

## Festivities

# St Patrick's Day



St Patrick's Day is an Irish celebration, but Irish people brought it to the USA when they moved there in the 18th century. The first big St Patrick's Day celebration in the USA was in Boston in 1737. These days, there are 36.5 million people in the USA with Irish ancestors, but St Patrick's Day is for everyone! So where are the best places to celebrate?

The biggest **parade** in the USA is in New York City. About 150,000 people march in the parade and another two million watch it! People wear **shamrocks** – a small plant that is the symbol of Ireland – and lots and lots of **green**.

In Chicago, people don't just wear green on St Patrick's Day – they even dye the Chicago River green! In California, there is the Los Angeles County Irish Fair and Music Festival. Around 2,000 people perform live **Irish music**, and there are **food stalls, magic shows, dancing** and **rides**. There is even an Ancient Irish Village with blacksmiths, dressmakers, storytellers and singers.

Even though St Patrick's Day is an Irish celebration, the USA is definitely one of the best places to celebrate it!



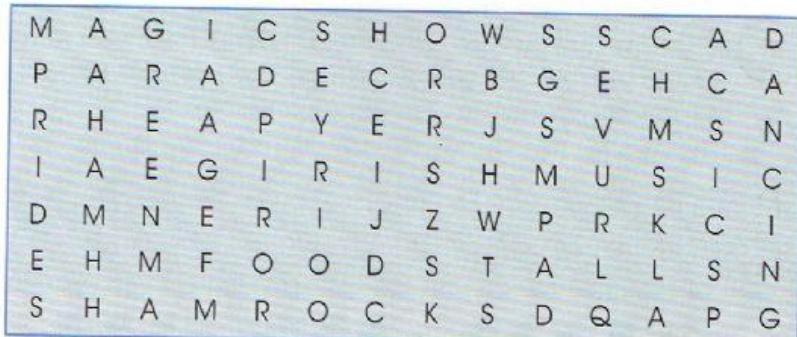
### Reading

1 Listen to and read the text. Match the places (1-3) with the events (a-c). Write in your notebook.

New York City	1	<input type="radio"/> a	dying the river green
Los Angeles	2	<input type="radio"/> b	the biggest parade in the USA
Chicago	3	<input type="radio"/> c	an Irish Fair and Music Festival

### Game

2 Find the words in **bold** in the text in the word search. Write in your notebook.



### Project

3 Create a poster showing how people celebrate St Patrick's Day in the USA in your notebook. Present it to the class.