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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, is the day that people everywhere wear green. Born in Great Britain during the time of the Roman Empire, St. Patrick was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland where he worked as a shepherd. He fled to France but eventually returned to Ireland as a missionary. He is the patron saint of Ireland.

Leprechaun Gold

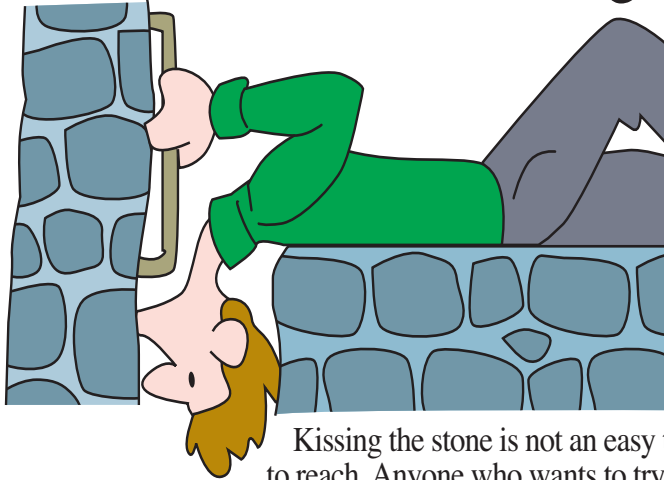
Look at the words on each of the gold coins. Put them in the pot in alphabetical order before the Leprechaun disappears with all the gold!



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| 1. | 6. |
| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

Standards Link: Spelling: Organize words alphabetically.

The Blarney Stone



The Blarney Stone is a rock slab set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the village of Blarney.

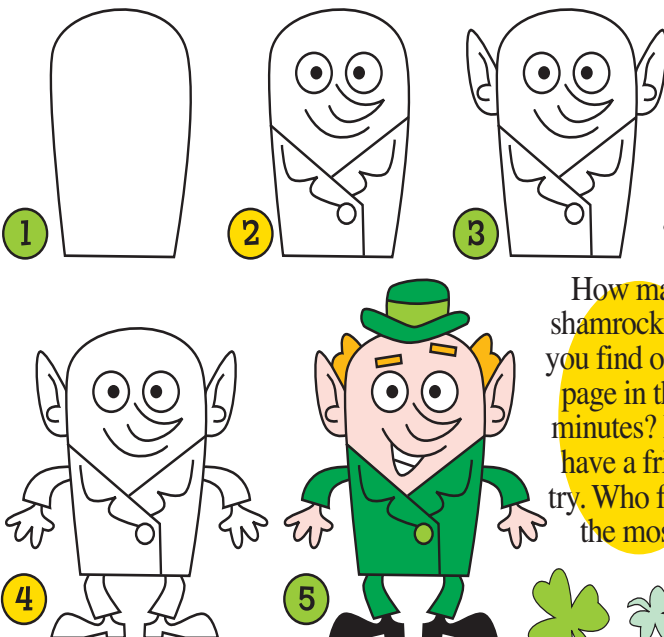
According to legend, an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly.

Kissing the stone is not an easy task, because it is difficult to reach. Anyone who wants to try has to lie on his or her back, bend backwards and downwards, and hold on to iron bars for support.

It is said that those who kiss the Blarney Stone are given the gift of gab, or Blarney: The skill to get anyone to do what he or she wants. This is persuasive talk!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use reading skills to understand a variety of texts including legends.

How to Draw a Leprechaun



How many shamrocks can you find on this page in three minutes? Now have a friend try. Who found the most?



Follow the trail to find the gold coin. Add or subtract the numbers along the correct trail. Write the total on the gold coin.

Extra! Extra! Newspaper Story

Find a WHO, a WHAT and a WHERE in the newspaper. Use these to start a story.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Create your own silly story!

Select one or more words from the WHO, WHAT and WHERE columns. Use these words to start a story.

