

e-lesson

Week starting: 19th April 2004

1. Dragonslayer

April 23rd is St. George's Day. He is famous in many countries in Europe and the Middle East. He is patron saint of England, although, unlike neighbours Ireland and Wales, the English don't have much in the way of a formal celebration to mark his feast day. A few pubs will probably hang the English flag (red cross on a white background) up outside. It may even surprise many English people to learn that not only was St. George not English, but probably never set foot in England during his life. Despite this, he is famous for having apparently slain a dragon on Dragon Hill at Uffington in Berkshire, England.

Level

Pre-intermediate and above

How to use the lesson

1. Give each of your students a copy of the worksheet and ask them to fold their piece of paper so that only the first exercise is visible.
2. Divide the class into pairs and ask the students to work together to complete the story of St. George by adding *a*, *an*, *the* or nothing.
3. Check answers in open class.

Answers

1. the
 2. the
 3. a
 4. the
 5. –
 6. the
 7. a
 8. –
 9. the
 10. an
 11. a
 12. the
4. Tell your students they have four minutes to read the rest of the story (the bottom half of their piece of paper) and find the extra word *a*, *an*, or *the* (where appropriate) in each line. If they are not working very quickly, give them an extra minute.
 5. When the time limit is up, stop your students and ask them to check their answers with the person sitting next to them.
 6. Check answers in open class.

Answers

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| 1. ✓ | 8. (2 nd) a |
| 2. the | 9. ✓ |
| 3. a | 10. an |
| 4. ✓ | 11. a |
| 5. a | 12. (1 st) the |
| 6. (1 st) the | 13. ✓ |
| 7. an | 14. the |

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.innotts.co.uk/asperges/george.html>

A much more complete account of the life and legend of St. George

<http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/antony.htm>

The beautiful St. Antony's Monastery

<http://www.kidsturncentral.com/holidays/glossary/holidaysgloss.htm>

Holidays around the world. Click on St. George's Day.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/london/yourlondon/stgeorges/your_views4.shtml

What the people say about St. George's Day. Why not write in yourself?