



# St. Patrick's Day Lesson

# Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- understand what St. Patrick's Day is and where it comes from;
- identify what a shamrock is and what it means in Ireland;
- write your own limerick reflecting on your knowledge of St. Patrick's Day.

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Draw the images that come to your mind when you think of St. Patrick's Day.



# Research Task

Find out the following information regarding St. Patrick's Day.

1. Where is St. Patrick's Day mostly celebrated?
2. What does it celebrate?
3. What is the story of St. Patrick?
4. How is the holiday celebrated?

Use the Britannica link on [Scoilnet](#) homepage for help with researching!



# Create a Quiz!

Create a five-question quiz for your peers around St. Patrick's Day. Make sure you have the answers, so you are ready to mark!





# Peer Assessment

- Read your partner's leaflet and give a point for the following:
- explains what St. Patrick's Day celebrates,
- mentions St. Patrick and his story,
- discusses how St. Patrick's Day is celebrated,
- is colourful and engaging.





# The Shamrock

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During the AD 400s Saint Patrick brought Christianity to the people of Ireland. An Irish legend tells that Patrick used a shamrock to describe the idea of the Trinity. The three leaflets of the plant stood for the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The whole plant stood for God. Today, the shamrock stands for Ireland, especially on Saint Patrick's Day.



# Self-Reflection Task

The shamrock is a symbol of luck, amongst other things such as a horseshoe and a shooting star.

Using the worksheet, write down what - or who - you have that makes you feel lucky.



# Irish Poem: Limericks

A limerick is a popular form of short, humorous verse. Limericks consist of five lines rhyming *aabba*. That is, the first, second, and last lines rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth lines, which are shorter, rhyme with each other. How and when limericks began is unknown, but poets in County Limerick, Ireland, were writing them in Irish in the 18th century. Collections of limericks in English began to appear in about 1820. An example is written below by Edward Lear, who composed and illustrated the limericks in his *Book of Nonsense* (1846). Click the tabs below for examples!





# Poetry Task

Based on what you have learned in this lesson, write a limerick with the theme of St. Patrick's Day!

# Summary

You should now be able to:

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# Homework Task

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Design your own lucky symbol!  
Once you have, write an  
overview (or label the image)  
explaining why you chose this  
symbol and why you think it  
brings luck.