

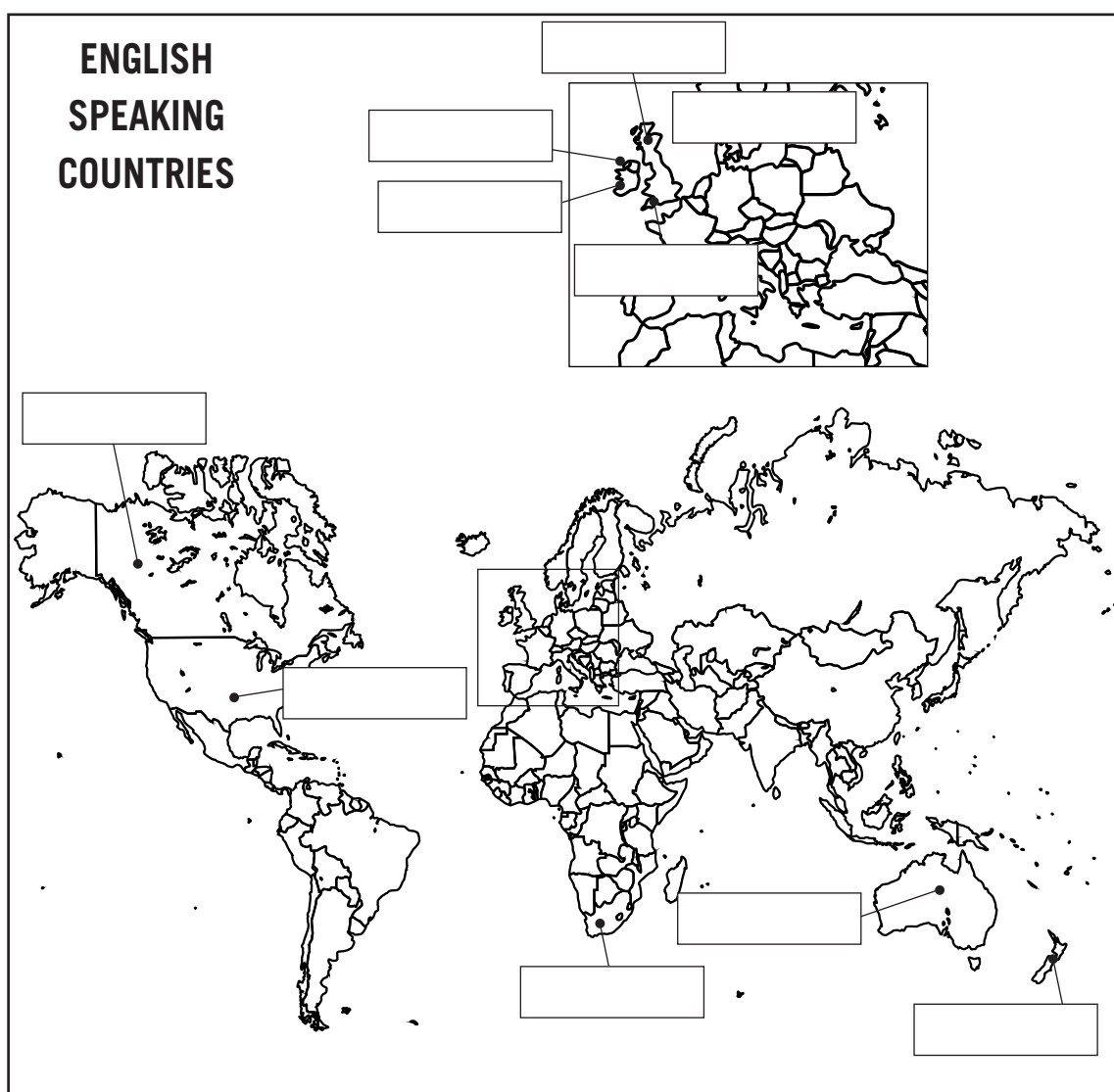
NATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Irish people speak Gaelic and English. But in the world there are many other countries where people also speak English as their main language. What do you know about the following ones?

Instructions:

1. Label the ten English-speaking countries on the map.



NATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



2. Now complete the table about the English-speaking countries above.
The national days have been written in the box to help you.

