

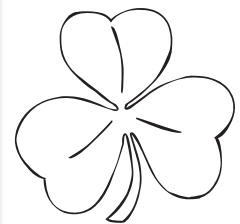
Task 1. Fill in each gap in the text using an appropriate word from the box below. Change the form of each word.

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It is **1)**..... that St Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a **2)**..... Roman-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. Probably, at the age of sixteen, he **3)**..... by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. Next, he spent six years there working as a shepherd and during this time he 'found God'. It is thought that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick **4)**..... on to become a priest.

It is believed that Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. He **5)** many years evangelising in the northern half of Ireland and converted 'thousands'. Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and **6)** at Downpatrick. Over the **7)**..... centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's most prominent saint.



Task 2. Find the answers to the following questions by looking at the text in Task 1. Justify each answer by using the facts from the text.

1. Was St Patrick born into a religious or a secular family?

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2. What traumatic event took place in St Patrick's adolescent years?

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3. What were St Patrick's duties during the six years he spent in Gaelic Ireland?

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4. How did he get back home to Britain?

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5. Did he follow in his grandfather's and father's footsteps?

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6. Did he make a charismatic preacher?

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7. How was St Patrick's name commemorated in Ireland after his death?

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Task 3. Dictate to your partner the five facts written below. Then write down the facts dictated to you.

Student A



1. More than 35 million US citizens claim Irish origin.
2.
3. Nearly 39% of the American population say they celebrate St Patrick's Day.
4.
5. There are over 450 churches named for St Patrick in the United States.
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7. In New York City the St Patrick's Day Parade has taken place over 250 times since 1762.
8.
9. 40 lbs of green dye are used to turn the Chicago River green for St Patrick's Day.
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Student's Worksheet 2B

Task 3. Dictate to your partner the five facts written below. Then write down the facts dictated to you.

Student B



1.
2. Between 1830 and 1840, nearly 4.5 million Irish immigrants arrived in the United States.
3.
4. Each year 5.5 million people visit St Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.
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6. Americans exchange about 8 million St Patrick's Day cards annually.
7.
8. The name Patrick has been given to nearly 650,000 babies during the last 100 years.
9.
10. Each year, St Patrick's Day spending reaches up to \$4.14 billion.

Task 4. Work with your partner or group. Discuss your answers to the following questions.

Which fact in Task 3 do you find the most

- interesting?
- surprising?
- unusual?
- unbelievable?

What makes you think so?

