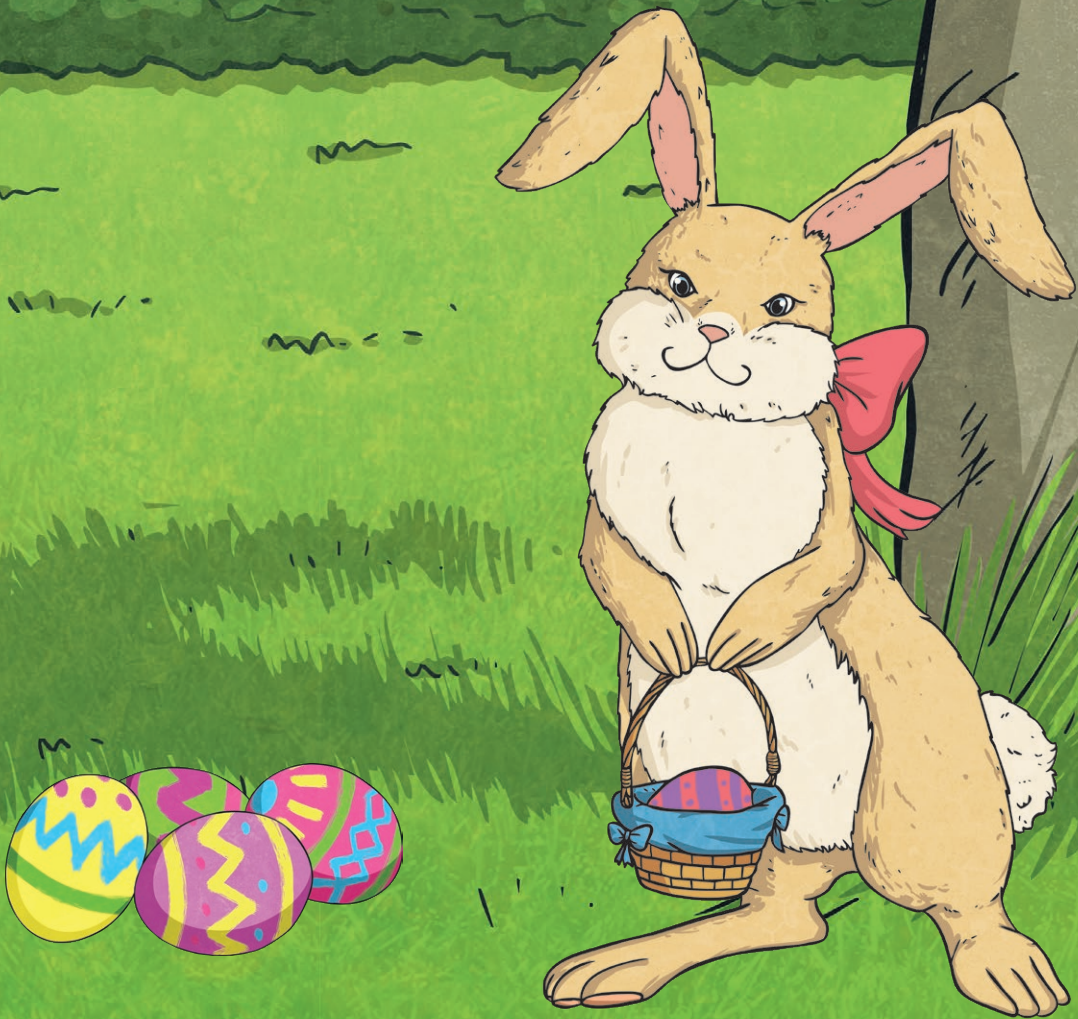


Easter


English Activity Booklet

Name _____



An Ode to Easter

Can you write a poem about Easter? It can take any form you like, such as a shape poem or acrostic poem. Use the boxes to plan your poem and write it below.

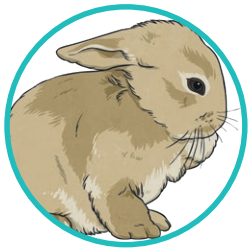
Exciting events at Easter:	Easter food:	Easter traditions:
Things you can see at Easter:		Things you can hear at Easter:
Things you can smell at Easter:	Things to do at Easter:	Things you can taste at Easter:

Rabbiting On...

The rabbits' sentences are all repetitive. Can you help them by changing the word in brackets to an appropriate pronoun?



