1 Match the definition to a symbol or tradition associated with Ireland.

a. a plant with three round leaves in a triangular pattern
b. a religious ceremony
c. a march or public celebration
d. magical creatures, mischievous little old men
e. a hot drink made with cream
f. traditional stories and culture
g. a traditional stringed instrument
h. colours seen in arcs in the sky
i. a symbol often seen made of silver, stone or as a tattoo
j. a traditional Irish dance event

i. harp
ii. leprechauns
iii. Irish coffee
iv. mass
v. parade
vi. Celtic Cross
vii. folklore
viii. ceilidh
ix. rainbows
x. shamrock

2 Find out more about Ireland by reading this excerpt from a brochure. Place the above words in the gaps.

Visit the magical Emerald Isle

Known as the Emerald Isle, beautiful Ireland is a land where you will make many wonderful discoveries. Come here to see its stunning scenery and frequent (1) ____________. Walk in the picturesque mountains or along the rugged coasts. You may be lucky enough to see some (2) ____________ standing proudly in the landscape.

Encounter Irish traditions in music and literature by dancing at a (3) ____________, listening to a (4) ____________ performance or reading about mischievous little (5) ____________ in Irish (6) ____________.

Relax and drink an (7) ____________ or a pint of Guinness while you watch a St Patrick’s Day (8) ____________, or attend Sunday (9) ____________ along with many of the locals. Wear green or a (10) ____________ to blend in with the crowd.
Irish Symbols and Traditions Key

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a  x
b  iv
c  v
d  ii
e  iii
f  vii
g  i
h  ix
i  vi
j  viii

2
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3    ceilidh
4    harp
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6    folklore
7    Irish coffee
8    parade
9    mass
10   shamrock