

EASTER IN THE UK, USA AND CZECHIA

Complete the gaps with the words below:

- goddess
- resurrection
- services
- pagan
- mixture

The modern-day celebration of Easter in the UK is a _____ of pagan and Christian traditions.

Easter was originally a _____ celebration and was named after the Anglo-Saxon _____ of spring, Eostre. Later, it was adopted by the Christians to mark the crucifixion and _____ of Jesus. Practising Christians attend special church _____ at Easter time.

- public
- place
- same
- forward
- visit
- holiday
- full

Unlike Christmas, Easter isn't on the _____ date each year. It takes _____ on the first Sunday after the first _____ moon of spring. Schoolchildren and students in the UK have about a two-week _____ at Easter time, which is almost as long as the Christmas holiday. It's also the first _____ holiday after Christmas and everyone looks _____ to their Easter break as a moment to relax, have a short holiday or _____ family and friends.

- believe
- baskets
- presents
- spices
- rhyme
- icing
- another
- like
- finds

On Easter Sunday people decorate Easter eggs and give chocolate Easter eggs as _____.

In the UK children _____ that if they are good the "Easter Bunny" will leave chocolate eggs for them. On Easter Sunday the children run around the house and garden with _____ looking for these eggs. The one who _____ the most is the winner (this is called **Egg Hunt**).

Hot Cross buns are _____ delicious tradition in the UK. They are bread buns with currants, raisins and _____ and they have a cross of lemon flavoured _____ on top (to represent the cross of Jesus).

An old _____ was often sung by children awaiting their sugary treat:

"Hot cross buns,
hot cross buns,
one a penny, two a penny,
hot cross buns.

If you do not _____ them,
give them to your sons,
one a penny, two a penny,
hot cross buns."



- features
- race
- held
- boiled
- spoon
- slopes
- whips
- douse
- chase
- youth
- ribbons
- lamb
- willow
- brandy

In some areas “**egg rolling**” is still popular today. Hard _____ eggs are rolled down _____ to see whose egg goes furthest.

The White House Egg Roll is a tradition that is _____ on the White House lawn every Easter Monday. The roll is a special egg _____ for children, where they push their eggs along the lawn with a long _____. The event also _____ speeches and appearances from government representatives and entertainment celebrities.

The Czech Republic has a rather unusual tradition on Easter Monday. Boys and men _____ girls and women around and hit them gently with _____ made by braiding together several thin branches of _____ rods; or they _____ them with cold water. In return, the females give them decorated eggs, plum_____, candy, _____ for their whips and money. This is done to guarantee the woman another healthy year preserving her _____ and beauty. Women spend Easter decorating eggs and preparing the traditional _____-shaped cakes.

