

Easter: Spring Traditions

B1 | Adults / Teens | Reading + Vocabulary + Discussion | 50-60 minutes

BEFORE YOU READ

Talk with a partner. What changes do you notice when spring begins? Do people celebrate spring where you live?

1. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1. springtime | _____ | A. a pale, soft colour |
| 2. symbolise | _____ | B. the season after winter |
| 3. renewal | _____ | C. a usual way of behaving in a group |
| 4. pastel | _____ | D. represent an idea |
| 5. hunt | _____ | E. a game of looking for hidden things |
| 6. custom | _____ | F. the process of becoming new again |

2. Read the article. The bold words are the vocabulary from Activity 1.

1. In many countries, Easter is also connected with **springtime**. After winter, people notice warmer weather, longer days and new plants. Eggs, flowers and young animals appear in cards, decorations and children's activities.
2. An egg can **symbolise** new life, which is why decorated eggs are common. Families may paint real eggs, hide plastic eggs or give chocolate eggs as gifts. An egg **hunt** is a popular game in which children look for eggs hidden in a garden, park or home.
3. Soft **pastel** colours, such as pale yellow, pink and blue, are often used at Easter. Rabbits and chicks are also familiar images. These symbols are not the same in every country, but they are widely linked with growth and **renewal**.
4. Each family may have its own Easter **custom**. Some have a picnic, make special food or visit relatives. Others simply enjoy a public holiday. These activities can help people notice the change of season and spend time together.

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UNDERSTAND, DISCUSS AND WRITE

3. Comprehension. Answer in complete sentences. Use the article to help you.

1. Why is Easter connected with springtime in many countries?

2. What can an egg symbolise?

3. What happens in an egg hunt?

4. What are pastel colours?

5. How can Easter customs differ?

4. Discuss. Talk in small groups. Give reasons and examples.

- Which spring symbol do you like best?
- Are children's holiday activities important? Why?
- How does food help people celebrate a season?
- Would an egg hunt be popular with adults too?

5. Homework: Write a descriptive paragraph.

Write 120-150 words about a spring custom, seasonal food or outdoor activity in your area.

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ANSWER KEY AND TEACHING NOTE

Vocabulary matching

1. springtime - B
2. symbolise - D
3. renewal - F
4. pastel - A
5. hunt - E
6. custom - C

Comprehension answers

1. Why is Easter connected with springtime in many countries?

It happens when people notice warmer weather, longer days and new plants.

2. What can an egg symbolise?

It can symbolise new life.

3. What happens in an egg hunt?

Children look for eggs hidden in a garden, park or home.

4. What are pastel colours?

They are pale, soft colours.

5. How can Easter customs differ?

Families may have picnics, special food, visits or simply enjoy a public holiday.

Teaching note

Compare matching answers before reading. Accept other article-supported comprehension answers; discussion and homework answers vary. Discuss customs respectfully, distinguishing religious, cultural and personal traditions.