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Thank you for visiting my store! Saint Patrick's Day 2025 is almost here! Here are some stories on Saint Patrick's Day that you can use for listening or reading comprehension activities. I have included three stories (two fictional stories for lower grade and upper grade and one nonfiction story about the history of Saint Patrick's Day. I have included an open ended question worksheet and another worksheet with multiple choice questions and True/False to help with comprehension.

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Lily's Lucky St. Patrick's Day



Name: _____

Lily woke up early on St. Patrick's Day and was very excited to go to school. She put on her green dress, her green socks, and even a green headband. "I don't want to get pinched!" she giggled.

At school, her teacher, Mrs. Johnson, told the class about leprechauns. "They are tiny, tricky little men who hide their gold at the end of the rainbow!" she said.

Lily's best friend, Ben, whispered, "I bet we can find one today!" During recess, Lily and Ben looked everywhere—behind trees, under benches, and even inside the playground tunnel but they couldn't find any leprechauns! Then, just as they were about to give up, Lily saw something shiny near a flower bush. She ran over and picked it up. It was a gold coin!

"Look, Ben! A leprechaun's gold!" she shouted. But when she turned the coin over, she saw something funny. It wasn't a real gold coin, it was a chocolate coin!

Ben laughed. "A leprechaun tricked us!" Lily unwrapped the gold foil and took a bite. "Mmm, the best kind of trick!" she said as she shared the chocolate with Ben.

As they walked back to class, the wind blew, and they heard a soft giggle from behind the bush. "Do you think...?" Ben started.

Lily just smiled and wondered if maybe leprechauns were real after all.





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- a. eggs b. presents c. gold d. food

2. When did Ben and Lily search for leprechauns?

- a. before school b. during recess. c. during class d. at lunch

3. What did Lily find behind the flower bush?

- a. A gold coin b. A book
c. Some Skittles d. A secret toy

4. Who did Lily share her chocolate with?

- a. Mrs. Johnson b. She ate it all by herself
c. Ben d. Her mom

5. What was something green that Lily wore to school that day?

- a. a headband b. shirt
c. shoes d. pants

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_____ Mrs. Johnson talked to the class about leprechauns.

_____ Lily found a gold coin behind the flower bush.

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Answer Key

1. What special clothes did Lily wear for St. Patrick's Day?

Lily wore green socks, green dress, and a green headband.

2. What did Mrs. Johnson tell the class about leprechauns?

That they were tiny, tricky men that hid gold at the end of the rainbow.

3. What did Lily find by the flower bush?

A gold chocolate coin

4. Where are some places that Lily and Ben looked for a leprechaun ?

At recess they looked behind trees, under benches and in the playground tunnel.

5. What would you do if you found a leprechaun's gold?

hmmmmmmmmmm... Take a vacation? ;)





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Liam and the Lucky Leprechaun



Name: _____

Liam loved St. Patrick's Day. He wore his brightest green shirt, ate green pancakes for breakfast, and even helped his mom put up shamrock decorations around the house. But this year, he had one big wish—he wanted to find a real leprechaun!

After school, Liam and his best friend, Molly, ran to the park. "Leprechauns are tricky little guys," Molly said. "But if we follow the rainbow, maybe we'll find one!" Just then, dark clouds rolled in, and a light rain started to fall. Liam frowned—until the sun peeked through again, and a beautiful rainbow stretched across the sky.

"Look!" Molly pointed. At the very end of the rainbow, something small and fast zipped behind a tree.

They tiptoed closer. Suddenly, a tiny voice squeaked, "Oh, fiddle-dee-dee! Ye almost caught me!"

Liam and Molly gasped. A real leprechaun! He had a bright red beard, a tiny green hat, and shoes that shimmered like gold.

"If you catch a leprechaun, he has to give you his gold!" Liam whispered excitedly. The leprechaun grinned. "Gold, ye say? Hmm... how about somethin' even better?" He reached into his pocket and tossed something into the air... A handful of golden clovers fluttered down into Liam's hands.

"What do they do?" Molly asked.

"They bring good luck—but only if ye share them!" The leprechaun winked, then vanished in a flash of green sparkles.

Liam and Molly each kept one clover and gave the rest to their friends and family. And you know what? That year, their soccer team won every game, their spelling tests were easier than ever, and Liam even found an extra cookie in his lunchbox one day.

Maybe it was just a coincidence... or maybe, just maybe, the lucky leprechaun's magic was real after all.





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3. What does the leprechaun give them instead of gold?

4. What is special about the golden clovers?

5. If you caught a leprechaun, what would you ask for and why?





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2. Where did Liam and Molly go to look for the leprechaun?

- a. their class b. a park c. the playground d. the backyard

3. Where did Lily and Liam find the leprechaun?

- a. at the end of the rainbow b. in a bush
c. on the slide d. at the pond

4. What did the leprechaun toss into the sky?

- a. gold dust b. gold chocolate coins
c. golden clovers d. a rainbow

5. What did the leprechaun say that Liam and Molly needed to do with the clovers?

- a. eat them b. plant them
c. save them d. share them

Write whether each statement is true or false

_____ Liam had a wish to find some gold.

_____ Liam and Molly followed the rainbow to look for the leprechaun.

_____ Liam and Molly saw the leprechaun run behind a tree.

_____ Liam and Molly kept all the golden clovers.

_____ The leprechaun said the golden clovers brought good luck.

_____ Liam and Molly shared the clovers with their family and friends.

_____ Liam and Molly had easier spelling tests that year.





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Hmmmm.....





