

IRISH CULTURE

MATCH THE IMAGES WITH THE RIGHT PARAGRAPH

- A. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian holy man who lived a long time ago. Irish people celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on March 17 every year.
- B. Saint Patrick's Day is a bank holiday in Ireland. A big international festival is held to mark Saint Patrick's Day in Dublin, Eire's capital city. A large parade is also held in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Some British cities with close links to Ireland such as London and Liverpool organise big events to mark the holiday.
- C. Many North American people have Irish ancestors, and Saint Patrick's Day is a popular celebration there. A big Saint Patrick's Day parade is held in New York, and some other cities hold parades as well. Thousands of people turn out to watch the parades and join in with the fun.
- D. It is an Irish American tradition to eat a meal of corned beef and boiled cabbage on the day. The Chicago river is dyed green for the Saint Patrick's Day celebrations, and some US pubs even serve their customers with green beer!
- E. Many Irish people celebrate the day by attending concerts, organising parades, and throwing parties. Wearing green clothes is considered to be lucky on Saint Patrick's Day. Some people also pin a shamrock (a three leaved plant) to their clothes. It is sometimes said that everyone is a little bit Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. Many people who aren't Irish enjoy celebrating the holiday, too!



1. SELECT THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1. St. Patrick is the patron saint of _____.
2. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on _____.
3. In New York city a huge _____ is held to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
4. A _____ strip is painted down the centre of 5th avenue.
5. Millions of Shamrocks are flown from Ireland. A shamrock is a small plant with ____ leaves.
6. Green is the colour that _____ the Irish people.
7. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day that Patrick _____.
8. A well-known story about him says that he drove all the _____ out of Ireland.
9. Many famous politicians including President _____ are of Irish descent.
10. St. Patrick was born in _____.