

# St Patrick's Day Quiz

***True or False? Work with a partner to answer these questions.***

- a St Patrick's Day is a National Holiday in England and Ireland.
- b St Patrick's Day is generally celebrated on March 27th.
- c In Sydney, Australia the day is celebrated by painting the High Street green.
- d In Buenos Aires, Argentina, all night parties are held.
- e In the UK the Cheltenham Festival horse race is usually planned to coincide with St Patrick's Day.
- f In the USA, the Chicago River has been dyed green each year since 1961, to mark St Patrick's Day.
- g In Canada, Toronto has the longest-running parade – since 1824.
- h St Patrick's Day has been made a public holiday in the Caribbean island of Montserrat.
- i According to legend, St Patrick used the shamrock to explain the principles of Christianity to Irish people.
- j St Patrick was credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.
- k In Ireland, if St Patrick's Day falls during Easter Week, the festivities are moved to another date.
- l St Patrick's Day is known for its masses (church services), parades through towns and cities, wearing green or shamrocks and drinking alcohol.

***Check your answers with your teacher to find out more about St Patrick's Day.***

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## **Answer Key:**

- a false – not in England (although it is celebrated by people of Irish descent)
- b false – March 17th
- c false
- d true
- e true
- f true
- g false – Montreal, Canada
- h true
- i true
- j true
- k true
- l true