

## Easter





**Level:** Elementary

**Sources:** Definitions from Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English

① – Look at the table below. Can you translate the words in **bold** into your language?

• <b>(Jesus) Christ</b>	= the son of God	=
• <b>Christians</b>	= people who believe in Christ	=
• <b>Christianity</b>	= religion	=
• <b>Christian</b>	= related to Christianity	=

② – Complete this text with appropriate words or endings to learn the basic facts about Easter.

			
egg	Resurrection	world	bunny

### Glossary:

- founder – a person who started something (*założyciel, twórca*)
- vary – to be different (*zmieniać się, być różnym*)
- community – a group of people living in one place (*społeczność*)
- several – a few (*kilka*)

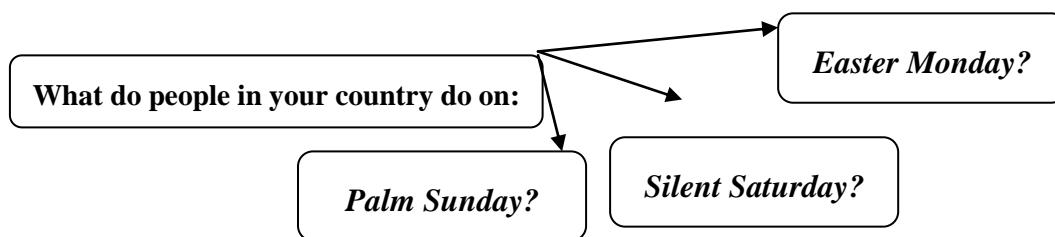
On Easter, Christ..... around the \_\_\_\_\_ celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ (= the coming to life again) of Jesus Christ, the **founder** of Christ..... . According to Christ..... beliefs, he was the Son of God. Easter is always on a Sunday, but the date **varies** from year to year. Symbols of rebirth, new life, and fertility are common Easter decorations. These include the Easter \_\_\_\_\_ and decorated \_\_\_\_\_. It's also traditional to wear new spring clothes on Easter, and many **communities** have an Easter parade. Easter has also become a very popular time for holidays, since many schools close for **several** days or more.

③ – Now read some facts about Easter and Easter preparations. Cross out unnecessary words.

- Easter marks the [**beginning / end**] of the [**fourteen / forty**] days of Lent. Lent is a period when we prepare for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday.
- Palm Sunday is the Sunday [**before / after**] Easter. On this day Christians celebrate Jesus' arrival in [**Jerusalem / Bethlehem**], when people spread palm leaves on the ground for his [**donkey / elephant**].

- Holy Thursday commemorates the **[First / Last]** Supper, when Jesus washed the **[feet / clothes]** of his Apostles. In the UK, this day is known as Maundy Thursday. The Queen traditionally distributes Maundy money. As Elizabeth II turns 79 in 2005, 79 men and 79 women will each get 79 **[cents / pence]** in Maundy Money on March 24. People can use all Maundy coins (back to 1822) when they do the shopping.
- Good Friday is the Friday before Easter, when Christians remember the crucifixion of Christ. It is a **[public / private]** holiday in the UK.
- Holy Saturday is also known as **[Silent / Loud]** Saturday because churches are very quiet, as there are no masses on this day.
- On Easter Sunday people celebrate the **[resurrection / birth]** of Christ.
- In some countries, Easter lasts **[three / two]** days. The second day is called Easter Monday.

④ — Now answer these questions about your country.



*Your answer*