



Read the non-fiction extract about Easter around the world and then answer the following questions.

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10 Things You Probably Didn't Know About Easter Around the World

- In Bermuda, on Good Friday, you would find yourself flying a kite! Tradition has it that a teacher, looking for a way to demonstrate the ascension of Christ into Heaven, made a kite with Jesus' face on it. Since then, children in Bermuda have made and flown their own kites on Good Friday.
- 2. Somewhere in the mists of time, there was a belief that new clothes at Easter would bring good luck for the rest of the year. This may be where the tradition of the Easter bonnet comes from. In America there are Easter parades where people display their lovely new clothes.
- 3. In Ukraine and other Middle Eastern countries, painting eggs at Easter pre-dates Christianity. Ukrainians use beeswax and dye to create intricate patterns and symbols on the eggs, some of which are specific to the region or even the family that makes them. This activity is called 'pysanky', a word that comes from the Ukrainian word 'pystay' which means 'to write'.







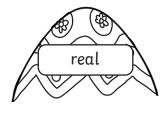
1. Tick the word that is the most suitable synonym for the word 'ascension'? Tick one.		
f	fall rise jump look	
2.	Find and copy the phrase that shows the American tradition of wearing new clothing at Easter started many years ago.	
3.	Why do you think the teacher in Bermuda used a kite in their demonstration?	
4.	Find and copy one word that shows the patterns on the Ukrainian eggs are extremely elaborate.	



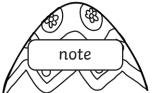


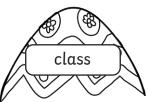


Draw lines to match each root word to the correct suffix to make each Easter egg into a complete verb again. Each suffix belongs to **two** different root words.



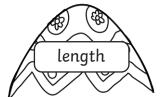


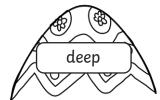




















Three of the root words would need to change their spellings when the suffix is added. **Which words are they?**





Use each of these words in an Easter themed sentence.



Sidney's Easter Surprise!

Read this extract and then answer the following questions.

"You look back over on the top lawn and I'll have another scout around behind the bushes," Sidney instructed his younger brother, Zach. Not content with the copious amount of eggs he had already placed in his basket, the greedy 10-year-old was determined to have one last attempt at finding more before mum called time on their chocolate-hunting antics. When he reached the dense bushes, Sidney crouched down and began to rake through the undergrowth with his fingers in the hope of finding any remaining foiled-covered treasure, but there was nothing left to be found.

Sighing deeply, Sidney rose slowly to his feet; as he did, he noticed something – something plump, white and furry. Hidden behind a nearby hawthorn was a small rabbit, who looked in a terrible kerfuffle, dressed in a striped waistcoat, beige overcoat and carrying a large straw basket.

Listening carefully, Sidney could just hear the rabbit's confused mumblings, 'I must deliver the eggs... I simply must deliver these eggs.' Then, in an instant, and with a sudden flash of his cottony tail, the rabbit disappeared down a peculiar burrow, right next to where Sidney was knelt down on the muddy ground.

Sidney's breathing quickened. Had he just seen the actual, real-life Easter Bunny busily doing his delivery duties on what must be his busiest day of the year? Surely not. He rubbed his eyes in disbelief. But still, the cavernous hole remained right there in front of him. Cautiously, Sidney edged closer and peered down it. Seconds later, Sidney felt his whole body being pulled forwards and, before he knew it, he too had been dragged inside and now, he was falling. Down... down... down... down... free-falling into a seemingly endless darkness. Was this the end of Sidney?

1. Complete the table about Sidney's experiences.

	Who was Sidney on his day out with?	
	How old was Sidney?	
	Where did Sidney see the rabbit?	
2.	Find and copy a phrase that shows Sidney chocolate eggs.	y was disappointed not to find more
3.	But still, the cavernous hole remained Tick the word that is closest in meaning to confined vast	o 'cavernous'. narrow putrid
4.	Why does the author say 'Was this the end	·

I felt extremely sick	after	I greedily ate far too many Easter eggs.
The Easter Bunny was absolutely exhausted		
Hot cross buns are traditionally eaten at Easter time		
The Easter egg rolling competition had just begun	<u> </u>	

This time, read the main clause in the final puzzle pieces. Then, add an appropriate subordinating conjunction and subordinate clause at the beginning of each sentence. Don't forget your commas! The first one is done for you as an example.

