**[Easter Sunday](https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/easter_sunday.html" \o "A free, 14-page worksheet, graded reading, online quiz and mp3 listening on Easter Sunday. For ESL, EFL, teaching English and learning English.)**

1. **Follow the link below and listen/learn about Easter.**

<https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/easter_sunday.html>

**A. Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

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| Easter Sunday commemorates the (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian celebration. The date of Easter Sunday (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every year, and that changes the date of all the important holy days that come before Easter. It falls between late March and late May. Easter is so (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because Christians believe that Jesus (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, two days after he died on the cross. Jesus' dead body was (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a cave on Good Friday and two days later the stone that (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the cave's entrance had been moved and Jesus' body had gone. Various people saw Jesus in the following days and his (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understood God had raised him from the dead. Historians say this (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some time between 26 and 36 AD.  *Spring  light decorate sign celebrate congregate rising gifts*  (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Easter in many ways around the world. It is a very busy time for churches. Many Christians (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a special Paschal candle on the evening before Easter. This represents the (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. There are special songs and hymns which people sing in church. Children like Easter because their parents and grandparents give them chocolate Easter eggs, a (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of new birth. Schoolchildren usually (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eggs and display them in their school or give them as (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Other things associated with Easter are the Easter Bunny and (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flowers like irises. At the Vatican, the Pope blesses thousands of visitors who (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in St. Peter's Square. This is known as "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World").    **Good Friday**   1. **Follow the link and listen about Good Friday.** |

<https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/good_friday.html>

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most (1) \_\_\_\_ celebrations in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the death of Jesus, who was crucified (2) \_\_\_\_ a cross. Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. Churches all over the world (3) \_\_\_\_ special services. Christians think about the meaning of Jesus' suffering and his (4) \_\_\_\_ on the cross. In many countries, religious groups re-enact the final hours of Jesus’ life, (5) \_\_\_\_ up to his death. Part of this is the reciting of Jesus’ final words. No one agrees which saying was his last. They include “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do”, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” and “Into your hands I commit (6) \_\_\_\_ spirit.”

Good Friday is a public holiday in many countries with a (7) \_\_\_\_ Christian tradition. Many shops and businesses close for the day. In America and India, the (8) \_\_\_\_ markets close on Good Friday. In many English-speaking countries, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns with a cross on the top. They are usually (9) \_\_\_\_ and buttered. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to fast on this day. In reality, most practicing Catholics will (10) \_\_\_\_ meat. There is a very unusual custom in Bermuda. People fly kites that are shaped like a cross. The kites flying in the sky (11) \_\_\_\_ Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay at home and watch TV. There are many religious shows (12) \_\_\_\_, and movies about the Bible.

**Put the correct words from this table into the article.**

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| 2. | (a) | on | (b) | in | (c) | by | (d) | to |
| 3. | (a) | grip | (b) | grasp | (c) | clasp | (d) | hold |
| 4. | (a) | died | (b) | dead | (c) | death | (d) | dies |
| 5. | (a) | lead | (b) | leading | (c) | leaded | (d) | leads |
| 6. | (a) | my | (b) | mine | (c) | me | (d) | I |
| 7. | (a) | strength | (b) | strongest | (c) | strong | (d) | strengthen |
| 8. | (a) | stocking | (b) | stocked | (c) | stocks | (d) | stock |
| 9. | (a) | toaster | (b) | toast | (c) | toasted | (d) | toasts |
| 10. | (a) | void | (b) | avoid | (c) | avid | (d) | aphid |
| 11. | (a) | symbolize | (b) | symbolic | (c) | symbols | (d) | symbol |
| 12. | (a) | in | (b) | an | (c) | en | (d) | on |

You don’t have to send me back the answers. Wish you the best for your Easter holidays.

Sources: http://www.wikipedia.org/ and assorted sites