WHO	WHAT	WHERE
St. Patrick	Blarney Stone	in a castle
king	shamrock	under the Blarney Stone
queen	rainbow	at the end of the rainbow
leprechauns	gold	in a pot of gold
fairies	hat	in a field of shamrocks
cobbler	coin	by a river
teacher	magical shoes	at a parade
boy	fiddle	in a small cottage
girl	tiny boat	in a dark forest

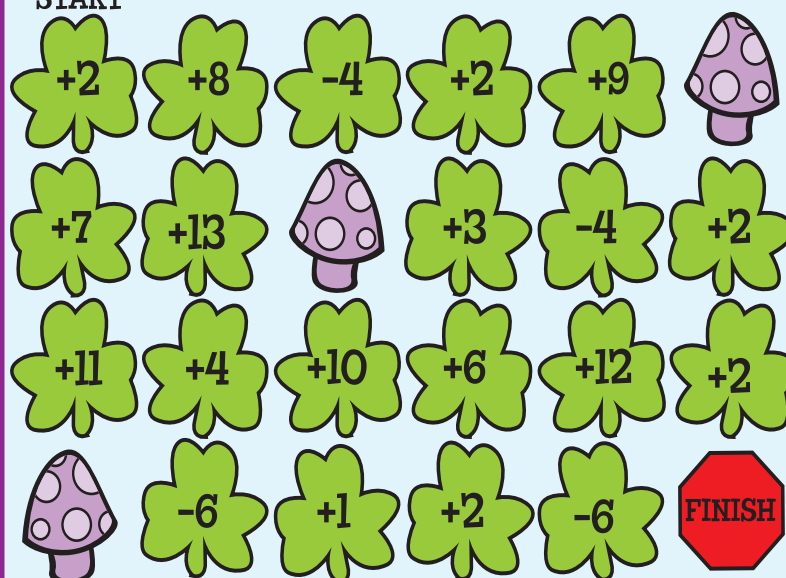
Standards Link: Writing: Write narratives with a main idea and supporting details.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Starting at the upper left clover, leap across the shamrocks, adding and subtracting numbers as you go. Find a path that totals 30. Avoid the toadstools!

START

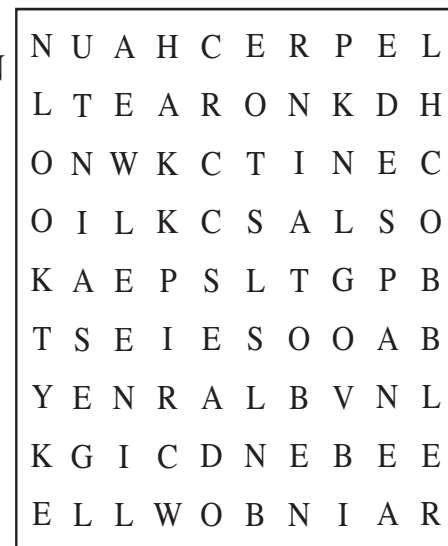


Standards Link: Number sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

- BLARNEY
- IRELAND
- KISSING
- LEPRECHAUN
- STONE
- CASTLE
- SPEAK
- CLOVER
- COBBLER
- RAINBOW
- SAINT
- GOLD
- TALK
- ROCK
- BEND

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



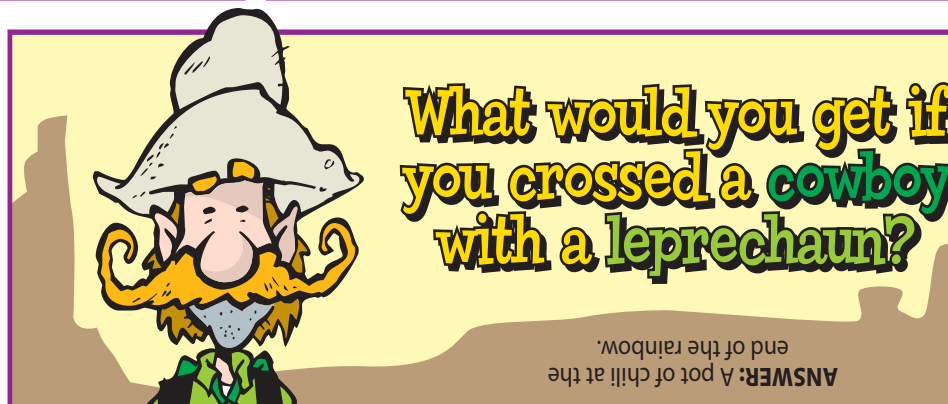
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Abbreviations

St. is an abbreviation for Saint. Circle six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify abbreviations; know the words that are abbreviated.



What would you get if you crossed a cowboy with a leprechaun?

ANSWER: A pot of chili at the end of the rainbow.