

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

READING COMPREHENSION!

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Ireland

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1) Where is Ireland?

- ☐ In Asia ☐ In Africa
☐ In Europe ☐ In North America

2) What is another name that people call Ireland?

- ☐ "Rainy Ruby" ☐ "Emerald Isle"
☐ "Green Garden" ☐ "Gold Island"

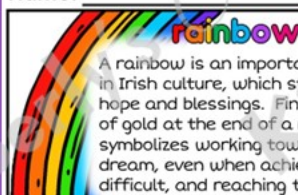
3) What language, besides English, do people in Ireland speak?

- ☐ Irish Gaelic ☐ Vietnamese
☐ Italian ☐ Arabic

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Rainbow

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- ☐ hope ☐ goals
☐ blessings ☐ all of these

2) What is said to be found at the end of a rainbow?

- ☐ shamrocks ☐ a pot of gold
☐ gems ☐ a pot of silver

3) What should you work towards even when it is difficult?

- ☐ your dreams ☐ your apple
☐ your dog ☐ your neck

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shamrock

A shamrock is a type of clover that is used as a symbol of Ireland. Long ago, St. Patrick used shamrocks in his teachings. Most shamrocks have three leaves, but some have four. The fourth leaf is thought by many to be very lucky!

1) What is a shamrock?

- ☐ a type of bug ☐ a type of tree
☐ a type of clover ☐ all of these

2) What country is a shamrock a symbol of?

- ☐ India ☐ Ireland
☐ Italy ☐ Iran

3) What does a four-leaf clover stand for?

- ☐ luck ☐ freedom
☐ strength ☐ bravery

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horseshoe

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1) What does a horseshoe help protect?

- ☐ a horse's ear ☐ a horse's teeth
☐ a horse's hoof ☐ all of these

2) What is an upright horseshoe a symbol of?

- ☐ good food ☐ bad health
☐ bad luck ☐ good luck

3) Where would people hang a horseshoe for good luck?

- ☐ over a door ☐ to the side of a door
☐ in a window ☐ under a bed

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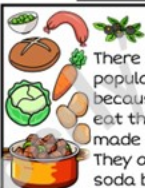
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food

There are many great Irish foods! A popular food in Ireland is potatoes because there are so many ways to eat them. Irish people enjoy stews made with meat and vegetables. They also eat seafood, cabbage, soda bread, and corned beef.

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2) What do Irish people enjoy in their stews?

3) What other foods do Irish people eat?

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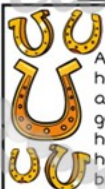
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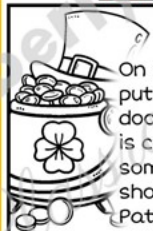
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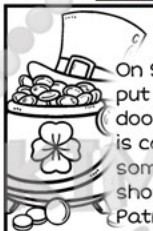
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Answer keys included for quick and easy assessment!

DIFFERENTIATED WORKSHEETS ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITIES!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

	
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I see the <u>gold</u> .	I see the <u>flag</u> .

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