Freedom Day (27th April) – Saint Andrew's Day (30th November)
 Saint David's Day (1st March) – Saint George's Day (23rd April)
 Waitangi Day (6th February) – Australia Day (26th January)
 Independence Day (4th July) – Canada Day (1st July)



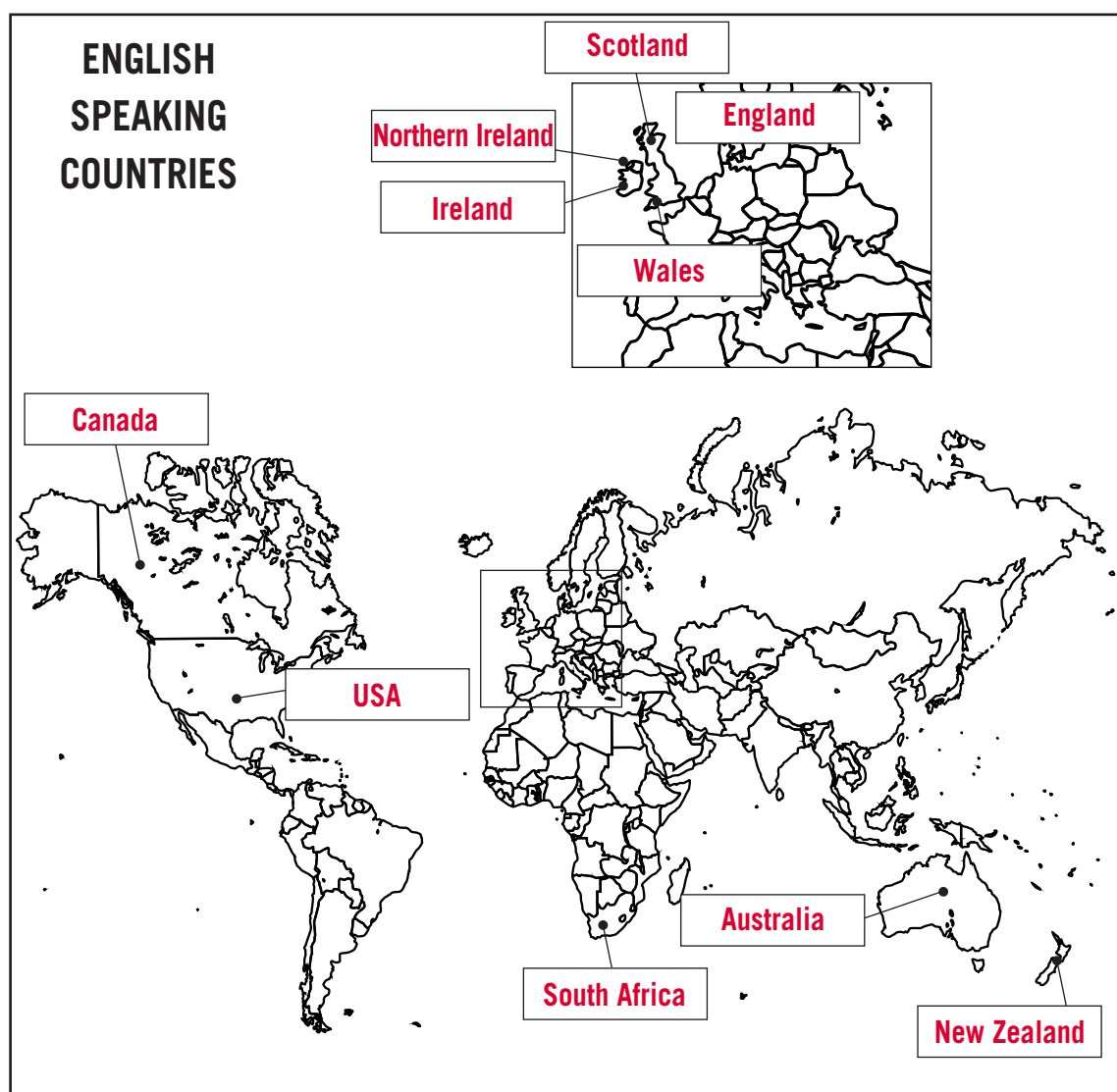
NAME OF COUNTRY	COUNTRY'S CAPITAL	NATIONALITY	NATIONAL DAY	CURRENCY
Australia				
New Zealand				
USA				
Canada				
Wales				
Scotland				
England				
Ireland			Saint Patrick's Day (17th March)	
Northern Ireland				
South Africa				

**LEARNING TIP!_**

If you need some extra help, you can use the following website:
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Answers

