



Read the text, then choose the suitable word for each blank and drag it into the correct sentence.  
Mind there are more words given than you need!!!

### LEGENDS OF IRELAND

The legend about the red right hand, which we can see on the Irish coat of arms, is said to have come in the following way.

The Vikings from Scandinavia on \_\_\_\_\_ (1) way to Ireland, Greenland and Vinland in the 8-10 centuries stopped over in Ireland to fill their boats with \_\_\_\_\_ (2) and water. Once on returning home two Viking chiefs decided that one of them \_\_\_\_\_ (3) become the king of Ireland. As Vikings did not fight among themselves, it was decided that the one who would first touch Irish soil would become King.

They set off in their big boats, the race \_\_\_\_\_ (4) the two big boats was very even and each crew did everything to win the race. When they were quite close to the shore Heremon O'Neil, that was the name of the Viking chief that became king, cut off his right hand and threw it on the \_\_\_\_\_ (5). It is due to this that the red right hand had been a part of the coat of arms of Ireland ever since.

Numerous legends are \_\_\_\_\_ (6) with the St. Patrick's name that was known for his wonderful power. Perhaps the best \_\_\_\_\_ (7) legend is that he cleared Ireland of snakes. The story goes that one old snake — the king of snakes — resisted him, so he made a \_\_\_\_\_ (8) and invited the snake to enter it. The snake refused saying it was too small; but St. Patrick insisted it was quite large \_\_\_\_\_ (9) to be comfortable. At last, the snake got into the box to prove that it was too small, at that moment St. Patrick shut the box and \_\_\_\_\_ (10) it into the sea. The other snakes jumped into the water after their king and drowned.

One fact remains: there are no snakes in Ireland and probably, there never were, but the legend lives in the folklore of the Irish.

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