

Ex 1: Ask and answer the questions below in pairs or small groups.

Do people celebrate Easter in your country? Do people exchange Easter eggs?
What do you know about Easter and how people celebrate it?
What religious days are celebrated in your country?



Ex 2: Read the text and follow the instructions below.

Complete the text with the missing words in red:

Well-behaved / prizes / fertility / originated / decorating / spring / avoid / hidden

Many Easter traditions 1. _____ in **Pagan** times, and one example of this is the Easter egg. An egg was seen as a symbol of 2. _____ and new life, and so, it was associated with 3. _____ festivals.

Traditionally, Western Christians would 4. _____ eating chicken eggs during the **40-day Lenten period**, and children would spend time painting and 5. _____ the eggs, in preparation for Easter celebrations.

In more recent times, chicken eggs have been replaced with chocolate eggs and children believe that the **Easter Bunny** delivers them to 6. _____ children on Easter Sunday. Chocolate eggs are exchanged between family and friends as gifts, and Easter Egg Hunts are often organised for children by local communities.

Eggs are 7. _____ and 8. _____ are given out to the child who finds the most eggs, and also to the child who finds the largest and smallest egg in the hunt.



Ex 3:

Reading & Speaking

Painting and decorating eggs

In Latin America, people take chicken eggs and use a **pin** or knife to break a hole in the end of the eggshells. They then pour the contents out, paint and decorate them, and finally fill them with **confetti** or small toys. These eggs are then also used in an egg hunt, but when found, both children and adults break them over each other's heads.

In some Mediterranean countries, chicken eggs are **boiled**, painted and used to decorate the house before Easter.

On Easter Sunday, the children take an egg and hit it against another child's egg **proclaiming** 'Christ is **resurrected**. Indeed, he is'. It is believed that the person whose egg doesn't break will receive good luck. The eggs are then **peeled** and eaten for breakfast.

Egg Rolling



Another Easter egg game, which takes place in the UK and Germany, is 'egg rolling'. Eggs are rolled down a hill in a competition to see who can roll theirs the furthest. In the US, the White House hosts the Easter Egg Roll every year, where children push an egg along **the lawn** using a spoon with a long **handle**. Most Christians believe that after Jesus was **crucified** and **entombed**, the stone which **sealed** his **tomb** was rolled away and found to be empty, revealing that he had risen from the dead. The tradition of rolling eggs is believed to symbolise this part of the Easter story.

Pronunciation:

Vocabulary:	British:	American:
boiled	bɔɪld	bɔɪld
bunny	'bʌni	'bʌni
confetti	kən'feti(:)	kən'feti
crucified	'kru:sɪfaɪd	'krusəˌfaɪd
Easter	'i:stə	'istər
entombed	ɪn'tu:md	ɛn'tumd
fertility	fə(:)'tɪlɪti	fər'tɪləti
handle	'hændl	'hændəl
hunt	hʌnt	hʌnt
lawn	lɔ:n	lɒn
Lenten period	'lentən 'piəriəd	'lentən 'piəriəd
Pagan	'peɪgən	'peɪgən
peel	pi:l	pil
pin	pɪn	pɪn
resurrected	ˌrezə'rektɪd	ˌrezə'rektɪd
sealed	si:ld	sild
tomb	tu:m	tum
traditions	trə'dɪʃənz	trə'dɪʃənz
well-behaved	wel-bɪ'heɪvd	wel-bɪ'heɪvd