

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.



### Origins of Easter

Easter in the UK has 1) \_\_\_\_\_ beginnings long 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of Christianity. Many theologians believe Easter itself is named 3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn and spring Eostre.

### Maundy Thursday

This is the name given to the Thursday before Easter. Christians remember it 4) \_\_\_\_\_ the day of the Last Supper. The word "Maundy" 5) \_\_\_\_\_ from the French word, "Mandé" meaning "command" or "mandate" and is taken 6) \_\_\_\_\_ the command given 7) \_\_\_\_\_ Christ at the Last Supper, "love one another as I have loved you."

### Good Friday

On the Friday before Easter, Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It 8) \_\_\_\_\_ a day of mourning 9) \_\_\_\_\_ church and special Good Friday services 10) \_\_\_\_\_ held.

### Holy Saturday

The Saturday of Holy Week (the week before Easter), also 11) \_\_\_\_\_ as Great Saturday, the Great Sabbath, Black Saturday, Joyous Saturday, 12) \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Eve.

### Easter Sunday

People who regularly attend church often attend special services 13) \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Easter Sunday is the big family day 14) \_\_\_\_\_ families usually gather 15) \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lunch.

### Easter Holidays

Good Friday and Easter Monday (the day after Easter Sunday) 16) \_\_\_\_\_ bank holidays in the UK.

### Easter Eggs

Exchanging and eating Easter eggs is a popular custom. As in many countries, focus 17) \_\_\_\_\_ shifted from hard-boiled dyed eggs in various colours and patterns 18) \_\_\_\_\_ confectionary eggs. English Easter eggs are usually hollow eggs 19) \_\_\_\_\_ of chocolate, wrapped in brightly coloured foil and packaged in an elaborate box. Worthy 20) \_\_\_\_\_ mention is the Cadbury crème egg, 21) \_\_\_\_\_ is a classic 22) \_\_\_\_\_ Easter.

### Easter Bunny and Egg Hunts

British children believe that 23) \_\_\_\_\_ they are good, the "Easter Bunny" 24) \_\_\_\_\_ leave chocolate eggs for 25) \_\_\_\_\_. An Easter egg hunt is a fun holiday activity for kids of 26) \_\_\_\_\_ ages. The object of this Easter activity is to simply find the eggs 27) \_\_\_\_\_ the Easter bunny has left 28) \_\_\_\_\_ them.

### Egg Rolling

The tradition of rolling decorated eggs down grassy hills goes 29) \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of years and is known 30) \_\_\_\_\_ "pace-egging", from the old English Pasch meaning Pesach or Passover. Real eggs are rolled against 31) \_\_\_\_\_ another or down a hill. The owner of the egg that stays uncracked the longest wins. Even today in the north of England, they still carry 32) \_\_\_\_\_ the custom of egg rolling. Hard boiled eggs are rolled 33) \_\_\_\_\_ slopes to see whose egg goes furthest. In other places, 34) \_\_\_\_\_ game is played. You hold an egg in the palm of the hand and bang 35) \_\_\_\_\_ your opponent's egg. The loser is the one 36) \_\_\_\_\_ egg breaks first.

### Easter Bonnets

Easter 37) \_\_\_\_\_ once a traditional day for 38) \_\_\_\_\_ married, which may be 39) \_\_\_\_\_ people often dress 40) \_\_\_\_\_ for Easter. Women made and wore special Easter bonnets decorated 41) \_\_\_\_\_ flowers and ribbons.

### Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns, now eaten throughout the Easter season, 42) \_\_\_\_\_ first baked in the UK to be served on Good Friday. These small, lightly sweet yeast buns contain raisins or currants and sometimes chopped candied fruit. Before baking, a cross is slashed at the top of the bun. After baking, a confectioners' sugar icing is used 43) \_\_\_\_\_ fill the cross.

### Simnel Cake

A traditional way 44) \_\_\_\_\_ breaking the Lenten fast is to eat some simnel cake. These are raised cakes, with a crust made 45) \_\_\_\_\_ fine flour and water, coloured yellow with saffron, and filled 46) \_\_\_\_\_ a very rich plum-cake, with plenty of candied lemon peel, and dried fruits.

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