

# EASTER

## Facts and Traditions

**1** Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon in spring. That's why it's on a different date each year. The word "Easter" comes from "Eostre", the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring.

**2** Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Many people celebrate the beginning of spring.

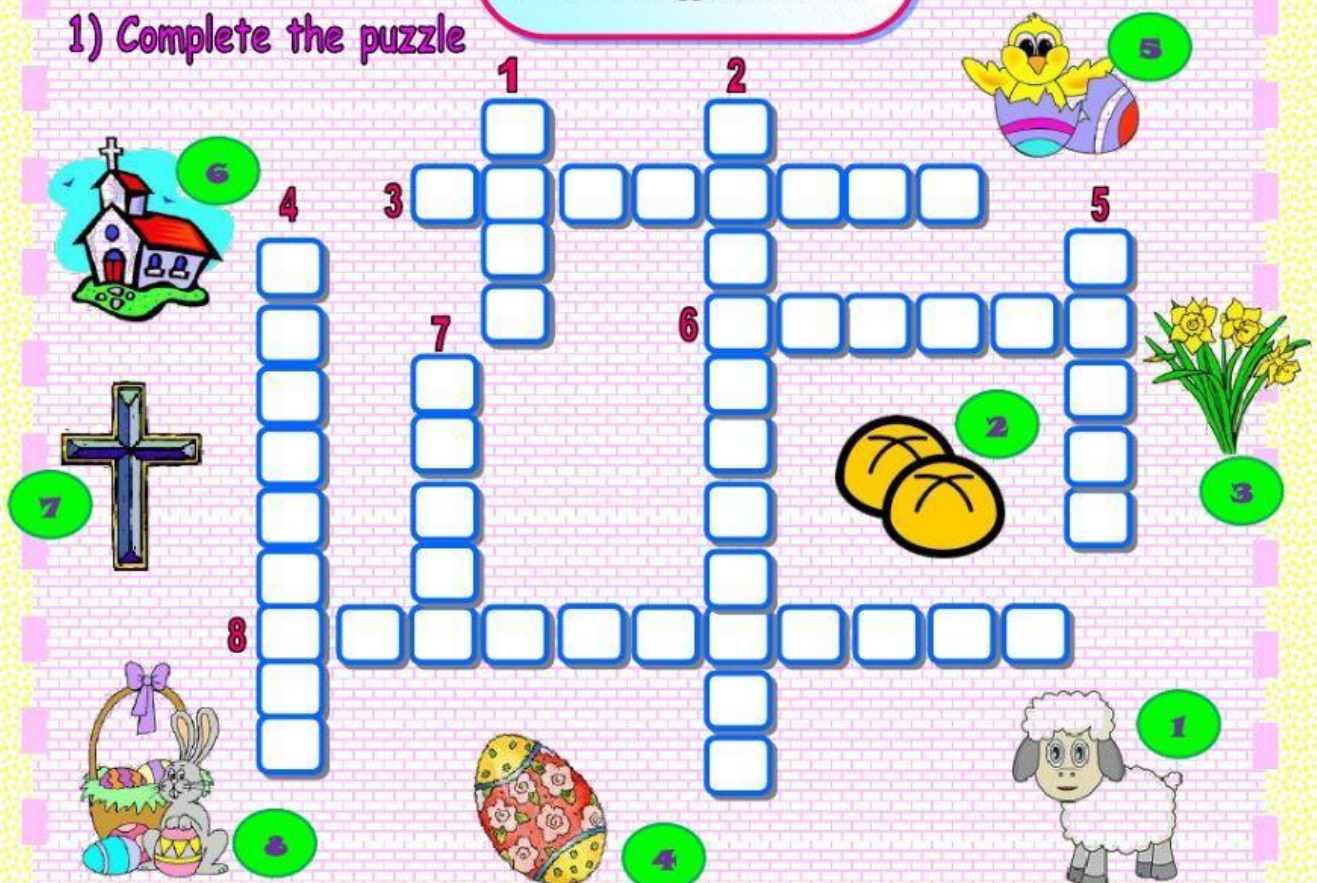
**3** Eggs symbolize new life. The oldest tradition was to give painted eggs but now people usually give chocolate eggs (sometimes filled with jelly beans) to their family.

**4** Bunnies, chicks, lambs and flowers (especially lilies and daffodils) are associated with Easter because they are born in the spring. They symbolize new life, particularly bunnies (rabbits), which are symbols of fertility.

**5** There are two Easter games with eggs: "Hunt the egg" and "Egg rolling". The legend says an "Easter bunny" hides eggs in the garden and children have to find them on Easter morning. Sometimes the eggs are put in a basket. Egg rolling is very popular in England and it's an Easter Monday sport. Children roll hard-boiled eggs down a hill.

**6** People in England enjoy the traditional Good Friday breakfast of hot cross buns. They are small cakes that have a cross on the top. The cross is a symbol of Christianity.

### 1) Complete the puzzle





## 2) Are the sentences TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)? Correct the False ones

- 1- Easter is usually celebrated in May. (.....)
- 2- Eastore was the god of summer. (.....)
- 3- A bunny is a type of cake. (.....)
- 4- People eat hot cross buns for lunch. (.....)
- 5- The cross is a Christian symbol. (.....)
- 6- Children play games with eggs at Easter. (.....)

## 3) Answer the questions



- 1- What do people celebrate at Easter?
- 2- Why do we associate bunnies, chicks and lambs with Easter?
- 3- Why do 'hot cross buns' have a cross on the top?
- 4- What do people give to their family at Easter?
- 5- What do eggs symbolize?
- 6- Where does the 'Easter bunny' hide the eggs?

## 4) Complete the table about Easter



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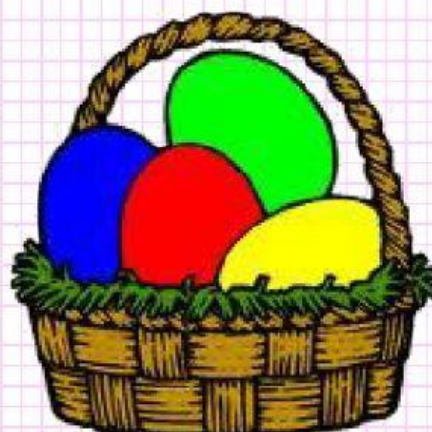
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Easter games:

Easter animals:

Easter food:

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## Easter poems

### Some Things That Easter Brings

Easter duck and Easter chick,  
Easter eggs with chocolate thick,

Easter hats for one and all,  
Easter bunny makes a call!

Happy Easter always brings  
Such a lot of pleasant things!



### I Had an Easter Bunny

I had an Easter bunny,  
One day she ran away.  
I looked for her by moonlight,  
I looked for her by day.  
I found her in the meadow  
With her babies 1, 2, 3.  
So now I have four rabbit pets  
To run and jump with me

