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# Leprechaun Language

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I couldn't believe what I stumbled upon,

There he was before me- a real leprechaun.

He said "I just woke from my long morning nap,"

Stretching his arms, he fixed his giant black cap.

"I didn't see you there when I first woke up,

I'm making some tea now, would you like a cup?"

He had bright blue eyes and a rather long nose

With emerald green shoes that turned up at the toes

We chatted together while drinking our tea

Just the two of us- the leprechaun and me

He said "You know that soon it's St. Patrick's Day?

I'll share with you, friend, something the Irish say.

They have a saying that is oh, so clever,

Erin Go Bragh means Ireland forever!"

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- 1. What did the leprechaun do right after he woke up?
  - **a.** stretched his legs
- **b.** made some tea
- c. sang a song
- d. danced a jig
- 2. What does the Irish phrase "Erin Go Bragh" mean?
- 3. Which piece of information is *not* mentioned in the poem?
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- **4.** Which word best describes the leprechaun in this poem?

clever

sneaky

friendly

Tell why you chose this word.

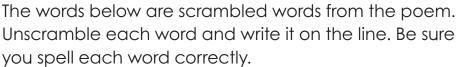
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clue: small, bearded, magical person

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clue: smart

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clue: someone or something from Ireland

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clue: bright green gemstone

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**clue:** talked

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fedrin

clue: person you like to spend time with

#### **ANSWER KEY**

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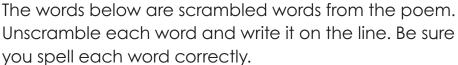
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