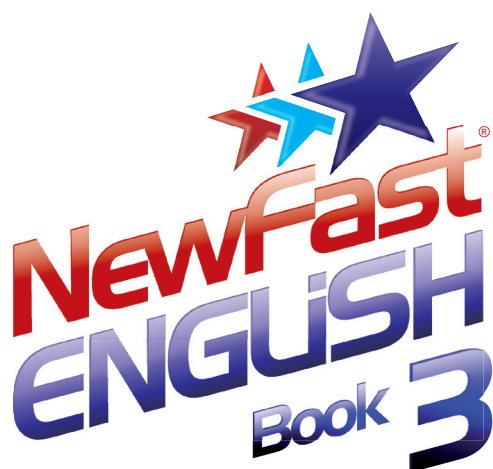


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Reading activity

Introduction

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Valentine's Day February 14th

Legend has it that in the third century a priest named Valentine used to perform marriage ceremonies despite the prohibition by a Roman emperor named Claudius II who was convinced that single men made better soldiers for his army.

After being thrown in jail, Valentine established a relationship with his jailor's daughter (it is said that he cured her blindness), and he signed his last message to her "from your Valentine's", a phrase which still gets a lot of mileage.

Valentine was executed on February 14th.

Nowadays, Valentine's Day is celebrated with gifts, candies, chocolate, dinner, a night out, flowers and jewelry.

St. Patrick's Day March 17th



St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. He was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost did not get to be Bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Actually not much of it is proved. It is believed that Patrick raised people from dead. It is also said that he has given a sermon from a top of a hill that drove all the snakes from Ireland.

One tradition icon of the day is the shamrock and the stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the 3 leafed shamrock to explain the trinity. Patrick used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

Questions



1. Answer orally to the questions below.

- a. When is Valentine's Day celebrated and why it has such a name?
- b. Why did Emperor Claudius put Valentine in jail?
- c. Nowadays, how is Valentine's Day celebrated all over the world?
- d. Who is St. Patrick?
- e. Why didn't he almost get to be Bishop of Ireland?
- f. What is believed about Patrick?
- g. What is the tradition icon of St. Patrick's Day?
- h. According to Patrick, what did the shamrock represent?



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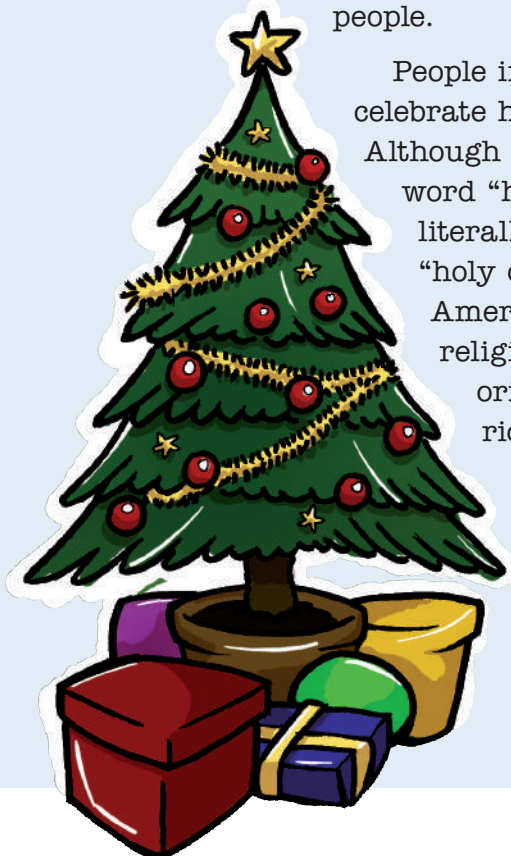
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Holidays

American Holidays is an introductory survey of the historical and social background of American people.

People in every culture celebrate holidays. Although the word "holiday" literally means "holy day", most American holidays are not religious, but commemorative in nature and origin. Therefore, the nation is blessed with rich ethnic heritage. It is possible to trace some of the American holidays to diverse cultural roots and traditions, but all holidays have taken on a distinctively American flavor. In the United States, the word "holiday" is synonymous with celebration.





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Exercises



1. Interview your classmates and find someone who:

- thinks that giving presents and chocolate can be fun.
- believes that Valentine's Day is just a date related to business.
- believes that Valentine's Day might have become an important date.
- thinks that St. Patrick should be a Saint.
- believes that a four leaf shamrock is a symbol of luck.



2. Now, after ordering your ideas, tell your teacher and classmates about your partner's opinion.

Important Point 1

Grammar – Modals

Affirmative	Negative	Short form	Explanation
Can	Can not	Can't	Capacity, ability Present
Could	Could not	Couldn't	Capacity, ability Past
May	May not	(Mayn't)	Permission, possibility Present
Might	Might not	Mightn't	Permission, possibility Past
Must	Must not	Mustn't	Obligation
Should	Should not	Shouldn't	Advice
Ought to	Ought not	Oughtn't	Advice
Will	Will not	Won't	Polite questions
Would	Would not	Wouldn't	Repeating actions in the Past
Shall	Shall not	Shan't	Questions to make suggestions




should • ought to • may • might

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- A close-up photograph of a variety of snacks. In the background, there are orange-colored potato chips. In the foreground, there are several items: a cluster of colorful, round, sugar-coated candies in shades of purple, green, yellow, and orange; a pile of dark brown, round chocolate candies; a few chocolate-covered wafer sticks; and several round chocolate chip cookies. The entire image is framed by a blue border.

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Important Point 2

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| •• be able to = can | •• be going to |
| •• be allowed = permission | •• be likely to |
| •• be about to | •• be obliged to |
| •• be bound to | •• be supposed to |



Exercises

3



1. Listen and complete the sentences.

can • could • must • had to • mustn't

- a. Mary get her driver's license. She is already 18.
- b. People throw garbage on the ground. It causes harm to the environment.
- c. Actually, I study more because my grade was not that good.
- d. you take the kids to school for me? I have no time.
- e. You take your studies seriously. It will be good for you somehow.
- f. Paul, you turn left. It is a one way street.



✓ Semi-Modals



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Affirmative	Negative	Short form	Explanation
Need	Need not	Needn't	Necessity
Dare (to)	Dare not (to)	Daren't (to)	Supposition, challenge
Used to	Used not to	Usedn't to	Habitual actions



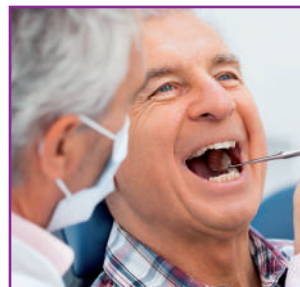
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This man can swim.



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She must study.



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He should go to the dentist.

Oral Activity

1. What do you think people should or should not do during special celebrations or holidays?

2. What do you usually do to celebrate a special occasion?



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Listening and Comprehension



Write down what you listen

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.



English to English

- Army
- Bishop
- Blindness
- Emperor
- Fide
- Heritage
- Legend
- Marriage
- Mileage
- Patron
- Priest
- Scholarship
- Sermon
- Shamrock
- Stem





To lack
To perform
To surround
To throw



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