2 Listen to the text and answer the questions.

1. What are Easter symbols in Britain?
2. What are Easter symbols in Russia?

3 Read the text and guess the meaning of the underlined words, expressions and sentences.



Misha: Easter is a holiday of spring, life and flowers. In Britain people usually celebrate it between late March and late April. Easter starts on the Friday before Easter Sunday. The British call it Good Friday. On this day they eat hot cross buns and give children chocolate eggs and chocolate rabbits. Eggs and rabbits are some of the Easter symbols. In the morning on Easter Sunday people go to the church. After that, they have dinner with their families. A very popular Easter tradition is to have an "Easter egg hunt". Parents hide the Easter eggs and their children have to look for them.

Robin: So what's the difference between Russian and British Easter traditions?



Misha: In Russia we celebrate Easter later than people do in Britain. We go to church on the Saturday night before Easter and at midnight the priest says "Christ is risen" and the people answer "He is risen indeed". On Sunday we eat our Easter meal all together near the church or at home with guests. Traditional Easter presents in our country are kuliches, paskhas and Easter eggs. We usually colour our Easter eggs red. This colour symbolizes the blood of Jesus. We give presents to everybody: family, friends, godchildren, godparents and strangers. We have a lot of Easter games. One of them is the "Easter egg hunt". Children love this game.



