

Student's Worksheet

Easter

1. Read about Easter traditions around the world. Which tradition is your favourite?

In **Australia**, the symbol of Easter is a bilby, a native animal with long ears and a long tail, and children get chocolate bilbies as presents. A popular Easter game is Egg Cracking, which people play in pairs, trying to crack their partner's egg with their own egg. The person whose egg cracks first loses the game.

In **Britain**, children believe that Easter Bunny, a rabbit character, hides chocolate Easter Eggs in their houses and gardens. On Easter Sunday morning they take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, trying to find the most chocolate eggs. In England, an Easter tradition is to watch a special folk dance called *Morris dance*. The dancers wear white shirts, black trousers with bells and hats decorated with flowers.

In **France**, church bells stop ringing on the Thursday before Easter. Children believe that the bells fly to Rome to see the Pope. The bells return on Easter Sunday morning and they bring with them Easter eggs. French children like to play a game where everybody throws an egg up in the air. The first child who drops and breaks their egg loses the game.

In **Germany**, on Easter Saturday evening people bring their old Christmas trees to a special place and make a big fire. This is a symbol of the end of winter. A nice Easter tradition is an egg tree, which is a small tree branch decorated with Easter eggs. A popular game is Egg Gathering: children run and pick up coloured, hard-boiled eggs lying in a line on the grass. The winner is the child who collects all the eggs from one line first.

In **the USA**, on Easter Sunday many people go to church, wearing bonnets, which are special hats with ribbons and flowers. The most famous American Easter game is the White House Easter Egg Roll, where hundreds of children roll their Easter Eggs on the grass in front of the house of the President of the United States. The rules are to roll the eggs the longest distance without breaking them.

2. Answer these questions. Look at the numbered letters, write them under the questions to find out what French people eat at Easter.

- a. Where do French church bells fly away to before Easter? _ ³ _ _ _
- b. On which day do church bells return to France? _ _ _ 8 _ _ _ 12 _ _ _ _
- c. What is the special English folk dance called? _ ⁵ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 1 _ _ _
- d. What is the symbol of Easter in Australia? _ _ 6 _ _ _
- e. Where do American people go to, wearing bonnets? 4 2 _ _ 13 _ _ _
- f. Which season ends when there is a big fire on Easter Saturday in Germany? ¹¹ _ _ _ _ _
- g. In which country do children throw eggs up in the air? ¹⁰ _ ⁷ _ _ _ _
- h. What do American children roll in front of the White House? ⁹ _ _ _ _

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3. What are Easter traditions in your country? Write a short text about them. You can write about food, decorations, games and symbols.