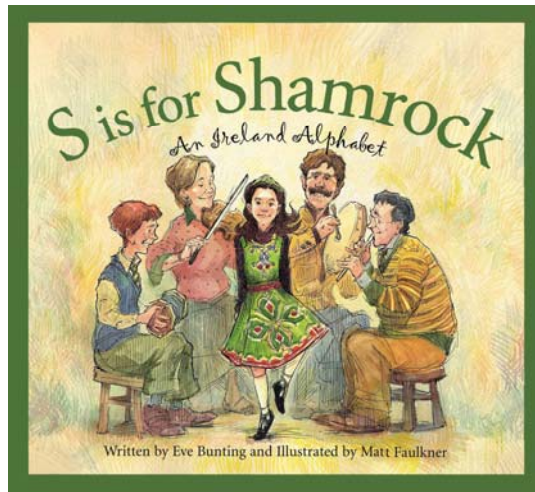


# Teacher's Guide



## **S is for Shamrock An Ireland Alphabet**

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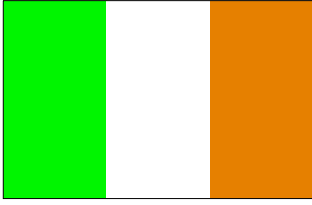
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# IRELAND CROSSWORD

Use the information you will find in *S is for Shamrock* to complete this crossword.

<b>I</b>	___	___	___	___	___
<b>R</b>	___	___	___		
<b>E</b>	___	___	___	___	___
<b>L</b>	___	___	___	___	___
<b>A</b>	___	___	___	___	___
<b>N</b>	___	___	___	___	
<b>D</b>	___	___	___	___	___

1. Famous Aran \_\_\_\_\_ sweaters.
2. Get married with a Claddagh \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Language spoken by most people in Ireland  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ written about St. Patrick.
5. The country the Irish migrated to during the famine  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Prize won by Seamus Heaney \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Name for Viking longships \_\_\_\_\_.



# Famous Irish Folk

Ireland is known for many real and legendary people. Throughout *S is for Shamrock* you will find the deeds, real and imaginary, of the people of Ireland.

Match each person below with a term from the box describing them.

<b>first immigrant on Ellis Island</b>	<b>warrior</b>	<b>giant</b>
<b>Claddagh ring</b>	<b>Brought Christianity to the Irish people</b>	
<b>Titanic designer</b>	<b>author</b>	<b>little people</b>

