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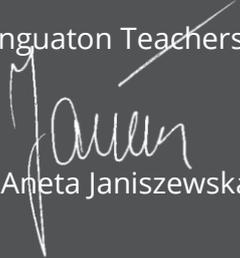
EASTER IN BRIEF

At Easter, Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection (= the coming to life again) of Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity. Christians believe that Jesus was the Son of God. Easter is always on a Sunday, but the date varies from year to year. The symbols of rebirth, new life, and fertility are common Easter decorations. These include the Easter Bunny and decorated eggs. Many communities have an Easter parade. Easter has also become a very popular time for holidays.

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Springtime flowers, fresh and new,
paint the garden - every hue
Easter eggs, designed with care,
hidden in the grass somewhere
And wishes made for those like you
Are extra bright and happy, too!

On behalf of Linguaton Teachers,


Aneta Janiszewska

LENT	Lent is a forty day season before Easter Sunday when people get ready for Easter. It is a period of fasting or doing without certain foods, and praying . This is to remind us of the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness .
THE HOLY WEEK	It is the last week of Lent. It begins with the observance of Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter Sunday. The Lenten season and Holy week end with Easter Sunday (the Resurrection of Jesus Christ).
PALM SUNDAY	Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. On this day Christians celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when people spread palm leaves on the ground for his donkey. The name of Palm Sunday comes from Jesus' entry in Jerusalem. The crowd laid carpets of palms in the street for Jesus proclaiming him the messianic king. This Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross. The English word <i>passion</i> comes from a Latin word that means " to suffer ," the same word from which we derive the English word <i>patient</i> .
HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY	The term Maundy comes from the Latin word <i>mandatum</i> (<i>mandate</i> in English), which means "to give." Jesus told his disciples to love one another. On this day we also celebrate The Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his Apostles .
GOOD FRIDAY	This Friday, also called Good Friday, is the day on which the church commemorates Jesus' arrest (since by Jewish customs of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday), his trial , crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial . In short, Good Friday is the anniversary of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the cross.
HOLY SATURDAY	It is traditionally a day of quiet meditation as Christians contemplate the darkness of a world without a future and without hope apart from God and his grace . Holy Saturday is also known as Silent Saturday because churches are very quiet, as there are no masses on this day.
EASTER SUNDAY	On this day people celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus rose from the dead . Easter Sunday is the main reason why Christians keep Sunday the most important day of their religious observance
EASTER MONDAY	In some countries, Easter lasts two days. The second day is called Easter Monday.

Glossary

Lent – Wielki Post

fasting – postzczenie

to do without sth – obywać się bez czegoś

praying – modlenie się

the wilderness - pustkowia / dzika natura

observance – praktyka religijna / obchody

to lay carpets of palms – rozkładać dywany palmowe

resurrection - zmartwychwstanie

to proclaim – ogłaszać

Apostles – apostołowie

to call – nazywać

to commemorate – upamiętnić

agonizing – bolesny, w męczarni

to suffer – cierpieć

to entrust – powierzyć

disciples – uczniowie (biblijni)

the Last Supper – Ostatnia Wieczerza

a trial – rozprawa sądowa

burial – pochówek

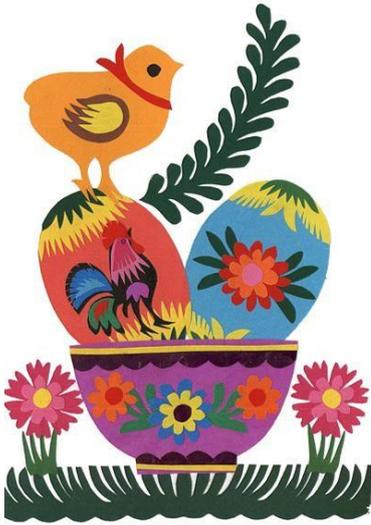
crucifixion – ukrzyżowanie

grace – łaska

He rose from the dead – dosłownie: powstał ze zmarłych



EASTER JOKES



- ◆ Why does the Easter bunny have a shiny nose?
His powder puff is on the wrong end.
- ◆ Is it true that bunnies have good eyesight?
Well you never see a bunny wearing glasses, do you?
- ◆ What is the difference between a crazy bunny and a counterfeit banknote?
One is bad money and the other is a mad bunny!
- ◆ Why did the Easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken!
- ◆ Why did a fellow rabbit say that the Easter Bunny was self-centred?
Because he was eggo-centric!
- ◆ Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world?
It has four rabbits' feet
- ◆ What do you get when you cross a bunny with an onion?
A bunion
- ◆ What did the bunny want to do when he grew up?
Join the Hare Force.
- ◆ What do you call a bunny with a large brain?
Egghead!
- ◆ What does a bunny use when it goes swimming?
A hare-net.
- ◆ How do you make a rabbit stew?
Make it wait for three hours!
- ◆ What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?
A hot cross bunny.
- ◆ How do you post a bunny?
Hare mail
- ◆ How does the Easter Bunny say Happy Easter?
Hoppy Easter

EASTER SYMBOLS

Easter Bells – On Thursday before Good Friday Easter bells are silent as way to remember the death of Jesus. Easter bells ring on Easter Sunday as way of telling people that Jesus is alive again.

