

The Mystery ^{of} _{the} Lost Leprechaun

Today is the day of the famous St. Patrick's Day Parade! Liam the leprechaun is supposed to be riding on the parade's biggest float and people have come from far and wide to see him. But when the parade organisers went to Liam's dressing room this morning to see if he was ready, he was gone! All that was left was a note... The note says that Liam has been kidnapped and if the organisers want to get him back, they need to give the kidnapper ten pots of gold!

As chief detective on the case, it is **your** job to find out who has kidnapped Liam the lost leprechaun, so he can be rescued before the parade begins! You have the names and details of all the people who entered the building before Liam was reported missing. There are also four important clues to be discovered.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names. Will you be able to find out who took Liam before the parade begins?

Good luck!



St. Patrick's Day People Descriptions

First Name	Surname	Shoe Size	Hair Colour	House Number	Street Name
Conor	Murphy	8	red	16	Green Street
Aoife	O'Sullivan	5	blonde	5	St. Brigid Street
Sean	Kelly	7	red	14	O'Riley Road
Niamh	O'Brien	6	black	21	Paddy Street
Rory	Gallagher	8	red	33	Cork Lane
Cathleen	O'Connor	8	red	53	Bally Street
Michael	McCarthy	10	brown	18	Carrick Road
Orla	Doyle	8	red	9	Cork Lane
Cian	O'Doherty	11	blonde	53	Shannon Street
Sinéad	Kennedy	7	red	1	Clare Street
Shane	O'Leary	8	red	64	Derry Drive
Róisín	Quinn	6	brown	51	Patrick Street
Ryan	O'Carroll	5	blond	26	Shamrock Street
Siobhán	Connolly	4	red	17	Emerald Road
Colm	Fitzpatrick	9	brown	59	Liffey Lane
Caitlín	Brennan	8	red	20	Galway Street
Cillian	Flynn	7	brown	34	Dublin Road
Mary	O'Shea	5	black	28	Limerick Lane
Padraig	Tóibín	9	red	55	Gaelic Road
Brigid	O'Farrell	5	blonde	32	Tara Terrace

The Lost Leprechaun was kidnapped by _____.

Clue 1: A Capital Clue

The kidnapper has dropped some gold coins in Liam’s dressing room! Each gold coin has a root word on it, and each pot has a suffix. Can you sort the gold coins into the correct pot by writing the completed word (root word + suffix) under each pot? Some root words can have more than one suffix. The pot with the most gold coin words will tell you the kidnapper’s hair colour.


					
					
					
					

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The kidnapper’s hair colour is _____.

Clue 2: The Misspelt Note

The kidnapper left a ransom note behind in Liam's dressing room but they are not very good at spelling and have made lots of mistakes. Can you spot the incorrectly spelt words in the note, underline them and write them correctly below? The number of incorrectly spelt words is the kidnapper's shoe size.



Ar you looking for Liam? Well I have kidnapped him
and taken him to my hows! I have taken the owld
leprechaun becoz without him there will be no
St. Patrick's Day Parade!
To get him back, you must leave ten pots of gowld
at the end of the grasy path. If you want your
byootiful parade to go ahead, you will need to pay
my ransom within one hour.
You will never catch mee!
- The Leprechaun Snatcher

Correct spellings:

The kidnapper's shoe size is _____.

Clue 3: Clever Clover Word Clues

Can you complete these St. Patrick's Day sentences about spelling, punctuation and grammar? Work out the answers and complete the table to reveal the name of the street where the kidnapper lives!

