

WHY THE EASTER BUNNY BRINGS EGGS

European Folktale



Once upon a time, there was a King who had a very powerful magician at his court. One day, the magician gave the King a hen that laid beautiful eggs for a present. The king liked the eggs but he was greedy and he told his magician that he would like the hen better, if she could lay eggs of gold. So the Magician worked another magic spell and sure enough the hen started laying eggs of gold.

The king was delighted. He became very rich and the envy of the other kings. He kept his special hen in a golden cage next to his thrown. He knew that someday,

someone would try to steal his hen, so whenever visitors came, he would have his magician come and hide the special hen and substitute an ordinary hen in the cage in a while someone found a golden one.

Sure enough, one day someone ran off with the hen in the golden cage. The king was glad he had had his magician switch the hens. He sent word for the magician to bring back his hen. But the next day, when the king looked in his golden cage all he found was a white rabbit. "What's this!" said the King. "Little rabbit, how did you get in here? The King opened the cage and had his footman take the rabbit back out to the woods where he belonged. Then he called for his magician.

"Where is my magic hen?", asked the King. I told you to bring her back. "I did bring her back," said the magician. "I put her in the cage", I just didn't have time to change her back into a hen."

They never found the little white rabbit, but from that day forward, children found colorful eggs hidden all over the kingdom. And some say, that every once in a while someone found a golden one.

Answer the questions

1. What was the special present from the magician?

2. How did the king get so rich?

3. Where did he keep his special hen?

4. What did he suppose would happen if visitors saw the hen?

5. What should the magician do?

6. What did the king find when he opened the cage one day?

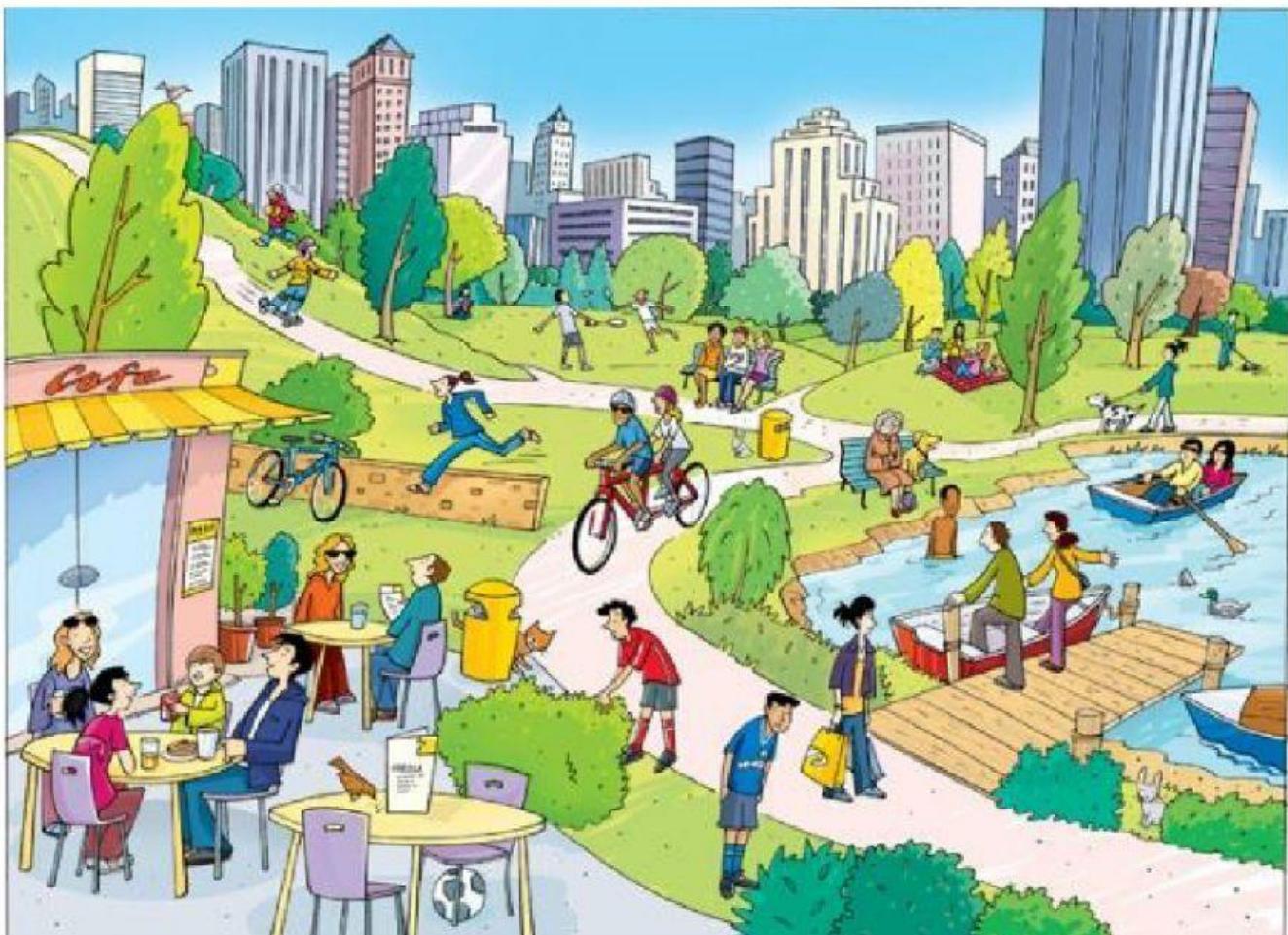
7. What did the magician answer the king?

8. What happened from that day on?

9. What do you think is the truth about the rabbits get involved with Easter eggs?

Saturday in the park

Look at the picture and answer right (R), false (F) or we don't know (?).



1. We are in a big city. ()
2. There are lots of clouds in the sky. ()
3. All the tables at the restaurant are occupied. ()
4. There are many trees and flowers in the park. ()
5. The four people at the table are of the same family. ()
6. The little boy is eating a hamburger. ()
7. It is January. ()
8. The park is located in London. ()
9. Someone is on a picnic. ()
10. Two people are walking their dog. ()
11. Many people ride bicycles. ()
12. You cannot take a boat. ()
13. A small brown bird is sitting on the table. ()
14. It is very warm. ()
15. The boy in the foreground is looking for his football. ()

SUBJECT PRONOUNS



Dad always gives me some pocket money. ----- is the best dad in the world.



We often play together and ----- get along very well.



Oh! How ----- love my baby!



These people are on a picnic. ----- are having a good time.



John and I share a desk at school but ----- is always teasing me.



Mr. Morison has a beautiful daughter. ----- is an actress.



These ladies are neighbours and ----- gossip every day.



My grandma is very active. ----- plays tennis every day.



This isn't Ian's sweater. ----- 's too big for him.



Joan is very angry. ----- is having an argument with her boss.



I like your perfume. ----- always smell nice.



'I can't stand socks. ----- am always barefoot.'

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