



# Conversation I Saint Patrick's Day

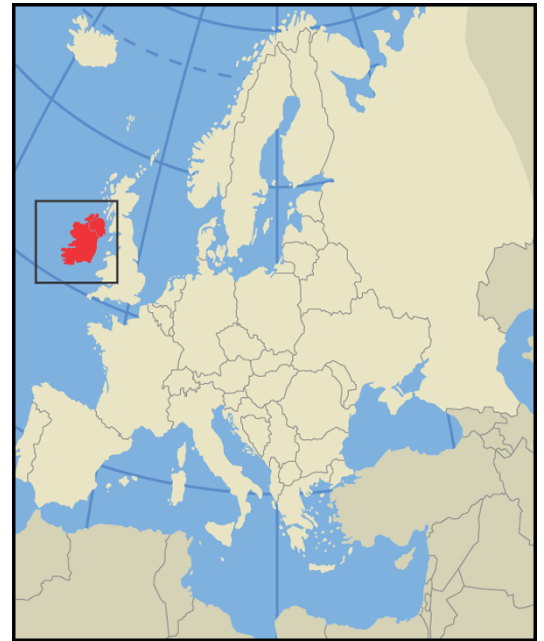
March 2007

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When is Saint Patrick's Day? Mark it on the calendar.

Do you celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in your country? If so, what do you do?

Saint Patrick was from Ireland.



Ireland →  
(in the box)



← Irish flag  
(green, white, and orange)



A legend (old story) says that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland.

← Saint Patrick  
(driving the snakes away from Ireland)

Because of Saint Patrick, there are no snakes in Ireland today.

Do you believe this legend? If not, why aren't there any snakes in Ireland?

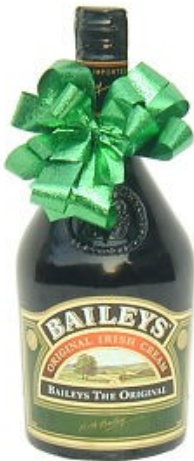
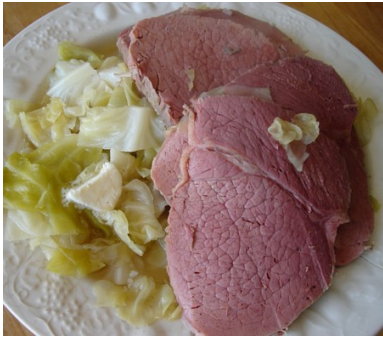
Look at the picture of Saint Patrick. What do you think his job was? Why is he called "Saint"?



Do you know what Americans do on Saint Patrick's Day?



Because Saint Patrick was from Ireland, many Americans eat Irish food and drink Irish alcohol on Saint Patrick's Day. Do you know any Irish foods or alcohols? Write the names below.



Americans wear green clothes, drink green beer, and watch parades on Saint Patrick's Day. A famous parade is held in Chicago. They dye the Chicago River green!



Chicago River →



## Discuss



1) Clover is the symbol of Saint Patrick's Day. A clover is sometimes called a "shamrock".

← Clover (shamrock)

As you can see, a clover usually has three leaves. What does it mean if it has four leaves?

Four-leaf clover →



Do you have any beliefs like this in your country?



2) What do you think the color of Saint Patrick's Day is? Why is it this color?

If you don't wear this color on March 17, you might get pinched!

← Getting pinched.

3) Do you have any holidays like Saint Patrick's Day in your country?



