

Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is the national holiday of Ireland. Irish people celebrate it on 17th March. People from all over the world celebrate this special day, too. It is especially popular in Australia and in North America.



It is a celebration of Irish culture and people listen to Irish music, eat traditional Irish food and take part in parades. On this day, everywhere you look you can see the colour green. People wear green clothes, paint their faces green and they even eat green food. In Chicago, the USA, the city uses special colours to make the river green. That's right, the whole river is green!

In Dublin, Ireland, the Saint Patrick's Day parade is part of a five-day festival and over 500,000 people attend the parade. In the USA, Saint Patrick's Day is also very special. The first Saint Patrick's Day parade was in Boston in 1737. In Chicago, the parade lasts all day and in New York, a parade of 150,000 people marches up the 5th Avenue.

Read the text. Decide if the statements are true or false. Write T-for true and F-for false.

1. Only people in Ireland celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.
2. People wear green clothes on Saint Patrick's Day.
3. Chicago's river is always green.
4. The people of Dublin celebrate for five days.
5. The first American Saint Patrick's Day parade was in New York.

