

SNEAKY LEPRECHAUN WORD SWAP

Leprechauns are sneaky! Looks like one of them got a hold of this page and swapped out a bunch of words for silly ones! Read the paragraph below, and choose the right word from the list that belongs in place of each silly word. Write the correct word above the silly word.

Wearing **SPLOOSH** shirts and leprechaun costumes on St. Patrick's Day are **BLECK** that started

in the 17th century, when people wore green ribbons and shamrocks on March 17 to **ZING**

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believed that wearing green made them **HING** to leprechauns, fairy **MERCHUP** who would

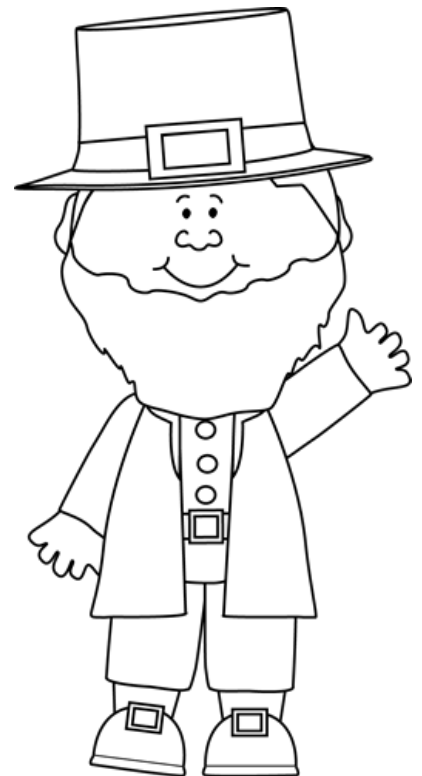
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leprechauns could **ZAPPOK** up on them at any time. Still, **KAZOMP** only about half of

Americans choose to deck out in green on March 17.

WORD LIST

green	invisible	creatures
traditions	sneak	immigrants
honor	today	



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ANSWER KEY

Wearing **green** shirts and leprechaun costumes on St. Patrick's Day are **traditions** that started in the 17th century, when people wore green ribbons and shamrocks on March 17 to **honor** Ireland's patron saint. The tradition was popularized by Irish **immigrants** in the United States, who believed that wearing green made them **invisible** to leprechauns, fairy **creatures** who would pinch anyone they could see. Pinching people who didn't wear green reminded them that leprechauns could **sneak** up on them at any time. Still, **today** only about half of Americans choose to deck out in green on March 17.

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