

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... packaging | a. the season after winter when plants grow again |
| 2..... a chick | b. a day when most shops, offices and schools in a country are closed |
| 3..... a public holiday | c. a baby chicken |
| 4..... extraordinary | d. the paper or plastic around something to protect it |
| 5..... spring | e. to do something but not do it too much |
| 6..... to do something in moderation | f. really amazing or unusual |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Easter is a summer festival. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. The exact date of Easter is different every year. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. The Easter holiday is two weeks long for everyone in the UK. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Chocolate eggs are extremely popular. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Doctors and dentists say that people should not eat any Easter eggs. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. In an egg hunt, children hide eggs for adults to find. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your grammar: multiple choice – active or passive

Circle the best answer to complete these sentences.

- Easter **celebrates / is celebrated** life and rebirth.
- The name Easter **comes / is come** from Eostre, the goddess of the dawn and spring.
- Christians **attend / are attended** special church services at Easter time.
- The eggs **sell / are sold** in cardboard boxes.
- Some people believe that too much chocolate **eats / is eaten** at Easter.

6. Chickens' eggs **paint and decorate / are painted and decorated** to give as presents.
7. Eggs **also hide / are also hidden** for children to find.
8. Hot cross buns are typical cakes that **make / are made** at Easter time.

3. Check your grammar: gap fill – prepositions

Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

as

at

in (x2)

of (x2)

on

to

1. Easter is a spring festival _____ new life.
2. Christians attend special church services _____ Easter.
3. Easter isn't _____ the same date every year.
4. Everyone looks forward _____ their Easter break.
5. The shops are full _____ bright Easter displays.
6. The aim of most shops is to sell chocolate eggs _____ huge numbers.
7. Doctors and dentists would advise people to eat Easter eggs _____ moderation.
8. Eggs are painted and decorated to give _____ presents.

Discussion

Is Easter celebrated where you live?

Which of these celebrations would you most like to see or do?

What's the most important festival in your country? How do you celebrate it?