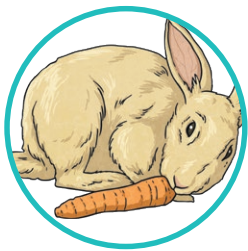
Jason put (Jason's) _____ eggs in a basket.



The basket overflowed because (the basket) _____ was full.



The children had sore tummies because (the children) _____ had eaten too much chocolate.



My family has an Easter egg hunt because (my family) _____ all love sweets.



Amira won the Easter bonnet competition with (Amira's) _____ beautiful hat.

Chocolate Conjunction Confusion

The chocolate conjunctions have been muddled up! Can you put each conjunction into the correct box?



Use three of these words in Easter-themed sentences.

Standard English Slip-Up

During the local egg-rolling competition, many people were overheard not using Standard English. Can you help to correct the following sentences so they can be reported in the local news?



We was amazed by the huge crowds.

Abdul said he seen the biggest egg ever.

Although I ain't won, I enjoyed the day.

I done my best when it were my turn.

British Easter Traditions

In the UK, Easter is now one of the major Christian festivals of the year with many customs and traditional food. It is, however, believed that Easter originates from the ancient Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn and spring – Eostre.

In Britain, Easter occurs at a different time each year – it is determined by the first full moon following the first day of spring in the **northern hemisphere** – meaning it can occur on any Sunday between 22nd March and 25th April. It is the end of winter but also the end of Lent (a time of **fasting** in the Christian calendar) so is often a fun celebration.

On the Thursday before Easter Sunday (known as **Maundy Thursday**), The Queen takes part in the Ceremony of the Royal Maundy. This involves the distribution of Maundy money (small silver coins) to elderly people who have done something deserving.

Over Easter, schools in the UK close for two weeks and the Friday before Easter Sunday and the Monday after are a **bank holiday**. Many Christians attend church at this time or other events where they might see a variety of traditional activities, such as:

Morris Dancing

This is a traditional dance that probably dates back to at least the 1400s. Usually men (although in modern times, women too) dance to music in a rhythmic way, wearing bells on their legs and often waving handkerchiefs or hitting sticks together.

Egg Rolling

Eggs are a symbol of new life so have been associated with spring and Easter for a long time. In many towns and villages across the UK, it is possible to attend egg rolling competitions over the Easter weekend. It is thought to symbolise the rolling away of the stone from Jesus' tomb before his **resurrection**.



Glossary

bank holiday: A day on which banks are officially closed; a public holiday.

fasting: Abstaining from all or some kinds of food or drink.

Maundy Thursday: A commemoration of the Last Supper.

northern hemisphere: The northern half of the earth as divided by the equator.

resurrection: The rising of Christ from the dead.

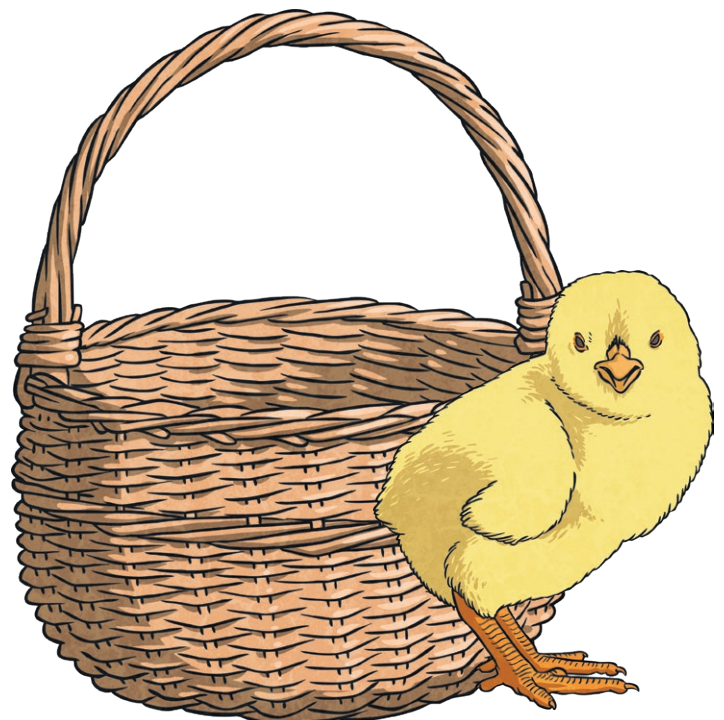
1. What is Lent?

