

# Solutions

## The Pictures

- Picture 1 This is a map of Ireland. / It is a map of Ireland.  
Picture 2 This is the Irish flag. / It is the Irish flag.  
Picture 3 This is St Patrick. / It is St Patrick.  
Picture 4 This is a shamrock. / It is a shamrock.  
Picture 5 This is a leprechaun. / It is a leprechaun.  
Picture 6 This is a leprechaun's hat / It is a leprechaun's hat.  
Picture 7 This is a Celtic harp. / It is a Celtic harp.  
Picture 8 These are (two) sheep. / They are two sheep.  
Picture 9 This is an Irish sweater. / It is an Irish sweater.  
Picture 10 This is a snake. / It is a snake.  
Picture 11 This is a Celtic cross. / It is a Celtic cross.  
Picture 12 This is a pint of Guinness. / It is a pint of Guinness.  
Picture 13 This is a bottle of whiskey. / It is a bottle of whiskey.  
Picture 14 This is Irish Gaelic. / It is Irish Gaelic.

## The Questions

- Q. 1 The patron saint of Ireland is St Patrick.  
Q. 2 St Patrick's Day is celebrated on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.  
Q. 3 On St Patrick's Day, you have to wear green clothes.  
Q. 4 If you don't wear green on St Patrick's Day, children pinch you!  
Q. 5 On St Patrick's Day, people eat corned beef and cabbage.  
Q. 6 St Patrick was born in Britain.  
Q. 7 On St Patrick's Day, people celebrate the day St Patrick died.  
Q. 8 True! When St Patrick was a boy, he was kidnapped by pirates and sold as a slave in Ireland.  
Q. 9 He converted the Irish to Christianity.  
Q. 10 St Patrick's mission lasted over 20 years in Ireland.  
Q. 11 To explain the Trinity (= The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit), St Patrick used a shamrock.  
Q. 12 The Celtic druids did not like St Patrick.  
Q. 13 There are no snakes in Ireland because St Patrick drove all the snakes into the sea where they drowned. (It is a legend!)  
Q. 14 If someone finds a four-leaved clover, he/she is said to be lucky.

- Q. 15 FALSE! A leprechaun is a little Irish fairy.
- Q. 16 A leprechaun is a shoemaker.
- Q. 17 TRUE! A leprechaun does not like being with people (they are unfriendly and they live alone).
- Q. 18 In order to find a leprechaun, you have to listen to the sound of his hammer.
- Q. 19 A leprechaun hides a pot of gold.
- Q. 20 TRUE! If you stop looking at a leprechaun, he disappears.
- Q. 21 People kiss the Blarney Stone in order to have the gift of eloquence (= to be able to speak very well).
- Q. 22 The Potato Famine forced many Irish people to immigrate to the United States.
- Q. 23 The Great Irish Potato Famine happened in the 1840s.
- Q. 24 The capital of Ireland is Dublin.
- Q. 25 The official name of the Republic of Ireland is Eire.
- Q. 26 The poetic name of Ireland in English is Erin.
- Q. 27 The Irish Free State (= Ireland) was created in 1922.
- Q. 28 TRUE! Northern Ireland is not part of the Republic of Ireland. It is part of the United Kingdom.
- Q. 29 The other name of Northern Ireland is Ulster.
- Q. 30 The capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast.
- Q. 31 It is the word 'green'.
- Q. 32 It is the word 'Irish'.
- Q. 33 It is the word 'March'.
- Q. 34 It is the word 'shamrock'.
- Q. 35 It is the word 'beer'.
- Q. 36 It is the word 'leprechaun'.
- Q. 37 It is the name 'Patrick'.
- Q. 38 It is the word 'lucky'.
- Q. 39 It is the expression 'pot of gold'.
- Q. 40 It is the word 'snakes'.
- Q. 41 The Irish flag is green, white, orange.
- Q. 42 TRUE! Ireland is the third largest island in Europe, and the twentieth largest island in the world.
- Q. 43 Ireland is also known as the Emerald Island.