

# EASTER WORDS AND TRADITIONS



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## 1 Warm up

Match the words to the pictures. Which words are usually related to Easter?

bunny  
Easterbasket  
kites

chick  
egghunt  
lamb

chocolateeggs  
eggroll  
saucepans

daffodil  
hot cross buns  
witches



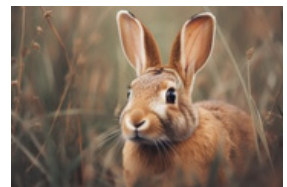
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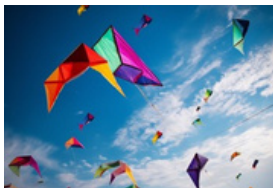
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3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



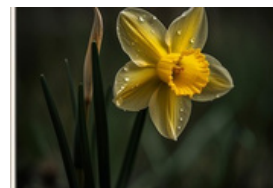
8. \_\_\_\_\_



9. \_\_\_\_\_



10. \_\_\_\_\_



11. \_\_\_\_\_



12. \_\_\_\_\_

Now, watch the video. What are the people doing?

## 2

**Listening 1**

Listen to five people talking about Easter traditions in their countries. Match the people to the country and the tradition.

- |           |             |   |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| Speaker 1 | a. Greece   | i. → People fly kites.                          |
| Speaker 2 | b. Bermuda  | ii. → People have egg fights.                   |
| Speaker 3 | c. Germany  | iii. → People throw things out of their windows |
| Speaker 4 | d. Sweden   | iv. → People make a tree and put eggs on it.    |
| Speaker 5 | e. Bulgaria | v. → Children dress as witches.                 |



## 3

**Listening 2**

Are these sentences true or false? Listen again and check.

- Speaker 1 was born in Sweden. → \_\_\_\_\_
- Speaker 2 has a friend who lived in Corfu, but doesn't anymore. → \_\_\_\_\_
- Speaker 3 says that people throw eggs at each other in Bulgaria. → \_\_\_\_\_
- Speaker 4 is married to a German person. → \_\_\_\_\_
- Speaker 5 travelled to Bermuda a few years ago. → \_\_\_\_\_



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**Grammar 1**

Read the grammar box with sentences from the listening below.

- ...she and the other kids used to dress up as witches and go to people's houses to ask for sweets
- ...one thing I used to love from my childhood in Bulgaria were egg fights.
- When I was a child, we didn't use to celebrate Easter, so it's great to make the tree with our kids.

We can talk about a past habit with → **used to + verb.**

The negative is → **didn't use to + verb.**

Now, complete the sentences with the correct form of used to and the verbs in the box.

bake

| spend

| travel

| hide

| not like

1. When I was little, we always had an egg hunt : my dad \_\_\_\_\_ eggs in the garden for my sisters and me to find.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ Easter because I can't have chocolate, but now I love preparing things for my children.
3. My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ hot cross buns for use very Easter.They're a type of bread and they're really nice!
4. I live near Washington, so my family \_\_\_\_\_ every year to the WhiteHouse to see the Easter Egg Roll.  
My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ hours painting eggs when we were children.

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**Speaking 1 - Let's play!**

Follow the instructions below to play Taboo.

1. Form pairs.
2. One student chooses a card and explains the underlined word **without** using any of the words below it (or the word itself).
3. The other student has two guesses, then it is their turn to choose a card.

## 6 Speaking 2

In groups, discuss if the sentences below are right (♦) or wrong (X). You can't search online. Put a number from 1-5 next to each sentence based on how sure you are (5 = very sure). Then check with your teacher how many points you scored.

