Why does the author suggest that understanding history is important when celebrating the holiday?	

Match the word to its meaning. Use the story to find context clues.

Word	Meaning
missionary	traditional stories and beliefs of a group of people
folklore	representing something else
heritage	an organised group moving forward together
symbolic	traditions and culture
procession	a person sent to spread religious beliefs

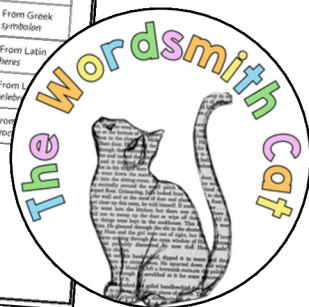
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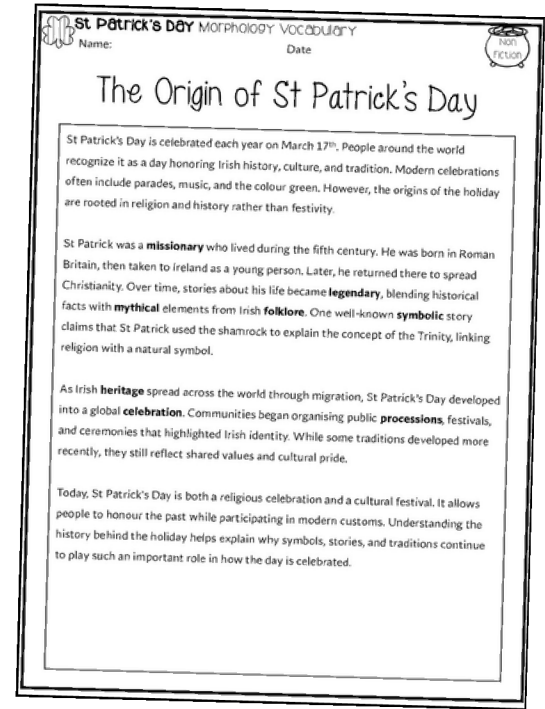
Word List

Word	Morpheme Structure	Root Meaning	Origin
missionary	miss + ion + ary	send	From Latin <i>mittere</i>
legendary	legend + ary	story	From Latin <i>legenda</i>
mythical	myth + ical	story	From Greek <i>mythos</i>
folklore	folk + lore	people + knowledge	From Old English <i>folc</i> and <i>lar</i>
symbolic	symbol + ical	sign	From Greek <i>symbolon</i>
heritage	herit + age	inheritance	From Latin <i>heres</i>
celebration	celebr + ate + ion	honour	From Latin <i>celebrare</i>
procession	pro + cess + ion	go forward	From Latin <i>procedere</i>



Why you'll love it!

- ✓ Fiction & non-fiction reading passages
- ✓ Engaging morphology reading material
- ✓ Fluency passages for older students
- ✓ Unique way to explore etymology



Passage Titles

- The Origins of St Patricks Day
- The Procession Through Emerald Lane
- Symbols and Traditions
- The Ledger Beneath the Clover
- St Patrick's Day Globally
- Diary of a New Beginning
- Why Traditions Matter
- Green Light on the City Bridge
- Past & Present
- What We Carry Forward



Ways to use this product.

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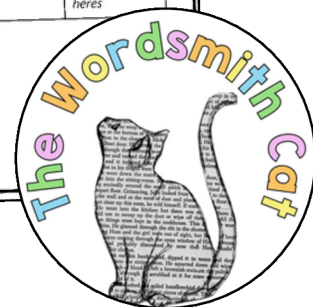
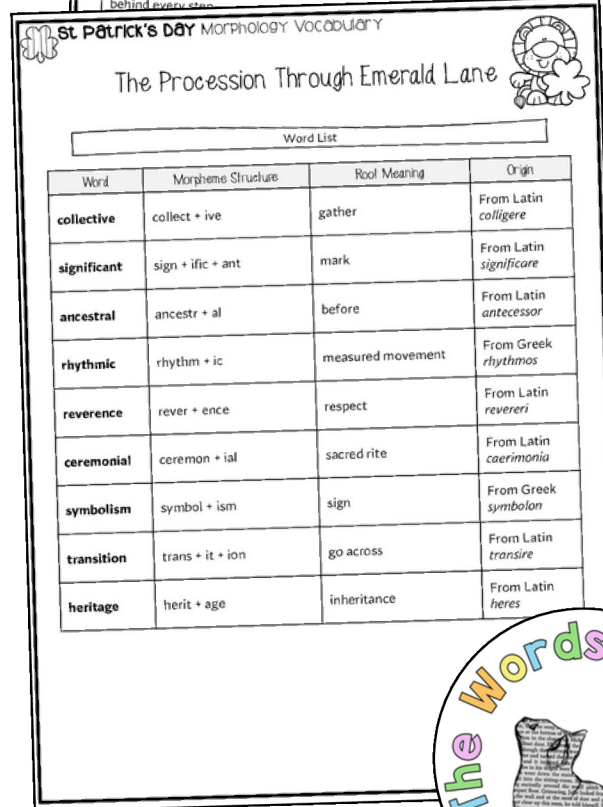
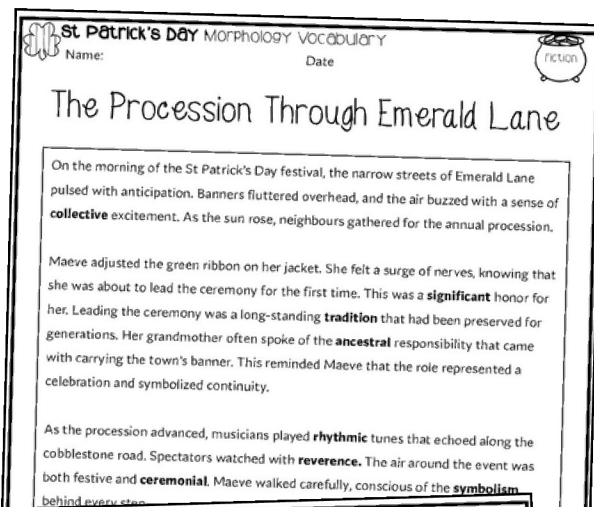
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✓ Small group reading task

✓ Morphology notebook printable

✓ Homework task

✓ Early finisher activity



Teach morphology!

Help students understand word structure.

Boost vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Enhance decoding and word recognition ability.

 **St. Patrick's Day** Morphology Vocabulary



The Procession Through Emerald Lane

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collective	collect + ive	gather	From Latin <i>colligere</i>
significant	sign + ific + ant	mark	From Latin <i>significare</i>
ancestral	ancestr + al	before	From Latin <i>antecessor</i>
rhythmic	rhythm + ic	measured movement	From Greek <i>rhythmos</i>
reverence	rever + ence	respect	From Latin <i>revereri</i>
ceremonial	ceremon + ial	sacred rite	From Latin <i>caerimonia</i>
symbolism	symbol + ism	sign	From Greek <i>symbolon</i>
transition	trans + it + ion	go across	From Latin <i>transire</i>
heritage	herit + age	inheritance	From Latin <i>heres</i>



