PASSOVER AND EASTER

The connection between the two holidays.

1.a) Read the text quickly. Put the pictures in the correct order according to the story. b) Read again. As you read choose the correct underlined word.

A

B

C

1. On Easter Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did you know that the Easter we celebrate is connected to the Jewish holiday called "Pesach", also known as "Passover", an eight day-long celebration of the ancient Israelites'/Israelites liberation from the Egyptian slavery.
2. Jewish people settled/established in ancient Egypt when Joseph, one of the founders of the 12 tribes of Israel, moved his family there during a famine in their homeland of Canaan. For many years the Israelites had lived in harmony there, but eventually they were enslaved and had to work very hard. Although/Despite this, their population grew. The Egyptians began to see them as a threat. The egyptian ruler, the Pharoh was nervous/concerned that the Jews would outnumber the Egyptians.
3. One day, God appeared to a Jewish man named Moses in a/the burning bush and told him to command Pharaoh to let the Jews go. When Pharaoh refused, God unleashed the 10 plagues on the Egyptians, including locusts, boils on the skin, hailstorms, three days of darkness, and others.
4. As the story goes, during the tenth plague God struck down the firstborn child of every household. To protect the Jews from this plague God told them to take the best lamb or a young goat, prepare and eat its meat with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast, called unleavened bread. They had to eat the whole meal quickly, as if they were ready to go. They had to take the blood from that lamb or a young goat and paint the doorframe of their house with it. That very night, the angel of death came and the first born children and animals died, but he passed over the houses with blood on the door. Terrified, the Egyptian ruler released the Israelites, and Moses quickly led them out of Egypt. Later, when the Jews were at the angle/edge of the Red Sea, a miracle occurred: God caused the sea to part, allowing Moses and his followers to cross safely.
5. Passover is one of the most widely observed/noticed Jewish holidays. Jewish people still commemorate the night God rescued them by eating unleavened bread, bitter herbs, and lamb. On Easter we celebrate God's rescue, which includes people from all over the world. Just as the lambs died so that the first born children could live, Jesus Christ died so that whoever believes in Him could have eternal life.

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2. Which paragraph mentions:

- the punishments.
- that the ruler was concerned about the number of people.
- the link between two holidays.
- the harmful insects.
- the tradition.
- crossing the sea

3. Match the highlighted word with their definitions:

a) spices with the strong taste.
b) coming back to life.
c) continual trouble.
d) an ingredient that makes the dough grow.
e) hunger, no food.
f) making people work without proper pay.
g) groups of people.
h) danger, problem
i) celebrate to remember.

4. True or false:

1. Jews had always been slaves when they lived in Egypt
2. The Pharaoh was worried because the Jews didn't work hard enough.
3. God appeared to Moses in a plant.
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5. The Jews crossed the sea in a supernatural way.
6. Passover is still a popular holiday.
7. Easter celebrates the rescue of a bigger number of people (than the Passover).

5. Choose the right word to fill the gap. There are two words you don't need.

yeast slavery tribes famine commemorate threat plague resurrection unleavened

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The people from some Amazonian_____ learned to use google maps to draw attention to the deforestation in their areas.
Scientists could try to develop new ways to grow crops, which could allow to prevent _____in many areas.
In 1862 the US government prohibited_____, and commended to free people.
Every year on the 4th of July the American people _____the independence of their country.
Mix the _____with some warm water and add it to the dough.
Pollution is a _____to our health and the environment.

6. Speaking. What do we commemorate in these holidays:

a) Christmas b) Easter c) Independence day

7. What holidays do people in your country observe?

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1. C,A,B
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