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Australia	Canberra	Australian	Australia Day (26th January)	Australian dollar (AUS \$)
New Zealand	Wellington	New Zealander	Waitangi Day (6th February)	New Zealand dollar (NZ\$)
USA	Washington, DC	American	Independence Day (4th July)	American dollar (£)
Canada	Ottawa	Canadian	Canada Day (1st July)	Canadian dollar (Can \$)
Wales	Cardiff	Welsh	Saint David's Day (1st March)	Pound sterling (£)
Scotland	Edinburgh	Scottish	Saint Andrew's Day (30th November)	Pound sterling (£)
England	London	English	Saint George's Day (23rd April)	Pound sterling (£)
Ireland	Dublin	Irish	Saint Patrick's Day (17th March)	Euro (€)
Northern Ireland	Belfast	Northern Irish		Pound sterling (£)
South Africa	Pretoria	South African	Freedom Day (27th April)	Rand (R)



NATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

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1. Label the map with the names of the English-speaking countries in the box.

Wales – Scotland – Northern Ireland – England - Ireland





2. Now complete the table with the information in the box about the English-speaking countries above.

Saint Andrew's Day (30th November)
Saint David's Day (1st March) – Saint George's Day (23rd April)
Belfast – London – Edinburgh – Dublin – Cardiff

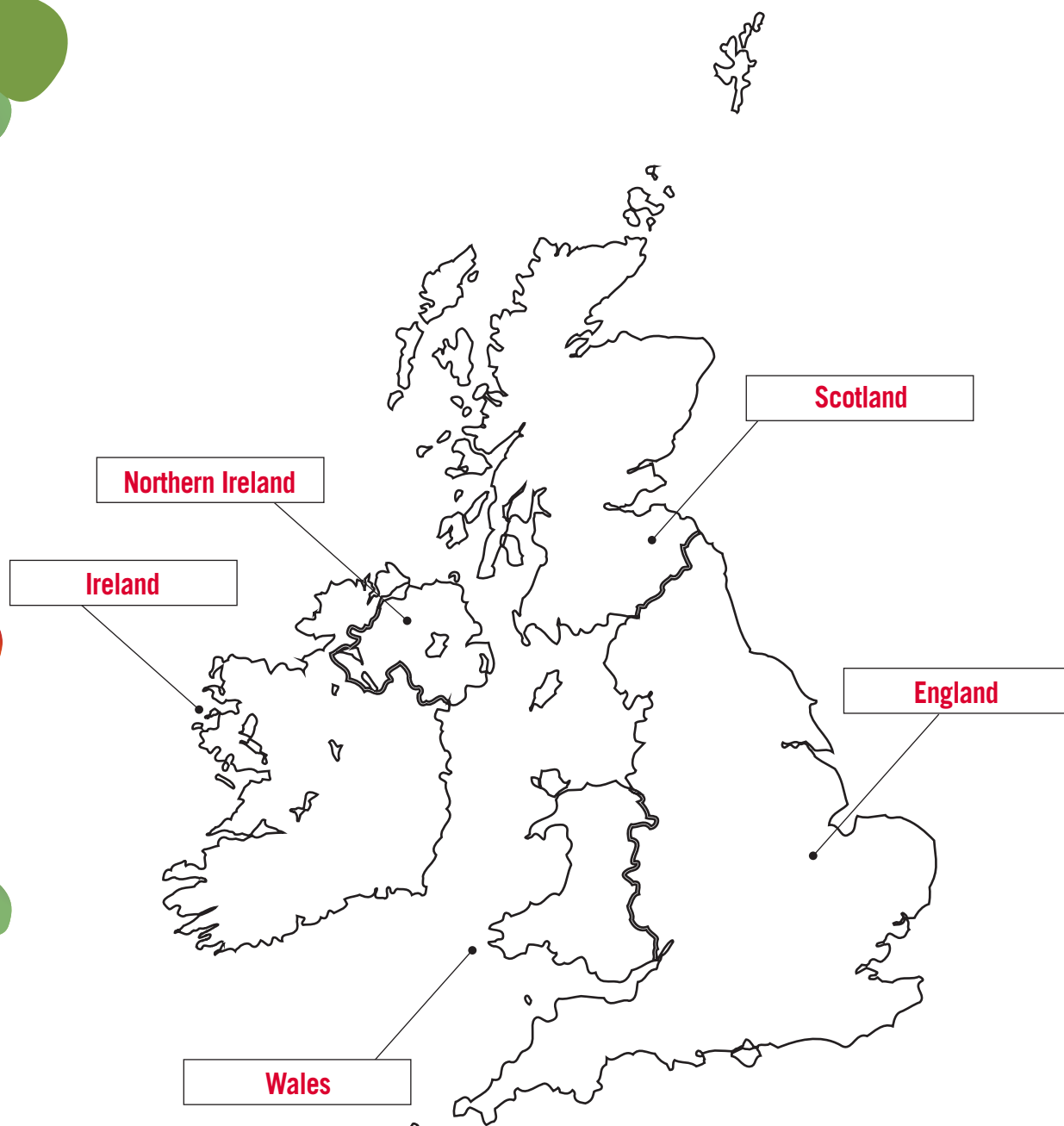
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Answers

