EASTER

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1. Read

Easter is an important holiday on the Christian calendar. Good Friday is the day when Christians believe Jesus died on the cross to save mankind. Easter Sunday is the day of the Resurrection- the day when Jesus came back to life. There are special services at church to celebrate this religious event but for children, the best part about Easter is the chocolate eggs.

Easter eggs in Italy usually contain a surprise like a toy but most chocolate eggs in Britain contain more chocolate! The Easter Bunny is a fun symbol of Easter and sometimes he 'hides' childrens' eggs. The children go on an Easter Egg Hunt and see how many eggs they can find to put in their basket. Easter bonnet competitions and egg painting competitions are other fun Easter activities, A bonnet is a kind of hat and at Easter children make their own bonnets and the best hat wins a prize - usually a chocolate egg! You have the chance of winning a chocolate egg in the egg painting competition too. You have to boil the egg first so that it becomes very hard. This is to make sure that it doesn't break when you paint it. You can paint a face on the egg and even stick on cotton wool or other materials to make hair for example.

2. Answer true or false.

a. Easter is a British holiday.

b. Good Friday is the day Jesus came back to life.

c. Easter Sunday is on April 5th this year.

d. Easter eggs in Britain have a toy inside.

e. Children go on Easter Egg Hunts.f. A bonnet is a kind of bag.

3. Read. Then, design your own egg.

My Easter egg is a cowboy. He has got black hair, a black moustache and a brown cowboy hat.

Teacher's Notes

1. As a warmer, ask your students what they usually do to celebrate Easter. Ask them if they know about any English Easter traditions.

2. a. false b. false c. true d. false e. true f. false

3. Use flashcards or internet images of decorated hard boiled Easter eggs to get your students feeling creative and exchanging design ideas. Then, after they have looked at the egg in ex. 4 and read the description they design their own, complete with description.