

# Kid Scoop

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## Leprechaun Planes?



It's a bird! It's a bug? It's waay too small to hold a person. Who flies in these little planes? Leprechauns?

This is a **drone**. A drone is a flying gadget that is flown by remote control.

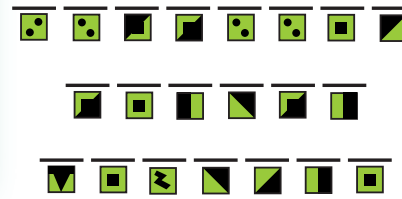
### Leprechaun Code

- = A   ■ = I   ■ = R
- = C   ■ = L   ■ = S
- = D   ■ = M   ■ = T
- = E   ■ = N   ■ = U
- = H   ■ = O   ■ = V



Photo: ZullyCP

A drone is also called a UAV. What does that stand for? Use the Leprechaun's Code to find out!



## Drones at work

Drones can hover like a hummingbird, swoop like a bat and fly backwards like a dragonfly!

Small drones can carry tiny cameras and they can go places humans can't.

Look at the ways drones are being used. Why is a drone better than a person for each of these jobs?



## Drones are not toys

While they are often small and cute, drones are not toys. In fact, once you have a vehicle that can fly over the fence and see what's going on at the neighbors, you must follow rules and etiquette about privacy and safety. Be sure to check with your local government officials about drone laws in your area.



Photo: Jason Tracwell

Flying a drone involves thinking and making decisions like a pilot. It takes time to master flying a drone and that means doing a lot of practice in an empty field. (Check local laws before going to a field to practice.)

Bring this drone in for a safe landing.



Firefighters use them to watch forest fires. Why?

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Meteorologists use them to track storms. Why?

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Biologists use drones to observe wildlife. Why?

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### Let's Talk!

It is important that people who fly drones follow the laws. There are laws that protect privacy and also laws designed to keep drones out of the paths of airplanes. Why do you think these laws are important? Discuss it with a parent.

**Extra! Extra!**

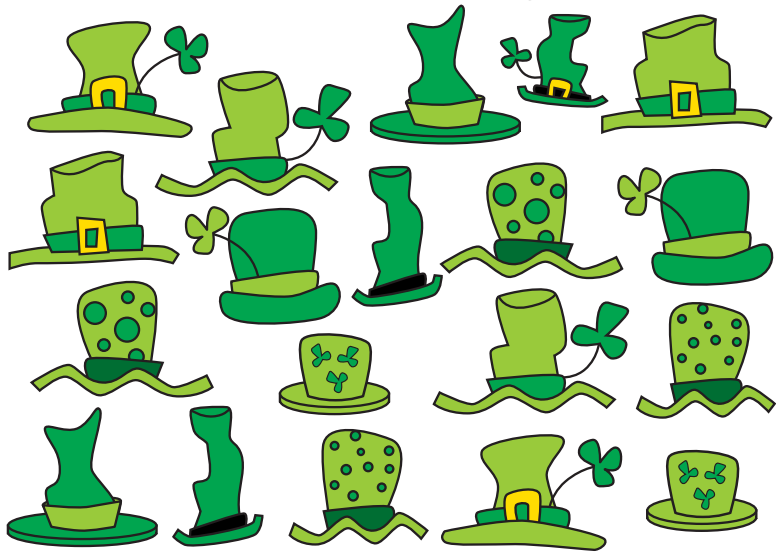
### Describe a Drone

Look through the newspaper for five or more adjectives that describe a drone. Use these to write three sentences about drones.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Each of these Leprechaun hats has an identical twin – except one. Can you find it?



**Standards Link:** Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- ETIQUETTE
- DECISIONS
- PRACTICE
- PRIVACY
- CAMERAS
- DRONES
- FLYING
- REMOTE
- SAFETY
- PILOT
- RULES
- FENCE
- FIELD
- TOYS
- BIRD



**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### The Benefits and Problems of Today's Technology

Look through the newspaper for an example of how technology makes life better for people. Then, talk with a parent about ways this same technology could cause problems.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



How many shamrocks can a leprechaun eat on an empty stomach?

**ANSWER:** One. After eating one shamrock, his stomach is no longer empty.

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