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NAME OF COUNTRY	COUNTRY'S CAPITAL	NATIONAL DAY
Wales	Cardiff	Saint David's Day (1 st March)
Scotland	Edinburgh	Saint Andrew's Day (30 th November)
England	London	Saint George's Day (23 rd April)
Ireland	Dublin	Saint Patrick's Day (17 th March)
Northern Ireland	Belfast	





SAINT PATRICK'S DAY WEBQUEST

TASK: Find out about Saint Patrick's Day. Explore the following website to help you answer the questions below:

<http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day> ▼



1. When is Saint Patrick's Day celebrated?

2. What is the most famous tale about Saint Patrick?

3. Where and when did the first Saint Patrick's Day parade take place?

4. Is Saint Patrick's Day only celebrated in the USA and Ireland nowadays?

5. What happens to the Chicago river on Saint Patrick's Day?

6. What are the five main symbols of Saint Patrick's Day?



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Answers

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1. When is Saint Patrick's Day celebrated?

On 17th March.

Check the web! ▼

2. What is the most famous tale about Saint Patrick?

That he explained the Holy Trinity using the three leaves of a shamrock.

Check the web! ▼

3. Where and when did the first Saint Patrick's Day parade take place?

It took place in New York City on March 17, 1762.

Check the web! ▼

4. Is Saint Patrick's Day only celebrated in the USA and Ireland nowadays?

No, it's also celebrated in Australia, Canada and in other non-English-speaking

countries like Japan, Singapore and Russia.

Check the web! ▼

5. What happens to the Chicago river on Saint Patrick's Day?

The river is dyed green.

Check the web! ▼

6. What are the five main symbols of Saint Patrick's Day?

The shamrock, Irish music, the snake, corned beef and the leprechaun.

Check the web! ▼

PROJECT – LET'S CELEBRATE

TASK: You are going to create a presentation about a celebration of your choice and show it to your class.

1. SELECT

In pairs or small groups, decide what celebration you would like to do your project on from the following list:

PANCAKE DAY	APRIL FOOL'S DAY
REMEMBRANCE DAY (also known as Poppy Day)	CANADA DAY
THANKSGIVING	INDEPENDENCE DAY
WAITANGI DAY	NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL
AUSTRALIA DAY	HALLOWEEN
GUY FAWKES' NIGHT	LENT AND EASTER
DAY OF RECONCILIATION	FREEDOM DAY

2. SEARCH

You can use books or the Internet to look for information about your celebration. You can also ask people you know.

When you look for information, think about the following questions to help you:

- What country is this celebration typical from?
- What are the origins of this celebration? What is the story behind it? Why is this day celebrated?
- How do people usually celebrate this day? Do they do anything special? Is there any typical food that people eat?

3. THINK AND MAKE NOTES

Make notes about your celebration and organise the information you have found before writing your text.

4. WRITE

Once you have all the information you need, write the text you are going to include in your presentation. Make it sound interesting and easy to understand.

5. CHECK

Read your text carefully and check for any mistakes.

6. DESIGN

Create your multimedia presentation to display your work, using a new slide for every different aspect of the celebration you talk about. Don't forget to use only keywords in your presentation, as too much text is really hard to read! Also, add photos, videos and sound effects to illustrate your celebration and make your presentation more appealing and original.

7. DISPLAY

Show your presentation to your classmates so they can give you their opinion on it!

Teaching notes

A very interesting project you can do with your students related to celebrations is to get them to talk about their favourite one. There are many webtools which can be used to do so, but Power Point is probably one of the best. Students can create a Power Point file with several slides and add photos, videos and sound to make their presentation visual and interesting.



TIP!

You can ask students to vote their favourite celebration. The presentation with the highest mark can be given an award and be displayed in class.

