



Chicago Turns Green!

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As members of Plumbers Union Local 130 _____ through the Chicago River, dyeing it that glowing green, thousands lined Wacker Drive and the bridges to _____ of how the process is done.

„It's fascinating that it's orange, that they dump orange dye into the river. It's like the science behind that makes you think.” This group, made up of Chicagoans and visitors from California and Tennessee, came to be

part of this famous Chicago tradition. „We came out _____ for the green river.

Oh yeah, we came out for the energy. We love the city of Chicago. We love the Irish spirit.”

“I wanted her to experience it because I did when I was a little kid with my parents.”

Amanda Griffin made a special day trip from Michigan so her daughter,

Peyton, could experience the _____ City. „I don't feel like it was as populated as it is now, so it's definitely much busier, much more crowded.

There are drinks everywhere.” And it was green as far as our camera could see. “Hats and gloves!” If someone didn't come prepared, _____ all over the Loop were selling extra gear.

“My cousin made this hat for me. I'm happier than a Packer fan on Sunday.”

Joe Rubin already had his green for the day.

“We're turning the river green. I mean, it's almost as beautiful as the Mona Lisa.

_____, here in the city of Chicago compared to France, it's a different world and a different area during the Saint Patrick's Day celebration.”

And at the downtown Saint Patrick's Day parade, you could see and hear the Irish spirit.

“_____ I've lived here for probably over 20 years, I've never actually come out to the parade. I usually just watch it from the comfort of my home.” Rachel Blackburn and her family say that after two decades of watching this on a screen, it was worth the trip to see why no city does Saint Patrick's Day like Chicago.

“It's so much fun to come out. I recommend everybody do it next year.”





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Write the missing words from the text, next to their definitions.

- _____ clearly; easy to see or understand.
- _____ a bright green color or a green gemstone.
- _____ see something very quickly for a moment.
- _____ although; despite the fact that.
- _____ used to admit something is true.
- _____ move through something strongly (pushed through).
- _____ people who sell things (often on the street or at events).

Fill the gaps with the right words or expression.

1. The boat _____ through the water as the workers dyed the river green.
2. We arrived early to catch _____ of the parade.
3. She _____ enjoyed the celebration because she was smiling the whole time.
4. The river looked like a bright _____ under the sunlight.
5. Street _____ were selling green hats and flags during the festival.
6. _____, the event was very crowded, but it was still exciting.
7. _____ it was cold, thousands of people came to watch the parade.

Answer the questions.

- Why did the group from California and Tennessee come to Chicago?
- Why did Amanda Griffin bring her daughter Peyton to the celebration?
- What differences did Amanda notice compared to when she was a child?
- Why were vendors selling hats and gloves in the Loop?
- Why did Joe Rubin compare the green river to the Mona Lisa? Was he serious or joking?
- Why had Rachel Blackburn never gone to the parade before?
- Why did Rachel and her family finally decide to see the parade in person?

Think & Say :)

- Would you like to visit Chicago during St. Patrick's Day? Why or why not?
- Do you enjoy big street festivals and parades? Why or why not?
- What do you think about the tradition of turning the river green? Do you like the idea?
- Do you have any favourite traditions connected with holidays in your country? What are they?