

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

# WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL



The White House Egg Roll (1) \_\_\_\_\_ an annual event held (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Monday in the United States. It involves rolling decorated hard-boiled eggs (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the White House lawn (4) \_\_\_\_\_ wooden spoons. This tradition dates (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ children played egg-rolling games on the Capitol grounds.

The first official White House Egg Roll (7) \_\_\_\_\_ held in 1878 during the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes. However, it was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ until the presidency of Benjamin Harrison that the event became a White House tradition. Harrison's wife, Caroline, hosted the first Easter egg roll on the White House lawn (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 1889. Since (10) \_\_\_\_\_, every president has continued the tradition, except (11) \_\_\_\_\_ President Truman who cancelled (12) \_\_\_\_\_ due to food rationing (13) \_\_\_\_\_ World War II.

Over the years, the White House Egg Roll (14) \_\_\_\_\_ evolved into a day-long event with activities (15) \_\_\_\_\_ as storytelling, musical performances, and sports games. The event (16) \_\_\_\_\_ features the Easter Bunny, who makes appearances throughout the day and poses (17) \_\_\_\_\_ photos with children.

In recent years, the White House Egg Roll has become (18) \_\_\_\_\_ environmentally friendly. In 2013, First Lady Michelle Obama introduced the "Eggs-ercise" initiative, (19) \_\_\_\_\_ promotes physical activity and healthy eating habits. The event now includes yoga sessions, cooking demonstrations, (20) \_\_\_\_\_ gardening activities.

Today, the White House Egg Roll remains (21) \_\_\_\_\_ beloved tradition for families across the country. Each year, thousands (22) \_\_\_\_\_ people gather on the White House lawn (23) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrate Easter Monday and participate (24) \_\_\_\_\_ this historic event.

Find synonyms in the text for the words and expressions below.

1. Yearly: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grass: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Nevertheless: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Because of: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Exhibitions: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Get together: \_\_\_\_\_