

Why do we have Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny?

 **moon** **rabbits** **chomp** (= *mampfen*) **died** **life** 
 **decorated** **traditions** **festival** **family** **popular** 

Easter is a Christian  that celebrates the resurrection **off/of** Jesus Christ. The Bible **say's/says** that Christ  on the cross **in/on** a day called  G..... F..... (Karfreitag), which this  y..... (Jahr) **falls/fell** on 10 April.

 Acc..... (Laut der) to the Bible, Jesus **were/was** then resurrected and came back to  on Easter **sunday/Sunday**. This is the  m..... i..... (wichtigste) day in the Christian calendar.

Easter is on different dates each year, **between/between** 21 March and 25 April,  de..... o.... (je nachdem) when there is a full  in Spring.

Many/Much Christians will **spend/spent** time at church (Kirche) in thought,  p..... (beten) and celebration of Jesus Christ's life, and may **got/get** together with friends and  for a special meal.

There are also some more modern  t..... (Traditionen) to mark Easter which are very common - such as Easter eggs, the Easter Bunny and  c..... (Schokolade).

But **were/where** do these modern  come from?

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So any eggs laid that week were saved and  to make them Holy Week eggs, which were **then/than** given to children as  (Geschenke).

Why are Easter eggs made of chocolate?

The first chocolate eggs appeared in France and Germany in the 19th century, but they **were/where** bitter and hard. As chocolate-making techniques improved, hollow eggs like the ones we **had/have** today were 🍱 d.....(entwickelt). They very quickly became 🐰 and remain a 🍱 f.....
(bevorzugte) tradition with chocolate-**lovers/lover's** today.

What's the Easter Bunny then?

The story **of/off** the Easter Bunny is thought to have become common in the 19th century.

..... 🐰 usually give birth to a big litter of babies (called kittens), so they **became/become** a symbol **off/of** new **life/live**. Legend has it that the Easter Bunny lays, 🍱 d..... (dekoriert) and hides eggs as they are also a symbol of new life.

This is why some children enjoy Easter egg hunts as part of the festival.



And how about you? How successful were you at hunting for Easter symbols?

Did you find out that the 🐰 stood for "Choose a word from the box on top of the article", and 🍱 meant "Put in the correct translation"?

Yes, you did! The Antipolis team wish you a Happy Easter.

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Easter is a Christian festival that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Christ died on the cross on a day called Good Friday, which this year falls on 10 April.

According to the Bible, Jesus was then resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday. This is the most important day in the Christian calendar.

Easter is on different dates each year, between 21 March and 25 April, depending on when there's a full moon in spring.

Many Christians will spend time at church in thought, prayer and celebration of Jesus Christ's life, and may get together with friends and family for a special meal.

There are also some more modern traditions to mark Easter which are very common - such as Easter eggs, the Easter Bunny and chocolate.

But where do these modern traditions come from?

Why do we have Easter eggs?

A lot of us may chomp on chocolate eggs at Easter, but originally eating eggs was not allowed by church leaders during the week leading up to Easter (known as Holy Week).

So any eggs laid that week were saved and decorated to make them Holy Week eggs, that were then given to children as gifts.

Why are Easter eggs made of chocolate?

The first chocolate eggs appeared in France and Germany in the 19th century, but they were bitter and hard. As chocolate-making techniques improved, hollow eggs like the ones we have today were developed. They very quickly became popular and remain a favourite tradition with chocolate-lovers today.

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