

e-lesson

Week starting: 14th March 2005

1. St. Patrick's Day

On March 17th it's St Patrick's Day. But who was he and what made him such a famous saint? This week's worksheet answers the questions with an A/B 'wh' questions gapfill.

Level

Intermediate and upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Divide the class into two groups, A and B.
2. Give one copy of Worksheet A to each student in Group A and one copy of Worksheet B to each student in Group B.
3. Tell the students they have the same story but there is some missing information in each worksheet. They will need to ask a person from the other group for the missing information but first they need to write the questions.
4. Ask the members of each group to work together to write the questions. Make sure all members of the group write the same questions. Be on hand to help the students to create the questions. Some of the questions end in a preposition; tell your students that the use of *whom* (as in *For whom* and *To whom*) is good use of English but sounds rather formal.
5. When they have finished preparing the questions, ask one member of Group A to work with one member of Group B. They should take it in turns to ask and answer the questions.
6. Ask a few questions at the end to check comprehension (e.g. *Where/When was St Patrick born? What famous things did he do? What's a shamrock? etc*)

Answers

1. What do Irish people all over the world celebrate on March 17th?
2. Who is March 17th a religious and national holiday for?
3. What turns green on March 17th?
4. Where is the river dyed green?
5. What do partygoers enjoy drinking?
6. When was St. Patrick born?
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8. Where was he taken to be a slave?
9. Where did he first travel to?
10. Who was he sent to Ireland as a bishop by?
11. Who or what did St. Patrick chase out of Ireland?
12. What is the image of the snake most probably a substitute for?

13. What did he use to explain the Holy Trinity?
14. Who did he use the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to?
15. When did the first of the St. Patrick's Day parades take place?
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Follow up

As a follow up to the lesson, you may want to ask your students to prepare some questions for each other. Suggest they take a look at the following websites.

2 Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself .

<http://www.stpatricksday.ie/cms/index.html>

All about this year's festival

<http://www.theholidayspot.com/patrick/>

A little bit of everything

<http://wilstar.com/holidays/patrick.htm>

Short history followed by loads of links

<http://www.geocities.com/wildmushroom123/index.html>

All sorts of fun and games

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/stpatricksday/index.jsp>

You can read about St. Patrick or simply watch the video