**Easter in England**

Easter is one of the great Christian festivals of the year. It celebrates the end of winter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is full of customs, folklore and traditional food. But Easter in Britain began long before Christianity. Many people think that Easter is named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn and spring – Eostre.

Easter is at a different time each year. It happens on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. This means that the festival can be on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. It is often a time of fun and celebration. Of course, a lot of the English people are religious and fast. These people give up a lot of different foods and drink for the whole forty days.

About a month before the Easter period, shops start selling Easter egg sets (a large hollow Easter egg and some sweets). On Easter Sunday people give these chocolate Easter eggs as presents. People also decorate Easter eggs and parents tell their children that the Easter rabbit brings the eggs and hides them in the garden. The kids then have to run around the garden with baskets looking for these eggs. The one who finds the most is the winner (this is called Egg Hunt) .

Have you ever heard of “egg-rolling”? It must be quite an exciting game. First people decorate eggs with different colours, then take the eggs to the top of a hill and let them roll down. The first egg to get to the foot of the hill is the winner.

What is the origin of the word Easter?

What do we celebrate on Easter Sunday?

Is Easter the same day every year?

Which thing is not a symbol of Easter? a) eggs b) rabbit c) pumpkins

What is an Egg hunt?

What is fasting?

Who is the winner of Egg rolling?

How many words did you look up in the dictionary?

How do you celebrate Easter?