

## Ireland

### The English English Podcast S01E16

#### Glossary (in chronological order)

**Missionaries**- a person sent to promote Christianity in a foreign country

**Monk**- a member of a religious group living on vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

**Mass**- the ceremony held at church, usually on Sundays

**Lent**- the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by Roman Catholics

**Shamrock**- a small clover-like plant with three leaves, the symbol of Ireland

**Starving**- to be extremely hungry

**Bagpipes**- a wind instrument typical of Celtic culture

**Culture shock**- the feeling you get when experiencing a place or culture very different than your own

**Showers**- referring to rain that comes and goes in small intervals

**The Gift of the Gab**- the art of speaking well or being a good speaker

**Cliff**- a steep rock face, usually near the sea

#### Listen and put the words above into the sentences below.

- 1) The pope sent \_\_\_\_\_ to Ireland to bring everyone together.
- 2) St. Patrick was a British \_\_\_\_\_ sent to Ireland to do that.
- 3) People would go to \_\_\_\_\_, or church.
- 4) Because often St. Patrick's Day is part of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the 40 days before Easter, the church gave a dispensation from the restrictions....
- 5) We only celebrated St. Patrick's Day by wearing something green or a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) If you have it (a meal) at 6, by the time you go to bed at 11 or 12, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) Even Celtic culture, Celtic music isn't that different from here.... And the Irish have \_\_\_\_\_ and cider.
- 8) Perhaps not such a big \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) It rains 10 times every day. It stops again and starts again.... It does, there are lots of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) Another stereotype about Irish people is that they have the \_\_\_\_\_, so they can talk forever.
- 11) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Moher, 300 metres high, are worth visiting.

#### What do the teachers say about these things?

- St. Patrick
- Celebrating St. Patrick's Day
- Irish timetables
- Climate
- Drinking alcohol
- Drinking tea
- Suggestions for tourists

#### Conversation Questions

- Have you ever been to Ireland? If not, would you like to visit it?
- What are some Irish stereotypes that you have heard? What are some stereotypes of people from your country?
- Do you have any holidays like St. Patrick's Day that are unique to your country?