

EASTER

DAYS, FACTS AND CUSTOMS

1. Here are some days connected with Easter. Match the names with their descriptions.

Easter Sunday	Ash Wednesday	Pancake Day	Easter Eve	Maundy Thursday
Good Friday	Palm Sunday			

- a) the day of Christ's Resurrection
- b) the day of Christ's Crucifixion
- c) the day before the beginning of Lent
- d) the day before Christ's Resurrection
- e) the day Christ rode to Jerusalem
- f) the first day of Lent
- g) the day of the Last Supper

2. Write the names of the Easter days in the correct sequence. The first and the last one have been done for you.

Pancake Day						Easter Sunday
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

3. Here are some definitions of Easter words. Read them and decide which words from the box they describe.

- a) an oval, hard-shelled food _____
- b) forty days before Easter _____
- c) to colour _____
- d) a time of year _____
- e) a small animal with long ears _____
- f) a young sheep _____
- g) a running contest _____
- h) a round cake with a cross _____
- i) the week before Easter _____
- j) to throw _____
- k) not eating certain foods _____
- l) changing its date _____

movable	to dye	Lent	a hot cross bun	Holy Week	fasting
spring	a rabbit	a race	an egg	to toss	a lamb

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MAKE A PANCAKE!

8. Pancakes are everybody's favourite food on Pancake Day. Read the recipe and underline the verbs.



Ingredients

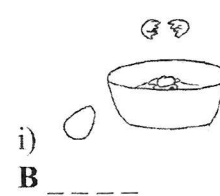
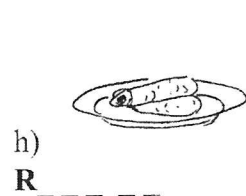
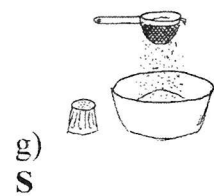
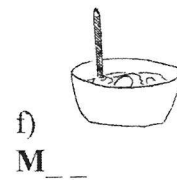
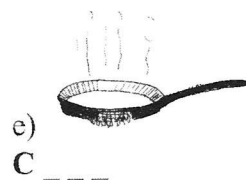
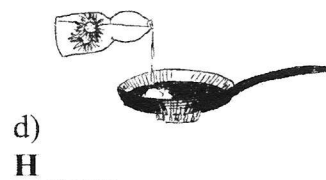
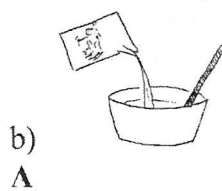
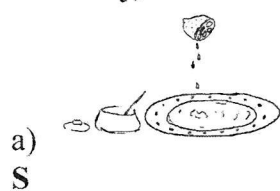
8 ounces of flour (230 g)	1 pint of milk (0.57 l)	2 eggs	a pinch of salt
2 teaspoons of oil	1 lemon	sugar for sprinkling	

Method:

- ___ Cook until the top is dry.
- ___ Put the pancake on a plate and sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice.
- ___ Add the milk little by little until the mixture is creamy.
- ___ Break the eggs one at a time and pour them into the bowl.
- ___ Pour in enough batter to cover the frying pan.
- ___ Roll up before serving.
- ___ Heat a little oil in the frying pan.
- ___ Toss the pancake and cook the other side until brown.
- 1 Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl.
- ___ Mix the eggs and flour together.

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9. Look at the pictures and, using the verbs from Exercise 8, write the word for the activity they show. The first letter for each verb has been written for you. Then match the pictures (a-j) with the instructions. Finally, number the instructions in the correct order (1-10).



Student A

Ask your partner the questions.

How / celebrate Easter / your town/city?

/ have / special family traditions?

Read the text and then tell your partner about it. You start.

Easter is really an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday. The day before Lent, known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, is a celebration of food and fun before the fasting begins. The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples, the day of his crucifixion and the transition between his crucifixion and resurrection.

In addition to Easter's religious significance, it also has a commercial side. As with Christmas, over the centuries various folk customs and pagan traditions, including Easter eggs, bunnies, baskets and candy, have become a standard part of this holy holiday. The Easter bunny has become a symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. The exact origins of are unclear, but rabbits are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life.

Student B

Ask your partner the questions.

What / do / celebrate Easter?

/ eat/ special food / Easter?

Read the text and then tell your partner about it. Your partner starts.

The Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and brought with them their tradition of an egg-laying rabbit. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the Easter Bunny is now believed to deliver chocolate and other types of candy and gifts in decorated baskets.

The egg, also an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during Lent, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting and then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Easter egg hunts and egg rolling are two popular egg-related traditions. In the U.S., the White House Easter Egg Roll, a race in which children push decorated, hard-

boiled eggs across the White House lawn, is an annual event held the Monday after Easter.