

# Answers

1. Which of these Irish symbols did Saint Patrick use to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity? Tick one.

- ☐ Celtic cross
- ☐ leprechaun
- ☒ **Shamrock**
- ☐ harp

2. 'Patrick heard a voice urging him to return to Ireland.' What does the word urging mean? Tick one.

- ☐ preventing
- ☒ **encouraging**
- ☐ whispering
- ☐ humouring

3. List two religious jobs mentioned in the text.

**Accept the two following answers: deacon; priest.**

4. Find and copy a word from the fourth paragraph which means the same as ran away.  
**fled**

5. Which word from the text shows that the captain was hesitant to have Saint Patrick aboard his ship?

**reluctant**

6. Why can't Saint Patrick's childhood be discussed with certainty?

**Saint Patrick's childhood cannot be discussed with certainty due to the time that has passed since he was alive and the lack of surviving evidence, text or witnesses.**

7. Why aren't the exact historical details of Saint Patrick's life important?

**The exact details of Saint Patrick's life aren't important because Saint Patrick's importance to Ireland does not come from the historical details of his life, but from the inspiration of his experiences which led to his return to Ireland in order to spread the message of Jesus.**

8. Why can't Saint Patrick's place of birth be placed on any modern map?

**Saint Patrick's place of birth (Bannavem Taburniae) cannot be placed on any modern map as it had a Roman name which is no longer used in Britain and no one knows where the modern equivalent of the place would be due to a lack of evidence.**

9. Explain why Saint Patrick is so special to Irish people.

**Accept any suitable explanation, such as: He is so special because he introduced a new religion to Ireland which changed the lives of Irish people; He is special because he put himself in a dangerous situation to help to introduce God into the lives of Irish people; He is so special because Irish people remember the risks that Saint Patrick took in order to help them in God's name.**