The Cross – Jesus died on the cross but then came back to life.

The Easter Lily – The lily was a reminder to Christians of how Jesus came back to life. The white Easter Lily is used in many Easter services. It is also a symbol of the Virgin Mary.

Easter Flowers – Such as daffodil, narcissus and the tulip. They are symbols of a new life in spring.

Pussy Willows – They are picked at Easter. People tap each other on the shoulders for good luck.

Lambs – The lamb is a symbol Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Rabbits:- Rabbits help us think of spring and a new life.

The Egg – Eggs are a symbol of spring as well as Easter. They are a sign of a new life.

Chicks – The chicks are born from eggs and are a reminder of spring and Easter.

Candles – Candles give light in darkness. Jesus is "the eternal light" showing Christians the way to light.

Palm Branches – They are a symbol of peace.

Bread – Unleavened flat bread is eaten to remember Jesus's sacrifice.

Wine – Red wine is drunk to remember Jesus shedding His blood for people.

Easter Sunday **commemorates** the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian **celebration**. The date of Easter Sunday changes every year, and that changes the date of all the important **holy** days that come before Easter. It **falls** between late March and late May. Easter is so important because Christians believe that Jesus **rose from the dead**, two days after he died on the cross. Jesus' dead body **was buried** in a **cave** on Good Friday and two days later the stone that **covered** the entrance to the cave was moved and Jesus' body **disappeared**. Various people saw Jesus in the following days and his **followers** understood God raised him from the dead. **Historians** say this happened some time between 26 and 36 AD. People celebrate Easter in many ways around the world. It is a very busy time for churches. Many Christians **light** a special Pascal candle on the evening before Easter. This represents **the rising of Christ**. There are special songs and hymns which people sing in church. Children like Easter because their parents and grandparents give them chocolate Easter eggs, **a sign** of new birth. Schoolchildren usually **decorate** eggs and **display** them in their school or give them as gifts. Other things **associated with** Easter are the Easter Bunny and spring flowers like irises. An unusual Easter tradition in Norway is to solve murder mysteries at Easter. Television channels show murder mystery shows.

GLOSSARY

commemorate - upamiętnić / uczcić	disappear - zniknąć
resurrection - zmartwychwstanie	historian - historyk
celebration - świętowanie / obchody	follower - wyznawca
holy - święty	the rising of Christ - zmartwychwstanie
fall - tu: przypadać	sign - znak
to rise from the dead - dosłownie: powstać ze zmarłych	decorate - upiększać / dekorować
to be buried - być pochowanym	display - wystawiać na pokaz
cave - grotta / jama	associated with - powiązany / kojarzony

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Put the correct words from this table into the article

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| 1. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) of | (d) with |
| 2. | (a) all | (b) each | (c) every | (d) whole |
| 3. | (a) belief | (b) believe | (c) believing | (d) believer |
| 4. | (a) bury | (b) buried | (c) burial | (d) buries |
| 5. | (a) entrants | (b) entry | (c) entries | (d) entrance |
| 6. | (a) all | (b) many | (c) some | (d) the |
| 7. | (a) celebration | (b) celebrates | (c) celebrate | (d) celebrated |
| 8. | (a) light | (b) lite | (c) lit | (d) lighting |
| 9. | (a) given | (b) giving | (c) gives | (d) give |
| 10. | (a) by | (b) for | (c) at | (d) with |
| 11. | (a) like | (b) liked | (c) liking | (d) liken |
| 12. | (a) showed | (b) shows | (c) show off | (d) showed |

Hen, Lamb, Easter egg, Catkins, Basket, Spring, Hot cross buns, Easter Bunny,

1. Easter's season. _ _ _ _ _
2. On Easter Saturday you put some eggs, bread, butter, salt and pepper in it. _ _ _ _ _
3. She gives us little chicks. _ _ _
4. Flowers that grow on a willow tree. _ _ _ _ _
5. It has got a shell, you can colour it. _ _ _
6. It has got long ears and a small tail. It can jump. _ _ _ _ _
7. A baby sheep. _ _ _ _
8. They are sweet and have got raisins inside. Children love them. _ _ _ _ _


