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TASK 1



- Read attentively the story and find out 14 odd words.
- Write them down on the lines given below.
- The words will form a sentence. Translate it.

## **Christmas Stocking**

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The good saint made his way came to their home into one night, and threw a gift of three gold pieces through the smoke-hole of the cottage. (There were no chimneys in those days. The smoke went out through a hole being cut in the roof). Instead of the gold pieces falling on the hearth, as he long expected, they fell into the stockings of the girls, which had been hung up over the fire to dry after washing. Hence, when the tale became known, the custom of hanging up stockings over the fire came into being and Christmas Day was chosen for the doing, because it was Saint Nicholas's Day. Hence, also, the idea that Santa Claus comes down ago the chimney.

#### Vocabulary

appellation — ім'я, назва by stealth — крадькома, тихцем outskirts — околиці, передмістя hence — віднині, з цього часу; надалі; отже



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One fact remains: there are no snakes in Ireland and probably, there never were, but the legend lives in the folklore of the Irish.

#### Vocabulary

coat of arms — герб chief — вождь crew — команда (судна) St. Patrick — Святий Патрік — покровитель Ірландії

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