1. Finn Mc Cool \_\_\_\_\_

2. Richard Joyce \_\_\_\_\_

3. Annie Moore \_\_\_\_\_

4. St. Patrick \_\_\_\_\_

5. Queen Melb \_\_\_\_\_

6. Thomas Andrews \_\_\_\_\_

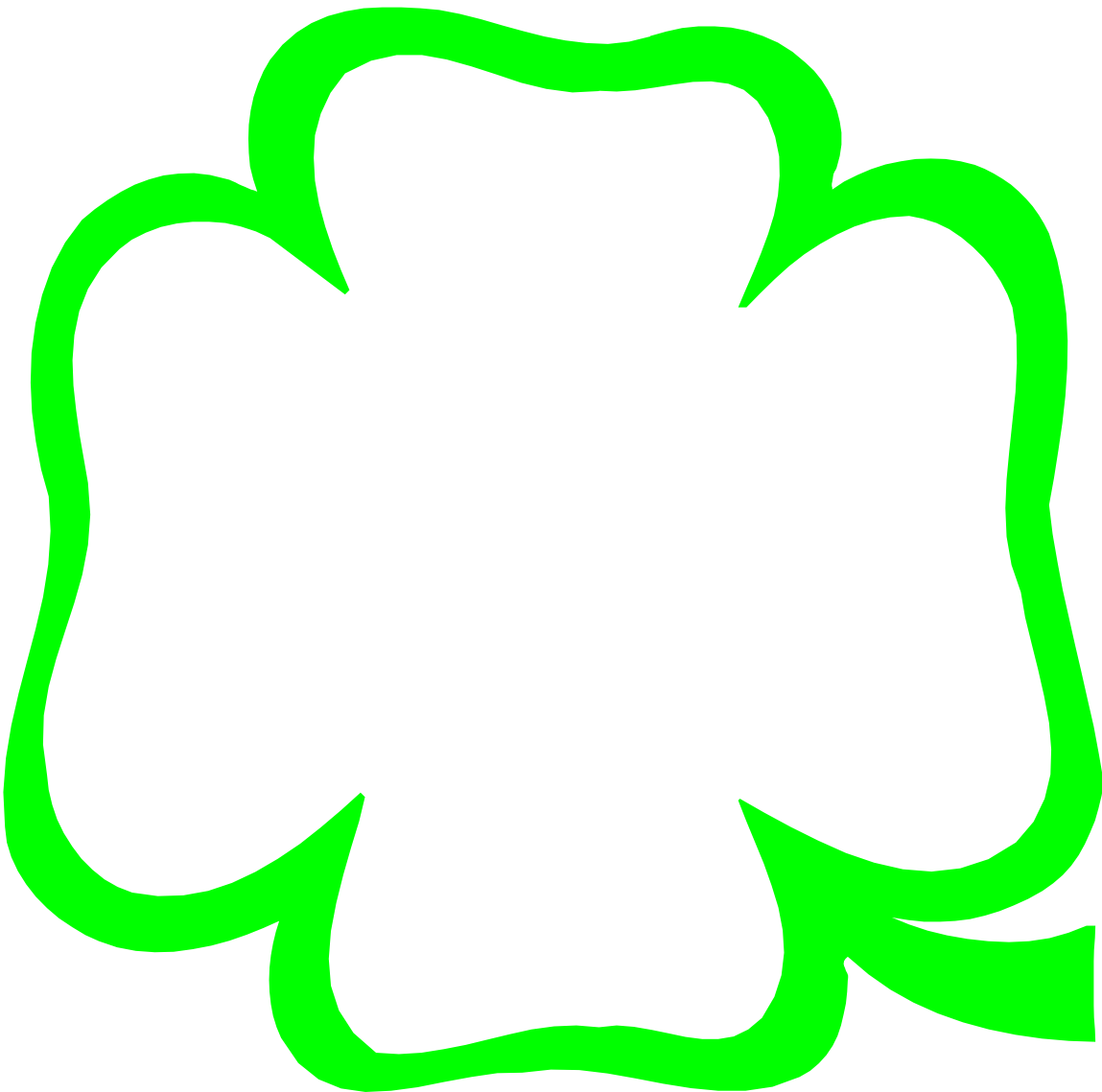
7. James Joyce \_\_\_\_\_

8. leprechaun \_\_\_\_\_

# DID YOU KNOW

## Facts about Ireland

AFTER READING *S is for Shamrock* , write 6 facts about Ireland in the shamrock.





# SLITHERY MATH

St. Patrick is said to have driven the snakes out of Ireland. Discover more about St. Patrick in the book *S is for Shamrock*.

Solve these slithery snake problems.

1. Sam and Susie snake had 9 eggs in their nest. Morris the mongoose was hungry and ate 3 of their eggs. How many eggs were left?
2. A group of 12 snakes was found in one nest, a second nest had 18 snakes in it. How many more snakes were found in the second nest?
3. If 12 snakes were in the first nest and 18 snakes were in the second, using the same pattern how many eggs will be in the third nest?
4. Joe found a very rare nest of two-headed snakes. There were 5 snakes in the nest. How many heads were there?
5. Eight snakes each laid 7 eggs. How many eggs were there altogether?

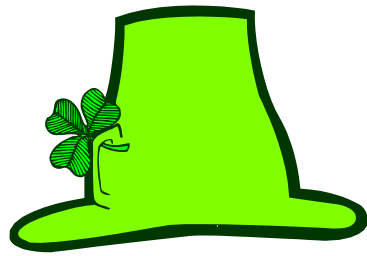


# Irish Fact or Fiction

Ireland is a land of legends and fantasy. Enjoy reading about this enchanted island in *S is for Shamrock*.

Write fact or fiction for each statement.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Dublin is the capital of Ireland.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ England controls a part of Ireland.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Blarney Stone assures you the “gift of gab.”
4. \_\_\_\_\_ In Ireland, by law, you must get married with a Claddagh ring.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Fairy rings are the homes of fairies.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic students were taught in hedge schools in the eighteenth century.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ “Coffin ships” brought immigrants to America.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Leprechauns hide pots of gold at the end of the rainbow.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ The word shamrock means little clover.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ There is no letter k in the Irish alphabet.



# Scrambled Irish Words

Ireland is a beautiful country and a wonderful travel destination. The book *S is for Shamrock* will help you discover the wonders of Ireland.

Unscramble these words for the book.

1. seurlt \_\_\_\_\_
2. kschoamr \_\_\_\_\_
3. lrnaeId \_\_\_\_\_
4. rlyebna nteos \_\_\_\_\_
5. uidnbl \_\_\_\_\_
6. ooudflnwh \_\_\_\_\_
7. eeauncplhr \_\_\_\_\_
8. giisknv \_\_\_\_\_
9. rrwtie \_\_\_\_\_
10. ryna \_\_\_\_\_

# ADDING ADJECTIVES!

Do you feel your writing is sometimes boring? It's probably because you need to add more description to your sentences. You can make your writing more exciting by adding adjectives or descriptive words to your sentences.