EASTER TRIVIA

- ❖ The ancient Saxons celebrated the return of spring with an uproarious festival commemorating their goddess of offspring and of springtime, Eastre. When the second-century Christian missionaries encountered the tribes of the north with their pagan celebrations, they attempted to convert them to Christianity.
- ❖ Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox (March 21). So Easter became a "movable" feast
- ❖ Christian churches in the East which were closer to the birthplace of the new religion and in which old traditions were strong, observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival.
- ❖ Lent is the forty-six day period just prior to Easter Sunday. It begins on Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday") is a celebration, sometimes called "Carnival," practised around the world, on the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday. It was designed as a way to "get it all out" before the sacrifices of Lent began. New Orleans is the focal point of Mardi Gras celebrations in the U.S.
- ❖ The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit. The Germans brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America. It was widely ignored by other Christians until shortly after the Civil War. In fact, Easter itself was not widely celebrated in America until after that time
- ❖ As with the Easter Bunny and the holiday itself, the Easter Egg predates the Christian holiday of Easter. The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if you were a peasant, coloured brightly by boiling them with the leaves or petals of certain flowers. Today, children hunt coloured eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs – those made of plastic or chocolate candy.
- ❖ The Cross is the symbol of the Crucifixion, as opposed to the Resurrection. However, at the Council of Nice, in A.D. 325, Constantine decreed that the Cross was the official symbol of Christianity. The Cross is not only a symbol of Easter, but it is more widely used, especially by the Catholic Church, as a year-round symbol of their faith.
- ❖ In the United States Easter is celebrated with a large Easter Egg Hunt by children on the White House Lawn.





Journey to Jerusalem



Jesus and his disciples were walking to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. When they were nearly there, Jesus sent two of his friends for a donkey. He told them to tell the owner that he needed it. The disciples did as they were asked and brought the donkey to Jesus. As he rode into Jerusalem, people saw Jesus coming and covered the path with their garments and palm leaves. They shouted 'Hosanna' and 'Jesus is the King.'

Judas betrays Jesus



Most people were very happy, but this did not include some of the priests who were jealous of Jesus. They did not like it that ordinary people liked him so much. They wanted an excuse to arrest Jesus and kill him. Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, went to them in secret and told them he would betray him. The priests and elders gave Judas thirty pieces of silver. From then on he waited for his chance to get Jesus into trouble

The Last Supper



Looking sad, Jesus sat down to a meal with his twelve friends. He told them he would have to go away the next day to be with his Father in heaven. Jesus' friends were sad then too. The disciples said they would not let anything happen to him. Jesus told them that one of them had already taken money to betray him. They all looked at each other. Judas stood up and walked out. Jesus told his friends about the people in Jerusalem who did not like him and that the next day he would be arrested and nailed to a cross. To remember him, Jesus broke some bread and said 'This is my body. Take it and eat it and remember me.' Then he took a cup of wine and told them that it was his blood. They should drink it and remember him.

Praying at Gethsemane



Jesus and his friends walked to the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was very sad and asked Peter, James and John to watch over him while he prayed. As he prayed, his friends fell asleep as they were very tired. Just then, Judas arrived with many men who carried swords. They had been sent by the priests to arrest Jesus.

Betrayed with a kiss



Judas went up to Jesus and kissed him on the cheek. This was Judas' way of picking out Jesus to the soldiers. Straight away two of the guards seized Jesus. Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of one of these men. Jesus told him he should not have done that. He touched the man and his ear was healed. The disciples were afraid and ran for their lives.

Peter's denial



Earlier Jesus had predicted that his disciples would betray him. Peter said this was not possible. Jesus explained 'Before the cock crows at dawn you will have disowned me three times.' Peter had replied 'Never'. Jesus, now under arrest, was being questioned by the Jewish council. As Peter watched from a distance, people asked if he was a friend of Jesus. Three times he denied knowing him. Suddenly the cock crowed and he cried as he recalled Jesus' words.

The trial of Jesus



The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to be guilty. They found it difficult to find anything that he had done wrong, even though they paid people to lie about him. Eventually they asked him if he was the Son of God. Jesus replied 'I am.' This was enough. They said this was an insult to God. Jesus was taken before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor.

Pilate washes his hands



At Passover time it was the custom that the people could ask for the freedom of a prisoner. Pilate suggested Jesus or Barabbus, a well-known criminal. The chief priests persuaded the people to ask that Barabbus be released instead of Jesus. Pilate called for a bowl of water and let everyone see him washing his hands of sending an innocent man to his death. Even so he ordered that Jesus be crucified and set Barabbus free.

The crown of thorns



The soldiers took Jesus away, removed his clothes and dressed him in a purple robe. On his head they placed a crown of thorns. Mocking him they knelt down before him and said 'Hail, King of the Jews'. As the blood ran down his forehead they made fun of him. Jesus never said a word. Then they took him away and laid a heavy wooden cross on his back Jesus was made to carry the cross out of the city gates and up a nearby hill. On the way some of the crowd cheered, others wept. On top of the hill Jesus was put on the cross and nails were put through his hands and feet.

