



St. Patrick's Day celebration ESL/ESOL A1/A2 Video



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Transcript

Every year, on March 17th, the city of Chicago of the United States does something unusual. They change the colour of the river that runs through the city. They use food coloring to turn the water green. They use about 18 kilograms of this vegetable-based dye for the water. They do this to celebrate an Irish Saint – Saint Patrick.

Many Saint Patrick's day celebrations involve a lot of food and drinks. Some of the food and drinks are green too. Another tradition is to wear green and if you do not – someone may just pinch you. But Chicago is only one place that celebrate Saint Patrick. People in cities and countries around the world celebrate him.

Saint Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland. He is known for his religious work on that island. In the 17 and 1800s large groups of Irish immigrants moved to the United States. This spread Saint Patrick's day celebrations to many communities there. But the United States and Ireland are not the only places that celebrate this holiday. People in Canada, Australia, South Africa, Argentina, Japan and Russia all celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.

But the biggest celebrations today are in Ireland. Today, in the city of Dublin, about one million people take part in Saint Patrick's festival. This celebration is five days long. It includes parades, music, dancing, outdoor plays, fireworks and more.

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Make the words from the mixed letters and join the words with the pictures

1. neerg - green G

2. niSat taPrikc - Saint Patrick D

3. ihnpc - pinch B

4. dislna - island A

5. gimimrtan - immigrant E

6. lalredn - Ireland F

7. erfiwkor - firework C

8. arpead - parade H



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Fill in the missing words

- a) unusual b) green c) Ireland d) take part in e) river f) food g) pinch h) wear i) drinks j) religious k) immigrants l) island m) fireworks n) holiday

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Say if it's true or false

- F 1. St Patrick's Day is on 16th of March
- T 2. The biggest celebration of St Patrick's Day in the United States is in Chicago.
- F 3. People change the colour of the river in Chicago to grey.
- T 4. The colour of food and drinks on St Patrick's Day is green.
- F 5. If you don't wear green clothes on St Patrick's Day someone can kiss you.
- T 6. Chicago is only one place in the world that celebrate Saint Patrick.
- F 7. Saint Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland.
- F 8. The biggest celebrations of St Patrick's Day in the world are in the United States.
- T 9. The celebration of St Patrick's Day in Ireland is four days long.
- T 10. The celebration of St Patrick's Day in Ireland

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Answer the questions

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Answers

- h 1. When is St. Patrick's Day?
- d 2. What do people do with the river in Chicago on St Patrick's Day?
- b,j 3. What is the colour of food and drinks on this day?
- b,j 4. What is the colour of clothes on this day?
- e 5. What is Saint Patrick known for?
- g 6. Why did people start to celebrate St Patrick's Day in the United States?
- f 7. Do people celebrate St Patrick's Day only in the United States?
- a 8. Where are the biggest celebrations of St Patrick's Day?
- c 9. How long does the celebration of St Patrick's Day last?
- i 10. What does celebration in Dublin include?