As	they had strong Christian beliefs,	the family went to church on Easter Sunday.
		Misha's grandma bought her five giant Easter eggs.
		Safeena finished last in the Easter bonnet competition.
		the children marched happily in the Easter parade.







Read the poem about an Easter chick and then answer the following questions.

Lost!

By Evaleen Stein

"Peep! Peep! Peep!" Poor little chick!

Little cry so weak and small,

Meadow grass so tall and thick,

And the clover tufts so tall!

Little heart in sore distress,

Longing for the mother wing;

Through the weedy wilderness

Searching for its sheltering!

1.	Why does the poem open with "Peep! Peep! Peep!"?	
2.	Why is the chick finding it so difficult to find its mother?	
3.	Find and copy an example of alliteration from the poem.	
4.	How do the words and phrases used in the poem make you feel about the chick?	
5.	Little heart in sore distress.	
	Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'distress'.	
	serenity ecstasy anguish seclusion	



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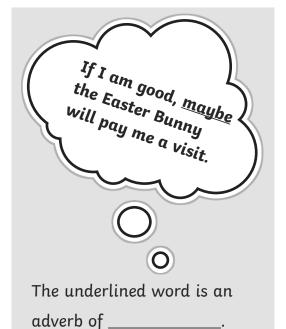
Use this picture as inspiration to carefully think and write a short paragraph about the unfortunate egg, Eggbert Shell.

_	Sentence 1: Include a relative clause.	
-	Sentence 2: Include a modal verb.	
_	Sentence 3: Write a sentence in the	passive voice.
_	Sentence 4: Include a possessive ap	ostrophe.
_	Sentence 5: End your paragraph wi	th α question.





Fill in the gaps and then find the words hidden in the Easter Egg word search on the next page.



I <u>could</u> eat one hundred Easter eggs.

The underlined word is a _____ verb.

chocolate-loving children

This punctuation mark is called a _____.

Under the tree was a mountain of eggs.

The underlined word is a ______.

Hilda raised her arms in celebration after she won the egg decorating competition.

The underlined words are a _____ clause.













The Easter Bunny's basket

This punctuation mark is called an apostrophe for

If I were the Prime Minister, I would make the Easter holidays much longer.

This sentence is written in the _____ mood.

Before breakfast, the boys had already eaten their bodyweight in chocolate.

The underlined phrase is a _____ adverbial.

I don't want Easter eggs as presents <u>for</u> I am not a lover of chocolate.

The underlined word is a co-ordinating _____



Easter Egg Word Search

Find your answers to the puzzles on the previous page in this word search.

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Spelling Challenge

Ask a helper to cut off the sentences on the bottom of this sheet and then read them out to you one by one. Spell out the words that fill the gaps in these sentences.

1.	The Easter Bunny is a creature.
2.	On Easter Day, I will search my garden for chocolate
3.	Last year, I gratefully received Easter eggs.
4.	I love the cinnamon taste of a hot cross bun.
5.	Easter is all about commemorating a very event.
6.	The greedy youngster wasfull after gorging on chocolate.
7.	The children conducted a search of their garden during the Easter egg hunt.
8.	My very happy is now full of chocolate!
9.	There was a of expectant parents waiting for the Easter assembly.
10.	During Easter, I am a chocolate-eating



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Read each sentence out twice:

- 1. The Easter Bunny is a **mythical** creature.
- 2. On Easter Day, I will search my garden for chocolate **treasure**.
- 3. Last year, I gratefully received **eighteen** Easter eggs.
- 4. I love the **delicious** cinnamon taste of a hot cross bun.
- 5. Easter is all about commemorating a very **special** event.
- 6. The greedy youngster was incredibly full after gorging on chocolate.
- 7. The children conducted a thorough search of their garden during the Easter egg hunt.
- 8. My very happy **stomach** is now full of chocolate!
- 9. There was a queue of expectant parents waiting for the Easter assembly.
- 10. During Easter, I am a chocolate-eating **machine**.