

# St. Patrick Use of English Activities

Read the text. Fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the words next to the text.

## Who Was St. Patrick?



He wasn't Irish, but he found his faith while  
being held as prisoner by a group of Irish \_\_\_\_\_.  
St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland,  
is one of Christianity's most \_\_\_\_\_ known figures.  
But for all of his prevalence in culture—namely the  
holiday held on the day of his \_\_\_\_\_ that bears his name  
—his life remains \_\_\_\_\_ of a mystery.  
Many of the stories \_\_\_\_\_ associated  
with St. Patrick, including the famous  
account of his \_\_\_\_\_ all the snakes  
from Ireland, are false, the products of  
hundreds of years of \_\_\_\_\_ storytelling.

**RAID**

**WIDE**

**DIE**

**WHAT**

**TRADITION**

**BANISH**

**EXAGGERATE**



Fill in the gaps with ONE suitable word

## St. Patrick Wasn't Irish



St. Patrick \_\_\_\_\_ born in Britain—not Ireland—to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to \_\_\_\_\_ died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, there is \_\_\_\_\_ evidence that Patrick came \_\_\_\_\_ a particularly religious family.

At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner \_\_\_\_\_ a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland \_\_\_\_\_ he spent six years in captivity.

During this time, he worked \_\_\_\_\_ a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned \_\_\_\_\_ his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian.



For questions 1 to 6 choose the best answer A, B, C or D

## St. Patrick's Visions and Miracles

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According (1) \_\_\_\_\_ his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was (3) \_\_\_\_\_, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second (4) \_\_\_\_\_ —an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of study that lasted more than 15 years.

After his (6) \_\_\_\_\_ as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

1	a) to	b) from	c) with	d) of
2	a) closely	b) nearly	c) roughly	d) practically
3	a) held	b) sustained	c) retained	d) maintained
4	a) dream	b) sign	c) revelation	d) warning
5	a) career	b) programme	c) schedule	d) course
6	a) canonization	b) consecration	c) ordination	d) consignation



Read the text and choose the best option.

## St. Patrick Incorporated Irish Culture Into Christian Lessons

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to **add/incorporate** traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to **erase/eradicate** native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to **honouring/venerating** their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the **symbol/sign** would seem more **natural/normal** to the Irish.



Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish **practiced/believed** a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture **focused/centred** around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning **interesting/exciting** tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.

Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/who-was-saint-patrick>