1. The idea for the Easter bunny started in Germany. ♦/X Right The Easter bunny, called Osterhase, delivered treats to children. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Most UK chocolate sales happen at Easter time. ♦/ X \_\_\_\_\_
3. In the US, 76% of people eat the bottom part of a chocolate bunny first. ♦/ X \_\_\_\_\_
4. In 2007, an Easter egg with a lot of diamonds on it was sold for £9 million. ♦/ X \_\_\_\_\_
5. People think the name 'Easter' is used because of a goddess with a similar name. ♦/ X \_\_\_\_\_
6. People sometimes eat special ham at Easter. ♦/ X \_\_\_\_\_
7. The tallest chocolate egg in the world was 10.39m in height and made in Belgium. ♦/ X \_\_\_\_\_
8. 900 million chocolate bunnies are made every year. ♦/ X \_\_\_\_\_
9. The first "White House Easter Egg Roll" with the US President was over 100 years ago. \_\_\_\_\_ ♦/X
10. The first chocolate Easter egg in the UK was produced in the 19th century. ♦/X \_\_\_\_\_

## 7 Speaking 3

Answer the questions below in

pairs.

1. What do you do at Easter in your country?
2. What do you eat at Easter?
3. Do you have the Easter bunny in your country, or do you have something else?
4. Do you like Easter? Why/why not?
5. How did your parents and grandparents use to celebrate Easter? Are Easter traditions changing?

**8****Extension activity 1**

Listen to the speakers again and choose the correct words.

- Speaker 1:** My mum is from Sweden, and she told me that when she was a child, she and the other kids used to dress up as witches and go to people's houses to ask for (1) **candies / sweets**. So it's a bit like Halloween here, but the children also give Easter cards that they make themselves, so that's (2) **nice / kind**.
- Speaker 2:** I have a friend who used to live in Corfu, Greece, and he told me of a very (3) **different / strange** tradition they have there: people throw saucepans out of their windows! They (4) **believe / think** it makes all the bad things go away.
- Speaker 3:** I'm half-British, half-Bulgarian, I used to (5) **like / love** having egg fights at Easter in my childhood in Bulgaria. The whole family colour eggs (the first one had to be red), then hit them against each other. If your egg doesn't break, you are the (6) **champion / winner**.
- Speaker 4:** My husband is German so we always make an Ostereierbaum at Easter. It's a (7) **small / little** tree with coloured eggs on it. When I was a child, we didn't use to celebrate Easter, so it's great to make the tree with our (8) **children / kids**.
- Speaker 5:** I was on (9) **holiday / vacation** in Bermuda last Easter and do you know what they do for Easter? They fly kites! They make the kites themselves and it's really (10) **pretty / beautiful** to watch.

**9****Extension activity 2**

In groups, record a video for social media on Easter traditions around the world.





# Transcripts

## 1. Warm up

- Eli:** It's Sunday. I think we all know what that means. We're going to play hard, we're going to play safe, but we're going to have fun. Right, who's with me? I can't hear you!
- Daughter:** Ah, Dad!
- Sean:** Welcome to the 2023 Sunday Easter Egg Hunt, live in Eli's back yard. I'm Sean O'Hara, alongside the Easter bunny. Always great to see you.
- Sean:** On offense, we've got Eli and the Bunny Hoppers, and on defence, led by Justin Tuck, we've got the Chirping Chickies. Eli's dropping back, the Bunny Hoppers need a miracle. It looks like a Hail Mary ... it's up ... Caroline catches it in the basket! Touchdown, the
- Sean:** Bunny Hoppers win!

## 2. Listening 1

- Speaker 1 (female):** My mum is from Sweden, and she told me that when she was a child, she and the other kids used to dress up as witches and go to people's houses to ask for sweets. So it's a bit like Halloween here, but the children also give Easter cards that they make themselves, so that's nice.
- Speaker 2 (male):** I have a friend who used to live in Corfu, Greece, and he told me of a very strange tradition they have there: people throw saucepans out of their windows! They believe it makes all the bad things go away.
- Speaker 3 (male):** I'm half-British, half-Bulgarian, and I used to love having egg fights at Easter in my childhood in Bulgaria. The whole family colour eggs (the first one had to be red), then hit them against each other. If your egg doesn't break, you are the winner.
- Speaker 4 (female):** My husband is German so we always make an Ostereierbaum at Easter. It's a little tree with coloured eggs on it. When I was a child, we didn't use to celebrate Easter, so it's great to make the tree with our kids.
- Speaker 5 (female):** I was on holiday in Bermuda last Easter and do you know what they do for Easter? They fly kites! They make the kites themselves and it's really beautiful to watch.