<p>I cannot wait for St. Patrick's Day!</p> <p>Can you shorten one word in this sentence to turn it into a contraction?</p>		<p>The first letter of the answer is: _____</p>
<p>On St. Patrick's day, I am going to wear green clothes green shoes and a green wig.</p> <p>This sentence is missing a _____.</p>		<p>The 2nd letter of the answer is: _____</p>
<p>The plural of clover is _____.</p>		<p>The 6th letter of the answer is: _____</p>
<p>Saint patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Which word in this sentence should begin with a capital letter?</p>		<p>The last letter of the answer is: _____</p>
<p>A shamrock is very lucky.</p> <p>Which word in this sentence is an adjective?</p>		<p>The first letter of the answer is: _____</p>

Clue 3: Clever Clover Word Clues

<p>Jacks Irish dancing is amazing!</p> <p>This sentence is missing an _____.</p>		<p>The first letter of the answer is: _____</p>
<p>The beautiful, emerald green isle</p> <p>This is an example of a _____ phrase.</p>		<p>The first letter of the answer is: _____</p>
<p>Last year on St. Patrick's Day, we ate Irish stew and soda bread.</p> <p>This sentence is written in the _____.</p>		<p>The last letter of the answer is: _____</p>

The kidnapper lives on _____.



Clue 4: Liam's Lucky Poem

A page torn from a poetry book has been discovered at the scene of the crime. Liam must have torn it as he was being kidnapped! Can you count the number of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs used in the poem and write them in the table below? You only need to count each word once. The word class that has been used the **most** will tell you the kidnapper's house number.

Five Little Leprechauns

Five little leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day,

The first one said "I'd like to play!"

The second one stood beside a rainbow,

The third one waved and said "Hello!"

The fourth one said "Good luck to young and old,"

The fifth one said "Don't touch my gold!"

They listened to the harp and they all danced around,

Then off they ran quickly without a sound.

Word Class	Words	Number
Noun		
Verb		
Adjective		
Adverb		

The word class that has been used the **most** is _____.

The kidnapper lives at number _____.

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Answers

Clue 1: A Capital Clue

-less (brown hair)	-ly (red hair)	-ment (black hair)	-ness (blonde hair)
hopeless	closely	statement	closeness
loveless	lovely	agreement	sadness
careless	sadly	amazement	coldness
fearless	coldly	enjoyment	quietness
	quietly	treatment	cleverness
	cleverly	engagement	brightness
	slowly		kindness
	brightly		
	kindly		

The kidnapper's hair colour is **red**.

Clue 2: The Misspelt Note

Correct spellings:

are, house, old, because, gold, grassy, beautiful, me

The kidnapper's shoe size is **8**.

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Clue 3: Clever Clover Word Clues

<p>I cannot wait for St. Patrick's Day!</p> <p>Can you shorten one word in this sentence to turn it into a contraction?</p>	can't	<p>The first letter of the answer is: c</p>
<p>On St. Patrick's day, I am going to wear green clothes green shoes and a green wig.</p> <p>This sentence is missing a _____.</p>	comma	<p>The 2nd letter of the answer is: o</p>
<p>The plural of clover is _____.</p>	clovers	<p>The 6th letter of the answer is: r</p>
<p>Saint patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Which word in this sentence should begin with a capital letter?</p>	Patrick	<p>The last letter of the answer is: k</p>
<p>A shamrock is very lucky.</p> <p>Which word in this sentence is an adjective?</p>	lucky	<p>The first letter of the answer is: l</p>

The Mystery of the Lost Leprechaun **Answers**

Clue 3: Clever Clover Word Clues

Jacks Irish dancing is amazing! This sentence is missing an _____.	apostrophe	The first letter of the answer is: a
The beautiful, emerald green isle This is an example of a _____ phrase.	noun	The first letter of the answer is: n
Last year on St. Patrick's Day, we ate Irish stew and soda bread. This sentence is written in the _____.	past tense	The last letter of the answer is: e

The kidnapper lives on **Cork Lane**.

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Clue 4: Liam's Lucky Poem

Word Class	Words	Number
Noun	leprechaun, Patrick, rainbow, gold, harp, sound	6
Verb	said, like, stood, waved, touch, listened, danced, ran, play	9
Adjective	little, young, old	3
Adverb	quickly	1

The word class that has been used the most is **verb**.

The kidnapper lives at number **9**.

The lost leprechaun was kidnapped by **Orla Doyle**.