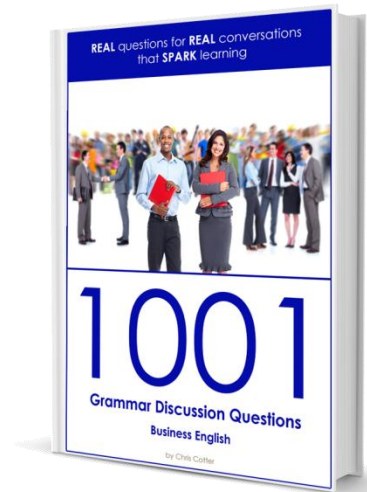
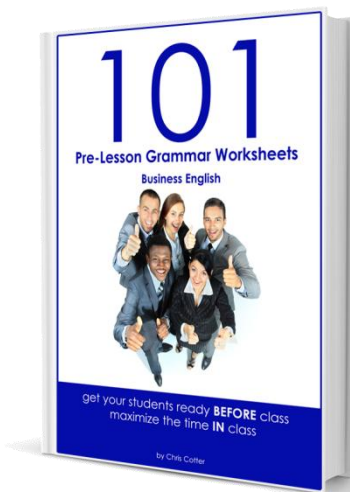
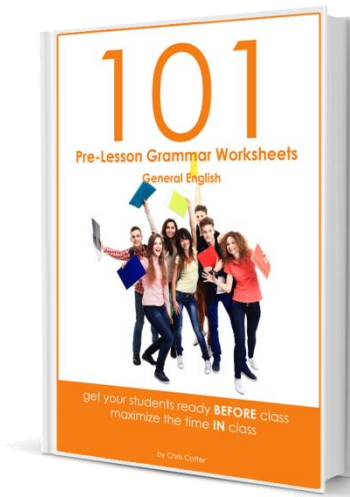


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IRELAND, THE IRISH, AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Discuss or debate the questions below. Remember to support your answers!

- Have you ever been to Ireland? If yes, how was it? If no, do you want to go?
 - Have you ever celebrated St. Patrick's Day? If yes, what did you do? Please explain.
 - Do you have any special plans for St. Patrick's Day this year? Why/not?
 - Do you have any holidays similar to St. Patrick's Day in your country? If yes, please explain. If no, would you want a similar holiday?
 - Do you have a particular holiday that you would call your favorite? If yes, what is it?
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- What do you know about St. Patrick's Day?
 - On St. Patrick's Day, it's traditional to wear something green. Why do you think so?
 - What is a leprechaun? If you're not sure, check your dictionary. Then answer the following question: Do you think leprechauns are real? Why/not?
 - What is a shamrock? If you're not sure, check your dictionary. Then answer the following question: Why is it important in Ireland?
 - What are your impressions about Ireland? How do they compare to your classmates' opinions? Do you think these ideas are accurate or inaccurate? Please explain.
 - Many countries celebrate St. Patrick's Day with large parades, Irish food, and beer. Why do you think so many places celebrate this day?
 - Why don't more countries in the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day, like they do Christmas or Halloween? Please explain.
 - What holidays are unique to your country? Please explain.
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- Do you think St. Patrick's Day is a real holiday, or is just another hallmark holiday for some company to make money? Why/not?
 - Would you want to visit Ireland for St. Patrick's Day next year? Why/not?
 - Have you ever heard of the "Blarney Stone?" What do you think it is? Now check your dictionary to confirm your answer. Was your answer right or wrong?
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- Many bars serve green beer for St. Patrick's Day. What is green beer?!! How does it become green? Would you want to try it?
- What are your impressions about Irish people? How do they compare to your classmates' opinions? Do you think these ideas are accurate or inaccurate?
- The Irish have the negative stereotype of being big drinkers. Why do you think they have this stereotype? What do you think about stereotypes in general?
- What stereotypes are there about people from your country? Why do you think your countrymen have this stereotype? What can you say about stereotypes?