Learn about Ireland and look for adjectives as you read *S is for Shamrock*.

## **Directions**

Add at least two adjectives to each sentence below.

1. Dublin was a village. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The wolfhound is a dog. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Titanic was a ship. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. A giant walked to meet his girlfriend. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. The dancers were ready to perform. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Write two descriptive sentences about Ireland.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Irish Alliteration



Irish stories are full of alliteration. This can make them fun to read. The book *S is for Shamrock* will teach you about the wonderful country of Ireland.

Alliteration is using the same beginning letters or sounds in a sentence.  
Example– Suzy sat singing in the sand.

Have fun completing these sentences using alliteration. You can even make some of them silly!

1. Seven slippery snakes \_\_\_\_\_

2. Little lucky leprechauns \_\_\_\_\_

3. Six singing shamrocks \_\_\_\_\_

4. Devilish dancing dolls \_\_\_\_\_

5. Victorious Vikings \_\_\_\_\_

6. Silly storytellers \_\_\_\_\_

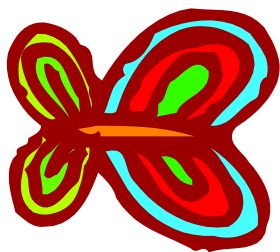
7. Fifteen funny fairies \_\_\_\_\_

8. Gentle giants gave \_\_\_\_\_

Write 2 of your own.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



## Create an Amazing Animal

Are all lions the same color? Not the ones you'll find in Book of Kells. What is the Book of Kells? Learn about this beautiful book in *S is for Shamrock*.

Create your own Amazing Animal. Make it colorful.



# The Blarney Stone

Are you too quiet? Do you know someone who is very quiet? Perhaps they need to try kissing the Blarney Stone! Enjoy reading about this famous Irish stone and its powers in *S is for Shamrock*.

Pretend you have visited Ireland and kissed the Blarney Stone. You suddenly find it hard to stop talking!

List all of the advantages and disadvantage of having the “gift of gab.”

## **ADVANTAGES**

## **DISADVANTAGES**

Would you rather be quiet or talkative? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# If I Had a Pot of Gold

In Ireland there is a legend that you can find a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Find out what's at the other end of the rainbow in *S is for Shamrock*.

Make a list, inside the pot of gold, of all the wonderful things you could do if you had a pot of gold.





# Lucky Charms Graph

Do you have the luck of the Irish? Discover some of objects the Irish think bring them luck in *S is for Shamrock*.

## Lucky Charms Graph

### Directions

1. Make and distribute individual bags of Lucky Charms. Each bag should contain about 35 pieces of cereal.
2. Students should sort and count the charms.
3. Have students make a pictograph showing the results of their bag.
4. Each student should make a written prediction as to which Charm will be found most often.
5. Have students explain their prediction.
6. Make a large graph showing the results of the class.
7. Discuss the students' predictions.

A pictograph uses a picture to represent the amount of the data.



# A Letter to a Friend

Imagine traveling across the ocean with your two young brothers to be reunited with your parents. Learn the surprise that awaited Annie Moore in *S is for Shamrock*.

Pretend you are Annie Moore. Write a letter to a friend back in Ireland describing your journey.

Dear

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Sincerely,  
Annie



# What is Lucky?

Everyone has superstitions about what is lucky. You'll find some of the Irish superstitions about what is lucky in *S is for Shamrock*.

Write a superstition for what is lucky in each shamrock below





## Make a Menu

Everyone can be Irish on St. Patrick's Day. It's a fun day to celebrate. *S is for Shamrock* will help you to learn about Ireland and St. Patrick. The "wearing of the green" is very popular on St. Patrick's Day.

Plan a nutritious menu for St. Patrick's Day using only green food. Don't forget the food pyramid.

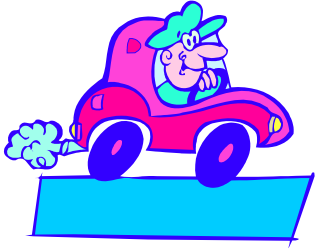
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Make your title exciting to grab the attention of the reader.

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# Driving Around Ireland

## Place value

Learn the size of Ireland as you enjoy *S is for Shamrock*. You will find it is a small island.

The O'Day family went on a trip to Ireland last summer. They rented a car and traveled for one month.

Below is the number of miles the O'Days drove. Write the number on the line below.

