

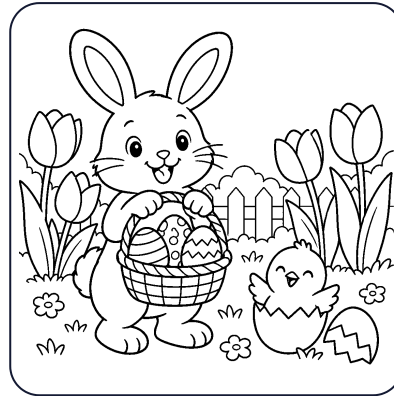


# Eggs, Bunnies, and the Moon

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① Early on a Sunday morning in spring, children run into the garden with baskets. They look under bushes and behind trees. Colorful eggs are hiding everywhere. Some are made of chocolate, and some are real eggs painted blue, pink, and gold. Who hid them? The Easter Bunny, of course.



音声を聞こう

② Easter is the most important holiday for Christians. They believe that Jesus died on a cross on a Friday. Then on Sunday, he came back to life. Easter celebrates this new life. People go to church, sing happy songs, and eat big family meals.

③ The date of Easter changes every year, and the moon decides it. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. So it can be any Sunday from March 22 to April 25. Churches in Greece and Russia use an older calendar, so their Easter often comes later. In 2027, the two Easters will be five weeks apart.

④ Why eggs and bunnies? Long ago in Europe, people did not eat eggs for about 40 days before Easter. On Easter Sunday, they finally colored the eggs and ate them. The story of an egg-carrying bunny started in Germany in the 1600s. Later, German families took the bunny with them to America.

⑤ Today, each country has its own fun. In Poland, people throw water at each other on Easter Monday. In Australia, some children get chocolate bilbies, small native animals, instead of bunnies. And in Norway, many people spend the holiday reading crime stories. Easter is a day of new life, and every country celebrates it in its own special way.

## Words 単語

**basket** かご**hide** 隠す、隠れる**Christian** キリスト教徒**cross** 十字架、十字**come back to life** 生き返る**celebrate** 祝う**decide** 決める**full moon** 満月**calendar** 暦、カレンダー**color** 色をつける**native** その土地にもともといる**instead of** ~のかわりに



## Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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## 1. What is the story mainly about?

- (A) How to bake chocolate eggs  
(B) What Easter means and how people celebrate it  
(C) Why rabbits are pests in Australia  
(D) The history of Norway

## 2. What do Christians celebrate at Easter?

- (A) The birth of Jesus  
(B) The first day of the year  
(C) Jesus coming back to life  
(D) The end of winter

## 3. What decides the date of Easter?

- (A) The king  
(B) The weather  
(C) The sun only  
(D) The moon

## 4. Where did the story of the egg-carrying bunny start?

- (A) In Germany  
(B) In America  
(C) In Australia  
(D) In Poland

## 5. In the story, what does "native" mean in "small native animals"?

- (A) Very cute  
(B) From another country  
(C) Living there from long ago  
(D) Made of chocolate

## 6. Which sentence is true?

- (A) Easter is always on April 1.  
(B) People in Europe did not eat eggs for about 40 days before Easter.  
(C) Churches in Greece always have Easter earlier.  
(D) People in Poland throw eggs on Easter Monday.

## 7. Why do Easter eggs have bright colors?

- (A) Because people colored eggs to celebrate the end of the long wait  
(B) Because the bunny paints them at night  
(C) Because colored eggs are cheaper  
(D) Because the moon changes their color

## 8. In the dialogue, who really hides the eggs at Oliver's house?

- (A) The Easter Bunny  
(B) Oliver's little sister  
(C) Mei  
(D) Oliver's mum

## True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

- Easter is always on a Sunday. T / F  
Easter is on the same date every year. T / F  
The story of the Easter Bunny started in Germany. T / F  
Easter is a national holiday in Japan. T / F  
In Poland, people throw water on Easter Monday. T / F  
Easter celebrates the birth of Jesus. T / F



## Word Work

Words &amp; phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



● church



● chocolate



● egg



● chick



● bunny



● lamb



● basket



● full moon

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. Y B U N N

2. T E A K S B

3. P G N I S R

4. C C U H R H

5. N D G A E R

6. D I D N E H

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで ( ) に入れよう。

lamb

Easter

basket

buns

pumpkin

Sunday

tree

Monday

chocolate

flowers

garden

snow

Bunny

## Leo's First Egg Hunt

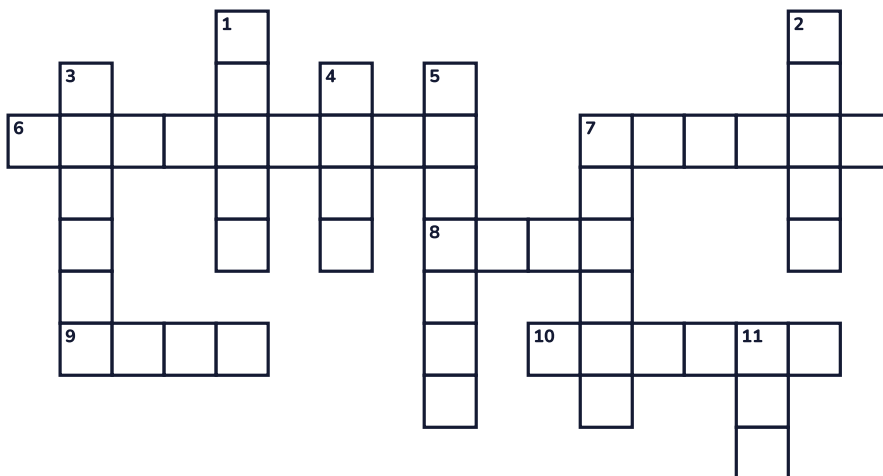
It is Easter (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Leo wakes up early and takes his (2) \_\_\_\_\_. His grandma says, "The Easter (3) \_\_\_\_\_ came last night!" Leo runs into the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He finds a blue egg under a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He finds a pink egg next to the (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Then he sees something brown in the grass. It is a big (7) \_\_\_\_\_ egg! At lunch, the family eats (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and hot cross (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Leo shares his eggs with his little sister. "Happy (10) \_\_\_\_\_!" they say.



# Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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## Across →

- 6** A sweet brown food. Many eggs are made of it. (9)  
**7** The season with flowers after winter. (6)  
**8** It shines at night. It decides the date of the holiday. (4)  
**9** To look for something, like hidden eggs. (4)  
**10** You carry eggs in this during the hunt. (6)

## Down ↓

- 1** A shape like a plus sign. It is on hot buns. (5)  
**2** A cute word for a rabbit. It brings eggs in the story. (5)  
**3** Christians go to this building to pray. (6)  
**4** A baby sheep. (4)  
**5** The country where the bunny story started. (7)  
**7** The day of the week for this holiday. (6)  
**11** A chicken lays this. People color it for the holiday. (3)



# Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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| Y | B | W | S | Y | S | H | U | N | T | E | K | W |
| F | D | O | N | F | L | O | W | E | R | S | V | Y |
| U | R | N | C | D | H | G | T | R | W | A | R | O |
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| E | F | U | V | N | S | A | A | O | A | A | Y | U |
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| J | V | H | I | H | B | K | P | A | D | D | Y | Y |
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| W | E | M | G | D | C | M | L | E | N | N | Y | C |

## Find these words! 13

- ☐ BASKET
- ☐ BUNNY
- ☐ CHOCOLATE
- ☐ CHURCH
- ☐ CROSS
- ☐ EGG
- ☐ FLOWERS
- ☐ GARDEN
- ☐ HUNT
- ☐ LAMB
- ☐ MOON
- ☐ SPRING
- ☐ SUNDAY

Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。

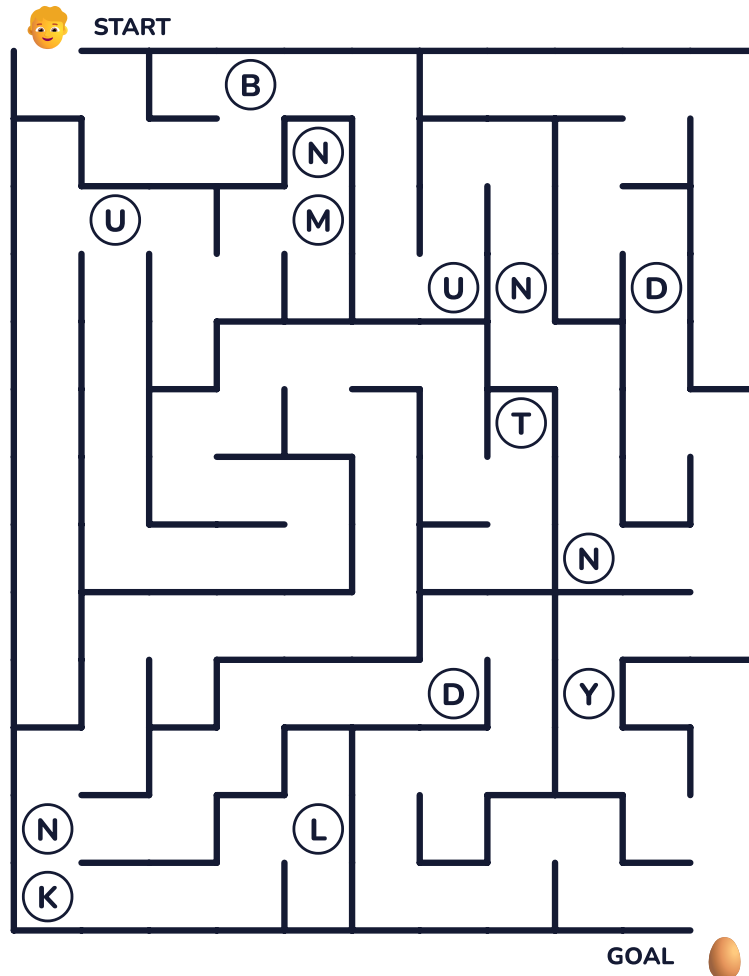


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Help Leo find the golden egg!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: \_\_\_\_\_

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. in / for / eggs / Children / garden / the / look .

2. moon / date / The / decides / Easter / of / the .

3. on / a / always / Sunday / is / Easter .

4. bunny / started / The / Germany / in / story .

5. at / water / in / each / People / other / Poland / throw .



Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

| Find someone who ...                         | Name |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| ... has colored an egg                       |      |
| ... has a pet rabbit or wants one            |      |
| ... likes chocolate eggs                     |      |
| ... knows the date of Easter this year       |      |
| ... has been to a church                     |      |
| ... has done an egg hunt                     |      |
| ... can name three spring flowers in English |      |
| ... likes spring the best                    |      |

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I were the Easter Bunny, I would hide eggs \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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My favorite Easter custom in the world is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

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One new thing I want to start this spring is \_\_\_\_\_.

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# Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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egg



bunny



basket



lamb

