

EASTER TRADITIONS IN ENGLAND.



GOOD FRIDAY: it's the first day of Easter holidays. It celebrates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.



HOT CROSS BUNS: sweet small bread made of flour, eggs and fruit, with a cross at the top.



PALM SUNDAY: This feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week.



EASTER SUNDAY: This Sunday Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In England there are 'eggs hunts'.



EASTER EGGS: It means that life comes again after Winter with spring. People decorate eggs. They are used as gifts. Nowadays most of them are made of chocolate for children.

EASTER BUNNY: It's a rabbit that brings a basket with Easter eggs and candies to children like Santa Claus brings present at Christmas. The rabbit hides the eggs in gardens, and children must find them.



EGG HUNT: Children typically collect the eggs that Easter Bunny hid in a basket. When the hunt is over, parents will give prizes for the largest number of eggs collected, for the largest or smallest egg...

Hello, my name is Mark. I live near London, and I study in a Primary School here. I am on holidays for two weeks. I'm starting my Easter holidays on this Friday, but first let me tell you a little bit more about me. I live in a house with a nice small garden in front of the house, and we have another bigger garden at the back. We are four people in my family, my father, my mother, my little brother James and me.

Easter is very important for my family. It starts today with 'Good Friday', when according to the Catholic tradition, Jesus Christ was put to death. Easter is about the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ on the third day after his death. At the moment I have arrived back from school and I am drinking tea and eating some 'hot cross buns' that mum has made. This is a strong tradition here in England.

Then, on 'Easter Sunday' we are going to Church in the morning for mass. The church is plenty of people on that occasion. We went to church already last Sunday for 'Palm Sunday'.

My aunt, uncle and cousins will come next Sunday to have lunch. We will have roast lamb with vegetables (roast potatoes and peas) and an Easter cake or cupcakes.

My parents are going to hide 'Easter eggs' (the eggs we painted and other made of chocolate) in our back garden. It is supposed that 'Easter Bunny' hide them. Later my brother, my cousins and I are going to look for them there. I hope it will be sunny, on TV the weather forecast says it will be fine but in Spring you never know, it could rain a bit and it would ruin the day.

That day we will do the 'eggs hunt', and this year my mother told me to let the younger children get most of these eggs. In late afternoon, we will have tea eating our chocolate eggs and other cakes. I am happy because my cousin Amy is going to stay with us during the first week of the holiday and I'm sure we will enjoy our Easter break.

1.- LOOK UP THESE WORDS ON A DICTIONARY:

Good Friday:

flour:

Palm Sunday:

Holy Week:

Easter eggs:

Easter Sunday:

to hide:

to find:

to collect:

the largest:

In front of:

at the back:

put to death:

church:

mass:

already:

plenty of people:

roast lamb:

cupcakes:

to look for:

weather forecast:

a bit:

you never know:

told (past of 'to tell'):

to let:

to stay with us:

Cousin:

will: (means future)

Easter break:

2. – CHOOSE TRUE OR FALSE FOR THESE STATEMENTS:

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| 1. – Mark says that he will be at school next week. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. – Mark is speaking about Christmas and Santa Claus. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. – Mark is younger than James. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. – In England Easter holidays start on Palm Sunday. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. – Good Friday is the first day of Easter holidays. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. – His mother prepares 'Hot Cross Buns' for the family. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. – Next Sunday his family is going to his aunt's house for egg hunt. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 8. – Traditionally, Easter Bunny hides Easter eggs in different places. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 9. – The weather forecast says that next Sunday it will be fine. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 10. – Amy is going to stay with Mark's family next week. | TRUE | FALSE |

3. – ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. – Where does Mark live?
2. – When does Easter holidays start?
3. – Who prepare 'Hot Cross Buns' in Mark's family?
4. – What does 'Easter Bunny' hide?
5. – When does children 'hunt' Easter eggs?
6. – Who is going to stay at Mark's house next week?

MATCH THE TWO PARTS OF SENTENCES:

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| GOOD FRIDAY: ⊕ | ⊕ Children collect the eggs in a basket. |
| EASTER BUNNY: ⊕ | ⊕ Most of them are made of chocolate. |
| EGG HUNT: ⊕ | ⊕ It's the first day of Easter holidays. |
| HOT CROSS BUNS: ⊕ | ⊕ It's the Sunday before the Holy Week. |
| PALM SUNDAY: ⊕ | ⊕ It's a rabbit that brings eggs to children. |
| EASTER EGGS: ⊕ | ⊕ Small bread with a cross on top. |