

## St. Patrick's Day

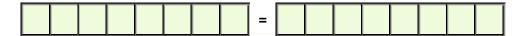


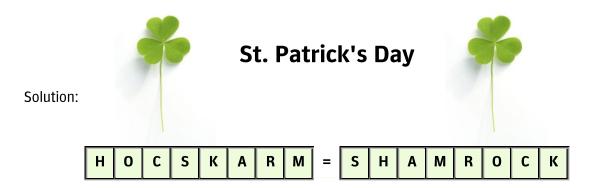
St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on 17 March. In "Who Was St Patrick?" on the website www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day you can find information about the customs and traditions connected with St. Patrick's Day.

Read the information carefully and then complete the sentences below. The letters after the right answer will give you the name of a traditional symbol of St. Patrick's Day and Ireland when the letters are put in the right order. Good luck!

1	St. Patrick is the patron saint of
	Wales. (E)
	Ireland. (H)

- 2 St. Patrick was born in Britain. (0) in Ireland. (D)
- 3 His father was a deacon. (C) a shepherd. (L)
- 4 At the age of 16, Patrick became bishop of Ireland. (G) was taken prisoner. (S)
- 5 Patrick spent six years at his family's estate. (U) in captivity. (K)
- 6 Later, as a priest, Patrick
  converted Irish people to Christianity. (A)
  gave the Irish people religious training. (Y)
- 7 17 March is commemorated as St. Patrick's Day because Patrick was born on this day. (N)
  Patrick is believed to have died on this day. (R)
- 8 According to native Irish beliefs, fire was used to honour the Irish gods. (M) to illuminate Celtic crosses. (T)





It is said that St. Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Today it is one of the traditional symbols of St. Patrick's Day and of Ireland.