

1. Complete the text using words from the wordlist below.

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Easter is a _____ holiday. It is a very important date on the Christian _____ because people commemorate the _____ and resurrection of _____. The season begins with _____ Wednesday which marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent – a time when people fast (they give up some food and drink), _____ and prepare for the Holy _____ ending on Easter _____. These special days of Easter are so-called _____ feasts, which means that they are celebrated on different days every year (between March 22nd and April 25th).

2. Read the text about Easter in the UK and USA. Then decide whether the sentences below are true (T) or false (F). Number the order in which they appeared in the text.

Alongside Christian traditions (fasting, church services), there are some Easter traditions that are not related to religion. Their roots go back to the times long before Christianity. It is even believed that the word Easter was derived from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. The non-Christian traditions are centred around eggs – egg decorating, egg rolling and egg hunts. When an egg roll is played, people take decorated eggs, go to the top of a hill and let the eggs roll down. The owner of the egg that reaches the foot of the hill first is the winner. In the USA, the most famous egg rolling game (only for under 12-year-olds) takes place on Easter Monday in the garden of the White House. This is the only day when tourists can walk on the president’s lawn. Egg hunts are popular mainly with children. They look for chocolate eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny in the garden. Morris dancing is a traditional English dance performed by dancers dressed in special costumes in spring in order to frighten winter away. There are also traditional dishes typically eaten during Easter. Besides a ton of chocolate and hard-boiled eggs, these include roast lamb, ham and potatoes, and sweet hot-cross buns.

- ___ Tourists can walk in the garden of the White House only on Easter Sunday. _____
- ___ You can take part in the egg rolling game organized by the U.S. President only if you are older than 12. _____
- ___ A rabbit is believed to be hiding eggs in gardens. _____
- ___ Morris dancers dance to welcome winter back. _____
- ___ Easter fasting is a religious tradition. _____
- ___ Meat traditionally eaten at Easter comes from young sheep. _____
- ___ The winner of the egg rolling game is a person who runs holding an egg down the hill the fastest. _____
- ___ Easter was celebrated long before the birth of Jesus Christ. _____

3. Complete the names of the Easter/spring symbols.



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