

# The Gift of Storytelling



*Listen to the music.*

*Which country does it remind to you?*

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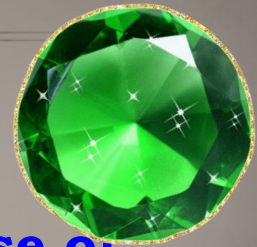


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**READ THE FACTS ABOUT IRELAND. WHICH  
OF THEM ARE NOT TRUE.**

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- ❖ The 3 most famous symbols of Ireland are green shamrock, the harp and the Celtic Cross.
  - ❖ The Irish people don't celebrate Halloween.
  - ❖ Ireland has a tradition of storytelling.
  - ❖ Nobody speaks Irish in Ireland at present.
  - ❖ Dublin is a home to Ireland's National Leprechaun Museum.

# THE EMERALD ISLE



- ◆ **Green is the Irish colour.**
- ◆ **Ireland is called the Emerald Isle, because of its beautiful green countryside.**
- ◆ **The poet William Drennan (1754 – 1820) first gave Ireland the nickname in his poem.**





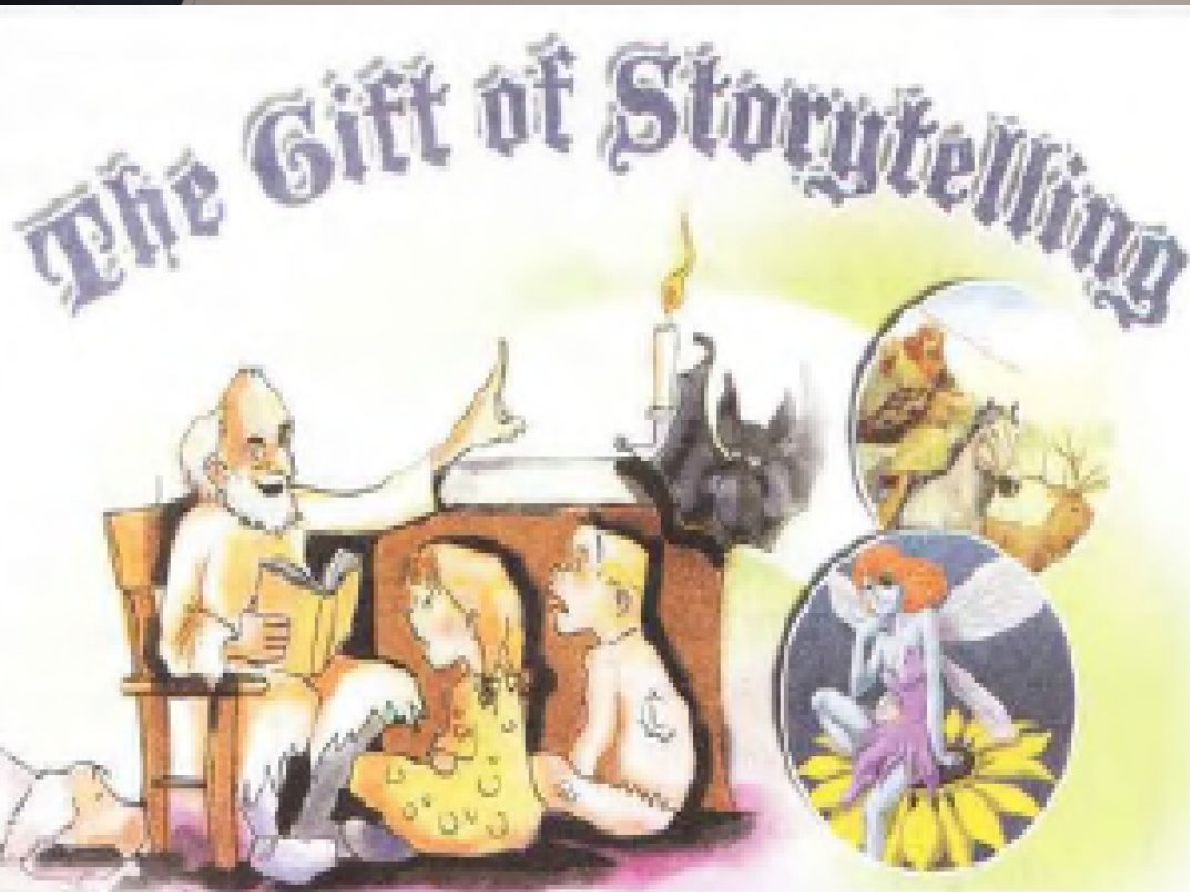


READ THE TITLE OF THE TEXT. HOW IS IT  
RELATED TO IRELAND?

❖ Ireland has a traditions of story telling.



*Look at the pictures and read the quote. What might the text about?*



A story should be told eye to eye, mind to mind, heart to heart.

*Stanley Robertson (storyteller)*

- ❖ The text might be about storytelling because quote talks about a story and we can see a picture of an old man reading a book to the children.

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READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE  
QUESTIONS.

1. *What does Seanachais do?*
2. *What are the two types of stories people tell in Ireland?*
3. *What are these myths/legends about?*
4. *What characters do you find in Irish folk tales?*

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❖ Seanachais tell stories.

❖ Myth and legends, and folk tales.

❖ They are about giants, saints, warriors  
and kings.

❖ Fairies, elves, leprechauns and more.

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a) Find the adjectives the author uses for:

- beasts • champion • values
- characters • adventures
- obstacles • location

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❖ Magical beasts

❖ Noble champion

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❖ Moral value

❖ Unusual\popular characters

❖ Incredible adventure

❖ Great obstacles

❖ Secret location

## EXPLAIN THE WORDS IN BOLD

**b) tradition (n):** a practice that has existed for a very long time (традиция)

**saint (n):** people who have been honoured by the Christian church for being an example to others (святой)

**warrior (n):** very good soldiers/fighters (воин)

**overcome (v):** survive something difficult (преодолевать)

**champion (n):** a person who wins competitions (чемпион, защитник, борец)

# WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE TEXT GIVE ABOUT

❖ Finn Mac Cumhal –

was a noble champion and warrior.

❖ The Fianna –

Was a group of warriors to which Finn Mac Cumhal belonged.

❖ Leprechauns –

Are type of fairy that make shoes and have a crock of gold.

## Home task (SB p. 21 ex. 5)

Work in groups. Think of a popular folk tale in your country. Tell another group.

- What is it about?
- Who are the main characters?
- What happens in the story?
- What moral values does the text suggest?

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<https://russian-crafts.com/russian-folk-tales.html>





## Turnip

This Russian folk-tale is about a peasant family. The main characters are Old man (Dedka), his wife (Babka), their granddaughter (Vnuchka), their pets Dog (Zhuchka), Cat (Murka) and Little Mouse. One day Dedka goes to the kitchen garden to see a huge turnip. He can't pull it out. So he calls his wife to help him. They two try and try but they can't pull it out. So they call Vnucka. They still too weak to do it. Only when they are together with their pets and Little Mouse comes to help they manage to pull the turnip out.

The moral is – it's important to be friendly and helpful in the family, especially in difficult situations. Even a small effort (like a Little Mouse's) matters!