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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, is an annual celebration of the patron saint of Ireland. It is a national holiday in Ireland, and millions of Irish people all over the world where there are Irish communities celebrate. Celebrations are based on all things Irish and the colour green. City authorities in Chicago even dye the city’s river green for this day. Many people wear green clothes, eat Irish food and drink the Irish drink Guinness, which many bars also try and dye green. There are also traditional St Patrick’s Day parades. The one in Dublin is spread over five days and attracts half a million people. The New York parade is the largest, with two million spectators. Many people with no Irish connections celebrate and declare themselves Irish for a day.

Saint Patrick was a Christian missionary. Some scholars say he was born in England, while others believe he was Italian. Most agree he lived in the fifth century. When he was sixteen, he was captured and taken as a slave to Ireland. He lived as a slave for six years before escaping. He joined the church to train as a priest and became a missionary in the north and west of Ireland. Legend has it that Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. There are many other legends about Patrick that have cemented him as a key part of Irish culture. March 17 is believed to be the date of his death. Unlike other saints, Patrick was never canonized by a Pope, although most Christian churches list him as a “Saint in Heaven”.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. the patron saint  a. spectators

2. where there are Irish  b. five days

3. dye the city’s river  c. connections

4. spread over  d. green

5. two million  e. of Ireland

6. Many people with no Irish  f. communities

Paragraph 2

1. Some scholars say he was  a. as a slave to Ireland

2. Most agree he  b. to train as a priest

3. captured and taken  c. a Pope

4. He joined the church  d. lived in the fifth century

5. Patrick drove all the snakes  e. born in England

6. Patrick was never canonized by  f. out of Ireland
LISTENING GAP FILL

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Saint Patrick’s Day, March 17, is an ___________ celebration of the patron saint of Ireland. It is a national holiday in Ireland, and millions of Irish people all over the ___________ where there are Irish communities celebrate. Celebrations are ___________ on all things Irish and the colour green. City authorities in Chicago even ___________ the city’s river green for this day. Many people wear green clothes, eat Irish food and drink the Irish drink Guinness, which many bars also ___________ and dye green. There are also traditional St Patrick’s Day parades. The one in Dublin is ___________ over five days and attracts half a million people. The New York parade is the ___________, with two million spectators. Many people with no Irish connections celebrate and ___________ themselves Irish for a day.

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SAINT PATRICK’S DAY

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Saint Patrick’s Day, March 17, is an *annually / annual* celebration of the patron saint of Ireland. It is a national holiday in Ireland, and millions of Irish people *every / all* over the world where there are Irish communities *celebrate / celebration*. Celebrations are based on all things Irish and the colour green. City authorities in Chicago even *die / dye* the city’s river green for this day. *Many / Much* people wear green clothes, eat Irish food and drink the Irish drink Guinness, which many bars also try and dye green. There are also traditional St Patrick’s Day parades. The one in Dublin is *spread / spreading* over five days and attracts half a million people. The New York parade is the *large / largest*, with two million spectators. Many people with no Irish connections celebrate and declare themselves Irish *for / by* a day.

Saint Patrick was a Christian *mission / missionary*. Some scholars say he was born in England, while others *belief / believe* he was Italian. Most agree he lived in the fifth century. When he was sixteen, he was captured and taken as a *slavery / slave* to Ireland. He lived as a slave for six years before escaping. He joined the church to *train / trained* as a priest and became a missionary in the north and west of Ireland. Legend has it that Patrick *drove / driven* all the snakes out of Ireland. There are many other legends about Patrick that have *cement / cemented* him as a key part of Irish culture. March 17 is believed to be the date of his death. Unlike *other / another* saints, Patrick was never canonized by a Pope, although most Christian churches *list / listing* him as a “Saint in Heaven”.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

Saint Patrick’s Day, March 17, is an annual (1) ____ of the patron saint of Ireland. It is a national holiday in Ireland, and millions of Irish people all over the world where there are Irish (2) ____ celebrate. Celebrations are based on all (3) ____ Irish and the colour green. City authorities in Chicago even (4) ____ the city’s river green for this day. Many people wear green clothes, eat Irish food and drink the Irish drink Guinness, which many bars also try and dye green. There are also traditional St Patrick’s Day parades. The (5) ____ in Dublin is spread over five days and attracts half a million people. The New York parade is the largest, with two million spectators. Many people with (6) ____ Irish connections celebrate and declare themselves Irish for a day.

Saint Patrick was a Christian missionary. Some (7) ____ say he was born in England, while others believe he was Italian. Most agree he lived in the fifth century. When he was sixteen, he was captured and taken as a (8) ____ to Ireland. He lived as a slave for six years before (9) ____. He joined the church to train as a priest and became a missionary in the north and west of Ireland. Legend has it that Patrick (10) ____ all the snakes out of Ireland. There are many other legends about Patrick that have cemented him as a key part of Irish culture. March 17 is (11) ____ to be the date of his death. Unlike other saints, Patrick was never canonized by a Pope, although most Christian churches (12) ____ him as a “Saint in Heaven”.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) celebrate (b) celebrations (c) celebration (d) celebrated
2. (a) communities (b) community (c) commune (d) communal
3. (a) thing (b) thingy (c) things (d) thingamy
4. (a) die (b) died (c) dyed (d) dye
5. (a) this (b) one (c) ones (d) that
6. (a) no (b) non (c) know (d) now
7. (a) scholarly (b) scholars (c) scholar (d) school
8. (a) slavery (b) slaved (c) slave (d) slaving
9. (a) escaped (b) escapist (c) escape (d) escaping
10. (a) drive (b) drove (c) driven (d) driver
11. (a) belief (b) believer (c) believing (d) believed
12. (a) list (b) listing (c) lists (d) list of
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. an alannu celebration
2. a ilaoannt holiday
3. sbdea on all things Irish
4. dye the city’s vrrei green
5. prasde over five days
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Paragraph 2

7. others lebivee he was Italian
8. he lived in the fifth yuncert
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Number these lines in the correct order.

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( ) saints, Patrick was never canonized by a Pope, although most Christian churches list him as a “Saint in Heaven”.

( ) spectators. Many people with no Irish connections celebrate and declare themselves Irish for a day.

( ) out of Ireland. There are many other legends about Patrick that have cemented him as a key part of Irish

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( ) Ireland, and millions of Irish people all over the world where there are Irish communities celebrate. Celebrations are based
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. saint celebration of of Ireland the an patron annual

2. are on things Celebrations based all Irish

3. the in city’s Chicago river even green dye authorities

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DISCUSSION  (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS  (Do not show these to student B)

1. _______________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________

3. _______________________________________________________________________

4. _______________________________________________________________________

5. _______________________________________________________________________

6. _______________________________________________________________________

DISCUSSION  (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS  (Do not show these to student A)

1. _______________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________

3. _______________________________________________________________________

4. _______________________________________________________________________

5. _______________________________________________________________________

6. _______________________________________________________________________

THE SAINT PATRICK’S DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Saint Patrick’s Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING

Write about Saint Patrick’s Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Saint Patrick’s Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Saint Patrick’s Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

   Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Saint Patrick’s Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

   Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.