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Leprechaun Language

by Alice Knisley Matthias

I couldn't believe what I stumbled upon,
There he was before me- a real leprechaun.



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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- c. The leprechaun had emerald shoes.
- d. The leprechaun had a long nose.

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clever

sneaky

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Tell why you chose this word. _____

Challenge:

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Vocabulary Activity

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Clue: warm drink

2.

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n	a	h	u	c	

Clue: small, bearded, magical person

3.

v
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Clue:



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Clue: someone or something from Ireland

5.

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d	a	l	

Clue: bright green gemstone

6.

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Clue: talked

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ANSWER KEY

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