Jesus is crucified
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Jesus' mother watched him on the cross. He called to one of his friends to look after her now. Many people in the crowd were cruel. They said 'You saved other people, why don't you save yourself now?'

At noon darkness fell on the land. It lasted a few hours. Jesus cried out aloud, 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' In the sadness and the dark, Jesus died.

Taken off the Cross
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At the moment Jesus died, the earth shook. One of the soldiers who had been keeping guard said 'This man was the Son of God.' Many people began to feel afraid. Some of the friends of Jesus and his mother waited for permission from Pontius Pilate to take Jesus down from the cross. They laid the body in a tomb cut in the rock. The tomb was sealed with a large stone.

Risen from the Dead
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Two days later a friend of Jesus known as Mary Magdalen went to the tomb. She was astonished to find that the huge stone had been moved and the body had gone. She ran to tell Peter and John who only found burial sheets in the tomb. Mary, weeping, was approached by a man she did not know, who asked her why she was crying. She explained that it was because they had taken her Lord away. The man was Jesus risen from the dead.

Jesus is Alive
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Believing him to be the gardener, Mary asked if he knew where Jesus body had been taken. Jesus said 'Mary, it is I'. Mary was full of joy. Jesus told her to tell his friends that she had seen him and that he would soon be with his father in Heaven. Mary ran back to tell all their friends the news.

EASTER WORDS

Here are some definitions of Easter words. Decide which words given below they describe:

to dye / Lent / a hot cross bun / Holy Week / fasting / spring / a rabbit / a race / an egg / a lamb

- a) an oval, hard-shelled food
- b) forty days before Easter
- c) to colour eggs
- d) a time of a year
- e) a small animal with long ears
- f) a young sheep
- g) a running contest
- h) a round cake
- i) the week before the Easter
- j) not eating certain foods



EGG IDIOMS

- ❖ **have egg on your face** - be made to look stupid
- ❖ **kill the goose that lays the golden egg(s)** - destroy sth that would make you rich, successful, etc.
- ❖ **as sure as eggs is eggs** - absolutely certain, without any doubt
- ❖ **teach your grandmother to suck eggs** - tell or show sb how to do sth that they can already do well, and probably better than you can (uczyć ojca dzieci robić)
- ❖ **you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs** - you cannot make an important change in sth without causing problems for sb (gdzie drwa rąbią, tam wióry lecą)
- ❖ **put all your eggs into one basket** - risk all your money, effort, etc. on one thing, so that if it is not successful, you have no other chance (stawiać wszystko na jedną kartę)
- ❖ **egg sb on (to do sth)** - to encourage sb to do sth, especially sth that they should not do (namawiać, podjudzać kogoś do zrobienia czegoś)



EASTER DAYS IN THE UK Match the days with their descriptions

**PALM SUNDAY / MAUNDY THURSDAY / GOOD FRIDAY / ASH WEDNESDAY /
EASTER SUNDAY / EASTER EVE / SHROVE TUESDAY**



- a) Special services are held on this day to commemorate the Last Supper. The British Queen traditionally attends a special service and presents poor people with money. The number of people who receives the money corresponds to the Queen's age.
- b) It's believed that Jesus rose from the dead on this day. Families gather for dinner and afterwards children play games such as 'egg hunt' or 'egg roll'.
- c) This day begins Lent – 40 days of fasting. Christians attend churches and have their heads sprinkled with ash.
- d) Holy Week begins with the observance of this celebration. It commemorates Christ's ride into Jerusalem, where people greeted him with palm branches.
- e) This is the day when Christ lay in the tomb and on this day Catholics take food to church to have it blessed.
- f) Many people in Britain still preserve the tradition of eating hot cross buns on this day. Its name probably comes from God's Friday and it's a public holiday commemorating Christ's death on the cross.
- g) Pancakes are the favourite food on this day.



EASTER WISHES

Easter Prayer

Thinking of you at Easter time
 With special warmth and cheer,
 With memories of the happy times
 That kept us close all year,
 With many wishes for the joys
 You're so deserving of...
 Thinking of you at Easter time
 And all the time-with love



Though many kinds of beauty
 fill the earth and sky above,
 None could ever be more precious
 than the wonder that is LOVE.
 Have a Happy Easter Day!

May resurrected Jesus
 fill your hear with joy and hope
 for a better future
 and a better life
 wherever you are and
 whatever you do
 Happy Easter!



Rejoice and Renew
 The Lord is Risen!
 Wishing you Easter filled with love
 and joy



Happy Easter ! Happy Spring!
 May all the beauties
 and blessings of Easter time
 fill your soul with joy
 and deep satisfaction.



Wishing you a very Happy Easter
 Wishing you an Easter
 blessed with happiness
 and warmed by the touch
 of God's love.

