

Happy Easter



Easter fun and games

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Vocabulary

Meaning

Steeped in history
Hunt

Something has a long and interesting history.
If you 'hunt' for something, you try and find something to catch it.

A timeless tradition

A tradition is something that is passed on from generation to generation. It's like giving each other Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday every year. If it's a timeless traditional, it will never be forgotten and will always be loved and followed every year.

Dates back to...

An expression used to show when something started or began.

The goal is to...

The aim is to...

Originated in...

Where something came from or started from.

An early reference to...

An 'early reference to something' means when it was first heard of or found in written records. It's like a first reference to something that happened.

Legend

A story that is passed on from generation to generation that may or may not be true.

Christians

These are people who follow Christianity and see the Pope in Rome as their leader.

Resurrection

A person who has died, rises from the dead again to begin a new life. Jesus rose from the dead after three days. This is known as the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of god.

Dyed

When you dye something, you change its colour. So, you dye your hair, or change the colour of your hair.

Numerous

This means many.

Easter time is **steeped in history** and is full of religious meaning and symbols. However, we have made learning about this Christian festival fun and interesting for children around the world.

Below are some great games and events that make this festival loved by all.



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Egg hunt

This is a game where Easter eggs are hidden in various places for children to find. It can be played both indoors and outdoors.

When the **hunt** is over, prizes may be given out for the largest number of eggs collected, or for the largest or smallest egg, or for the most eggs of a specific colour.

If you are in the UK at this time look out for the local Easter Egg **Hunt** near you. Communities and families come together where the children race to find as many eggs as possible. It's a fun day out for all the family as people dress as Easter bunnies and its fun for everyone.



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Egg rolling

Dating back hundreds of years, the tradition of egg rolling has always taken place around Easter and has always been about children having fun – first by decorating hard-boiled eggs and then by rolling them down a hill to see whose will go the furthest and survive with the least amount of cracks on the egg.

Even on the White House lawn they have egg rolling events every year and sometimes even the President takes part in the race. The White House Easter Egg Roll is a **timeless tradition** that **dates back to** 1878.

The first one to reach the bottom of the hill with the egg unbroken is the winner. The winner will be rewarded with chocolate! However, as this is a fun event, everyone will get chocolates which makes the day a great event for all involved.

Let the fun times roll!

The Egg Dance

This is a **traditional** Easter game in which eggs are laid on the ground and **the goal is to** dance among them without damaging any eggs. The game **originated in** Germany and in the UK the dance is called the hop-egg.

An early reference to an egg dance was at the wedding of Margaret of Austria and Philibert of Savoy on Easter Monday of 1498.



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Legend says that a hundred eggs were placed on the floor, and young couples began the dance. If they finished without breaking an egg they were to be married.

After three couples had failed, it was time for Philibert of Savoy, who asked Marguerite to dance with him. When the dance had ended and no eggs were broken, they were quickly married.

Today however, it is just a fun game where people will dance until the music stops. The couple who have broken the least amount of eggs wins a prize. And before you ask, yes, the prize is of course chocolate.

Egg colouring

For **Christians**, the Easter egg symbolises the **resurrection** of Jesus. Painting Easter eggs is a tradition loved by many where the eggs are **died** red to represent the blood of Jesus, when he died on the cross.

Today, painting Easter eggs is a family activity, with children dyeing and decorating their eggs in creative patterns and **numerous** colours.

The above games are great fun where children can learn about Jesus and the symbols in a fun and creative way.