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The True Story Of St. Patrick's Day



Name: _____

A long, long time ago—more than 1,500 years ago—there was a boy named Patrick who lived in Britain. His family was Roman, and he had a comfortable life. But one day, something terrible happened.

When Patrick was about 16 years old, he was kidnapped by pirates! These fierce men took him across the sea to Ireland, where he was forced to work as a shepherd. It was a hard and lonely life, tending sheep on cold, rainy hills. But during this time, Patrick prayed every day, and his faith grew stronger.

After six years in captivity, Patrick had a dream—he heard a voice telling him to escape. He followed his heart, ran away, and found a ship that took him back home. His family was overjoyed to see him again! But Patrick felt that something was missing.

One night, Patrick had another dream. This time, he heard the people of Ireland calling him back. They wanted him to return and teach them about Christianity. Even though he had once been a prisoner there, Patrick felt he had an important mission.

So, Patrick became a priest, then later a bishop, and returned to Ireland. He traveled across the land, teaching people about kindness and faith. He used the shamrock, a small green plant, to explain the idea of the Holy Trinity—three parts in one, just like the three leaves of the shamrock.

Legends say that St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland, though historians believe there were never any real snakes there to begin with. More likely, this story represents how he helped spread his teachings and change the country.

St. Patrick spent the rest of his life helping the Irish people. After he passed away on March 17, around the year 461, people began celebrating his life every year on that date. Over time, this became known as St. Patrick's Day, a day to remember his good deeds and Irish heritage.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated all over the world with parades, music, wearing green, and even dyeing rivers green! But at its heart, the holiday is about a man who never gave up, even when life was difficult, and who chose to return to a place where he once suffered—just to help others.





The True Story Of St. Patrick's Day



Name: _____

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2. What happened to St. Patrick when he was 16 years old?

3. What did St. Patrick do after he escaped and went home?

4. How did St. Patrick use the shamrock to teach people?

5. How do people celebrate St. Patrick today?





The True Story Of St. Patrick's Day



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1. How long was St. Patrick a prisoner in Ireland?

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2. Who kidnapped St. Patrick when he was a teenager?

- a. pirates b. a church c. his stepfather d. a robber

3. Where did Patrick get the idea to escape?

- a. from a shepherd b. from a friend
c. from a prisoner d. from a dream

4. What was St. Patrick's mission?

- a. to teach math to children b. to feed the poor
c. to teach Christianity d. to deliver chocolate to kids

5. On what date did St. Patrick pass away?

- a. March 21 b. December 25
c. March 17 d. April 1

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St. Patrick's Day in **AMERICA**



The U.S. hosts St. Patrick's Day parades in cities from coast to coast. One of the biggest celebrations is in Chicago, which has famously dyed its river green every March since 1962. The city also hosts a huge parade that draws thousands of people and a St. Patrick's Day Festival at the Irish American Heritage Center, where attendees listen to Irish music, dance, and relish Irish food and drinks.

St. Patrick's Day in **JAPAN**



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Tokyo, Japan, hosts the largest Irish celebration in Asia—more than 50,000 people attended the event in 2019. St. Patrick's Day in Japan includes a parade, musical performances, and thousands of people dressed in green. Japan also organizes an "I Love Ireland Festival," attended by a multicultural crowd.

St. Patrick's Day in **AUSTRALIA**



St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Brisbane spread over 10 days and include a parade, Irish dancing, dinners, and boxing matches. In Australia's Northern Territory, the festivities include a family sports day consisting of games such as egg and spoon, wheelbarrow, and three-legged races.

St. Patrick's Day in **NEW ZEALAND**



Around 20 percent of New Zealanders have Irish ancestry, and the country pays homage to this heritage every March.

Major cities such as Wellington host massive parades and attendees dress in green, dancing to Irish flute music. The country also hosts its St. Patrick's Day festival in Auckland with music, dance, and a parade.

St. Patrick's Day in **IRELAND**



It's no surprise that the Emerald Isle takes St. Patrick's Day seriously. The festival lasts five days in Ireland's capital city, Dublin, attracting more than 500,000 people yearly. It features a parade, a fair with carousels and roller coasters (among other attractions), and a massive outdoor dance party called the Céilí Mór. The festivities begin with famous buildings across Ireland—including Blarney Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Bank of Ireland—being lit up in green.

St. Patrick's Day in **WALES**



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Banwen city in Wales has laid claim to being St. Patrick's birthplace. According to members of the Banwen & District History Club in Wales, St. Patrick was born in Banwen in the year 385 AD as Maewyn Succat. Their parade culminates at a stone commemorating the saint's alleged birthplace.

St. Patrick's Day in **SPACE**



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