Six tens

Nine thousands

Five ones

Seven hundreds

\_\_\_\_\_

Write the numbers in the blank:

1. 43,720 \_\_\_\_\_ in the ones place

2. 15,696 \_\_\_\_\_ in the thousands place

3. 3,560,229 \_\_\_\_\_ in the millions place

4. 3,560,220 \_\_\_\_\_ in the ten thousands place

5. 6,000,569 \_\_\_\_\_ in the hundred thousands place



## Fairy Ring Poetry

Ireland is the home of many famous writers and poets. Could it be the Irish love to write because of their wonderful country? *S is for Shamrock* will help you to discover the wonders of Ireland.

Read the F page and learn a little about little people.

Write a poem, using any style, about Fairy Rings.

Illustrate your poem.

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## Irish Travel Poster

Pretend your art teacher has given you an assignment to make a travel poster about Ireland. But you don't know much about Ireland. You can read *S is for Shamrock* to learn all about this grand country.

Make a rough draft of your travel poster on this page.

A travel poster should show a person why they should visit a country.

You should use large pictures.

Don't use a lot of words.

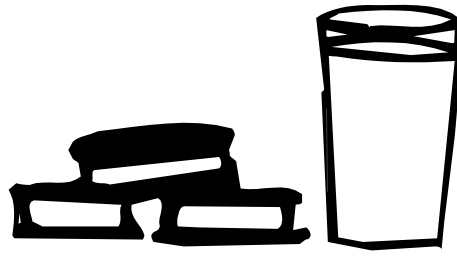
When you are happy with your rough draft, do a final copy on large paper. Make sure your poster is colorful.

# Science of the Rainbow

According to Irish legend the leprechauns hide pots of gold at the end of the rainbow. Learn more about Ireland and its leprechauns in *S is for Shamrock*.

A rainbow is caused by the sun shining on raindrops. Each raindrop splits the light it reflects into separate colors. The colors always appear in the same order– red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. An easy way to remember the order of the colors is to remember the name ROY G. BIV.

Draw and color a rainbow. Make sure you put the colors in the correct order, starting at the top.



# Irish Lace Cookie Recipe

## **Ingredients**

**½ cup unsalted butter**  
**4 tablespoons flour**  
**1 cup firmly packed brown sugar**  
**1 tablespoon vanilla extract**  
**2 tablespoons milk**  
**1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats**

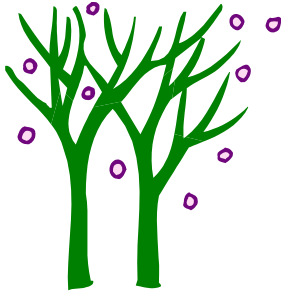
**Preheat oven to 350 degrees**  
**Grease and flour baking sheet**

## **Directions**

Cream together butter and sugar.  
Stir flour, milk, and rolled oats into this mixture.

Drop batter by the teaspoon onto prepared baking sheet.  
Allow 3 inches for cookie spread.

Bake until cookies flatten and look dry; about 10 minutes.  
Cool on the baking sheet for 4-5 minutes. Remove and let cool completely before serving.  
Makes 2 dozen cookies



# Do You Have Irish Roots?

If your last names starts with O' you probably have family roots in Ireland. *S is for Shamrock* will explain why you might have the O' at the beginning of your last name.

See how far you have to trace your family history to find a direct relative that was not born in the United States. Have fun doing your research. Write where each person was born.

YOU

MOTHER

FATHER

Grandmother

Grandmother

Grandfather

Grandfather

Great Grandmother

Great Grandmother

Great Grandfather

Great Grandfather

# You're Not Allowed to Learn!

The laws in Ireland in the eighteenth century did not allow Catholics to receive an education. The same thing happened to the slaves and their children in the United States. Read about one way Catholic students were taught in *S is for Shamrock*.

Use this information and the information you know about slaves to make a Venn diagram comparing the two groups of children.

CATHOLICS

SLAVES



## S is for Shamrock Answer Sheet

**Ireland Crossword-** 1) Island 2) ring 3) English 4) legends  
5) America 6) Nobel 7) Drakars

**Famous Irish Folk-** 1) giant 2) Claddagh ring 3) first immigrant on  
Ellis Island 4) brought Christianity to Ireland 5) warrior 6) designed  
the Titanic 7) author 8) little people

**Slithery Math-** 1) 6 2) 6 3) 24 4) 10 5) 56

**Traveling through Ireland-** 1) fact 2) fact 3) fiction 4) fiction  
5) fiction 6) fact 7) fact 8) fiction 9) fact 10) fact

**Unscramble Irish Words-** 1) Ulster 2) shamrock 3) Ireland  
4) Blarney Stone 5) Dublin 6) wolfhound 7) leprechaun  
8) Vikings 9) writer 10) yarn