2. Find three Easter traditions.

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3. In your own words, explain what is meant by **fasting**.

4. Would you like to try Morris Dancing? Explain your reasons.



Easter Adverbials

Look at the Easter scenes. Can you write four sentences about each picture, beginning each sentence with a fronted adverbial? Use the bank of adverbials below to help you.





Joyously	Without hesitation	In the blink of an eye
In the distance	Later that day	Feeling excited

Easter Bunny's or Easter Bunnies?

The Easter Bunny is confused whether to use a plural or possessive 's'. Can you help him to put the correct 's' on each of the words?



I found four egg___ on the egg hunt.



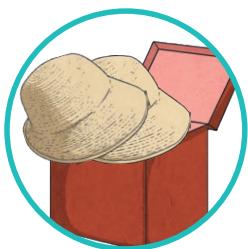
Micha___ hat won the Easter bonnet competition.



The bunny___ bow is red.



The daffodil___ on the school field are growing quickly.



The hat___ don't fit in the box.



The rabbit___ basket is full of egg___.

Easter Expanded Noun Phrases

Can you improve these sentences by expanding the noun phrases with the addition of modifying nouns, adjectives or prepositional phrases?



The eggs exploded.



We made hot cross buns.



The plants were growing.



Amara showed us how to sign 'spring'.



We visited the church at Easter.

Direct Speech Disaster

A local reporter jotted down some of the comments that people made during the Easter bonnet parade. Before she is able to write them in her report, could you help her to correct them?

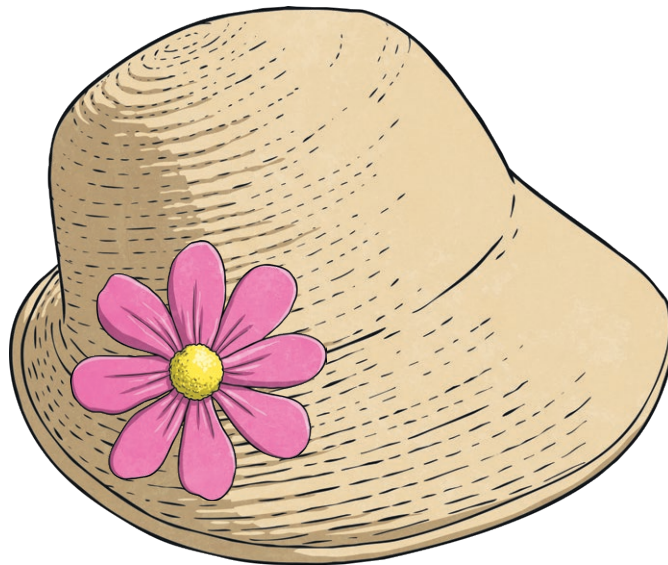
Your hat is exquisite, commented Sasha.

“How long did your hat take you to make, asked Hamza?”

“These are the most intricate hats we have ever seen” stated the mayor.

Mr Gerald explained We have spent the past term designing and making hats at school.

“I can’t wait for next year’s competition.” said Gita.



Think and Write: An Eggcellent Easter Cake



Sentence 1: Include a fronted adverbial.

Sentence 2: Include a possessive pronoun.

Sentence 3: Include an apostrophe to mark plural possession.

Sentence 4: Write an exclamation sentence.

Direct Speech Disaster

Your job is to become a secret agent. The words below are written in code. Break the code using the information below. Find the letter from the code word on the bottom row and swap it for the letter above it. What hidden words are being spelt?

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
e	p	v	f	o	w	l	q	u	g	b	r	z	x	a	m	h	y	n	c	i	t	j	d	k	s

roxlcq

oeyrk

nomeyeco

xeciyer

veilqc

teyuain

quncayk

zoxcuax

yozoypoy











Now, use the code above to make your own code words. Ask an adult to try to decipher them. Which top secret words have you hidden?

_____	→	_____
_____	→	_____
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Easter Egg Hunt

Unscramble the statutory spelling words below. The ones hidden in the eggs will spell out an Easter-themed word when unscrambled. Can you find it?

tehghi	—	—	—	—		—			
perlicau	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	
tooseipp		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
niacrte		—	—	—	—	—	—		
tilcdfiuf	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—
hutoght	—	—		—	—	—	—		
neerct	—	—	—	—	—				
seddasr		—	—	—	—		—		
screexei	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

The word is: — — — — — — — — — —