

# St Patrick's Day – Glossary

**achievement** noun [count]

a particular thing that someone has achieved:  
*Winning the gold medal was a remarkable achievement.*

**alluring** adjective

attractive in an exciting way

**beyond** adverb

past a place further away than something else or outside a particular area: *The empire extended to the River Danube and beyond.*

**bishop** noun [count]

a senior Christian priest who is responsible for all the churches in a particular area

**capture** verb [transitive]

to catch a person or animal and stop them from escaping: *Most of the men had been either killed or captured.*

**celebrate** verb [intransitive or transitive]

to do something enjoyable in order to show that an occasion or event is special:  
*Let's have a party to celebrate.*

**chase** verb [transitive]

to follow someone or something quickly in order to make them go away:  
*We chased the cat out of the house.*

**claim** verb [transitive]

to say that something is true, even though there is no definite proof:

**claim (that):** *He claims he is innocent.*

**committed** adjective

loyal to a belief, organization, or group, and willing to work hard for it

**convert** verb [intransitive or transitive]

to change your religious or political beliefs, or to persuade someone to change their beliefs

**dye** (present participle **dyeing**; past tense and past participle **dyed**) verb [transitive]

to change the colour of something such as cloth or hair using dye

**evil** noun [uncount]

a power that makes people do very bad and cruel things

**fact** noun [uncount]

things that are true or that really happened, rather than things that are imaginary or not true:  
*Children soon learn the difference between fact and fiction.*

**fiction** noun [count or uncount]

a report, story, or explanation that is not true:  
*His account of what happened was pure fiction.*

**impression** noun [count]

an opinion, feeling, or idea about someone or something that is not based on much information, or that is only based on the way that they look, sound, or behave: *He gave me the impression that he really didn't care.*

**latter-day** adjective

existing now as a modern example of someone or something from the past:  
*a latter-day Robinson Crusoe*

**legend** noun [count]

an old story about imaginary people and events in the past: *Greek myths and legends*

**manage** verb [intransitive or transitive]

to succeed in doing or dealing with something, especially something difficult or something that needs a lot of effort:  
*I don't think I can manage a long walk today.*

**myth** noun [count]

something that people wrongly believe to be true

**pagan** adjective

relating to any religion that is not one of the main religions of the world

**paganism** noun

**parade** noun [count]

a public celebration in which a large group of people moves through an area, often with decorated vehicles and bands playing music

**patron saint** noun [count]

a saint (=a dead holy person) who is believed to protect a particular place, activity, or group of people

**separate** verb [intransitive or transitive]

to divide something, or to become divided, into different parts: *The two issues need to be separated to discuss them fairly.*

**several** adjective

a number of people or things that is more than two or three, but not many:

**Several of the passengers were badly injured.**

**shamrock** noun [count]

a small plant with three round green leaves on each stem. The shamrock is the national symbol of Ireland.

**slave** noun [count]

someone who belongs by law to another person and who has to obey them and work for them

**snake** noun [count]

a long thin animal with no legs and a smooth skin

**substitute** noun [count]

something that is used instead of something else

**superhero** noun [count]

a character in a comic strip, film etc who has special powers that can be used for saving people and fighting against evil

**surround** verb [transitive]

to be closely connected with a situation or an event:

*Uncertainty surrounds the future of the industry.*

**three-leaved** adjective

having three leaves

**take place**

to happen: *The Olympics take place every four years.*