

## Useful words

excited

patience

disastrously

sigh

# The Easter Egg Hunt



Abbie was excited, Toby was excited and Mum was busy. It was Easter Sunday morning and the children knew that Mum had promised an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. But all had not gone well so far. Abbie and Toby had been woken by the sound of Mum screaming "CAT! What have you done?"

### Questions



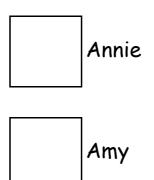
What is Toby's sister's name?

Tick one.



Angela

Abbie



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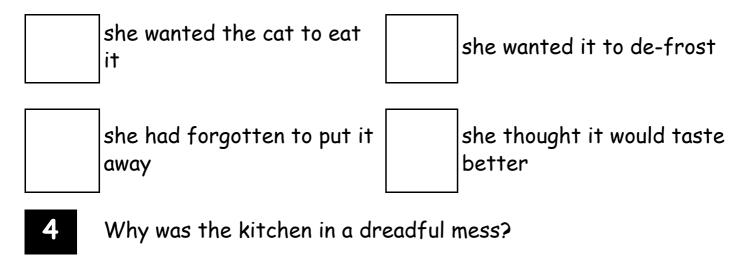
Why were Abbie and Toby excited?

Mum had put a frozen chicken out on the kitchen table to de-frost overnight. Sadly, during the night, the cat had decided to try to eat it. It had made her sick so the kitchen was in a dreadful mess.

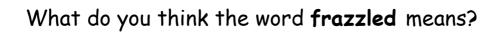
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Why had Mum left a frozen chicken out overnight?

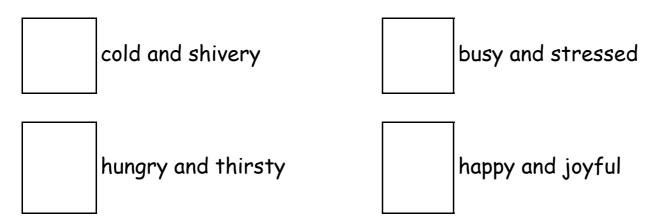
Tick **one**.



"Mum, when are we doing the Easter Egg Hunt?" asked Abbie. "Just as soon as I've cleaned up this awful mess." replied a very frazzled Mum. Just then, the phone rang, it was Mum's Mum, Granny Timpson. By listening to what Mum was saying, Toby had worked out that, somehow, Granny had locked herself out of her house and Mum had to take her some spare keys. "I won't be long." said Mum, as she rushed out of the door, "Dad's upstairs - be good!"



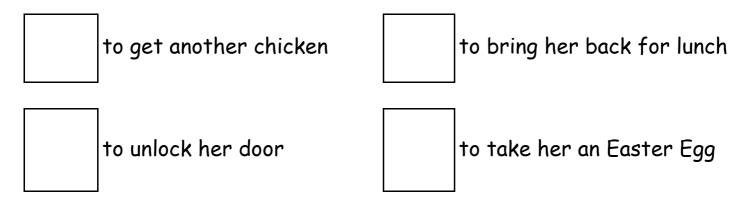
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Why did Mum go to Grannie's house?

Tick one.



An hour and a half later, Mum returned. Time was getting on and Abbie and Toby's patience was coming to an end.

"Can we have the Easter Egg Hunt now please?" begged the children. "Just let me finish cleaning up this mess and I'll be with you." said Mum. "Right, I think I'm ready. Let's..." just then, there was a knock on the front door. The children sighed an enormous sigh. Standing at the front door was a grumpy neighbour, Mr Scott. He started shouting at Mum - it was something about where she had parked her car when she returned from Grannie's house.

How long was Mum away at Grannie's house?

#### Tick one.

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Mum said she was very sorry and that she would sort it out straightaway. She shut the front door and started to look for the car keys - she couldn't find them. Poor Abbie and Toby just looked sadder and sadder.

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Why were Abbie and Toby sad?

Tick one.

they wanted their chicken dinner	they wanted their Easter Egg Hunt
they wanted to go to the park	they wanted to visit Grannie

Eventually, Mum found the car keys and moved the car. Then, disastrously, the heavens opened and it poured down. By now, Mum had had enough. "I'm sorry kids, I'm not going outside in the pouring rain to do this Easter Egg Hunt. Here, share these out between you." She said as she handed them each a mini-egg. "We'll have the Easter Egg Hunt tomorrow."

Abbie and Toby couldn't decide if they were happy or not; they enjoyed eating the eggs but missed the Easter Egg Hunt. "Ah well," they thought, "at least we still have the Easter Egg Hunt to look forward to."





How do you think Abbie and Toby felt at the end of the story?

## Useful words

annual

resurrection

desert

crucified

Apostles

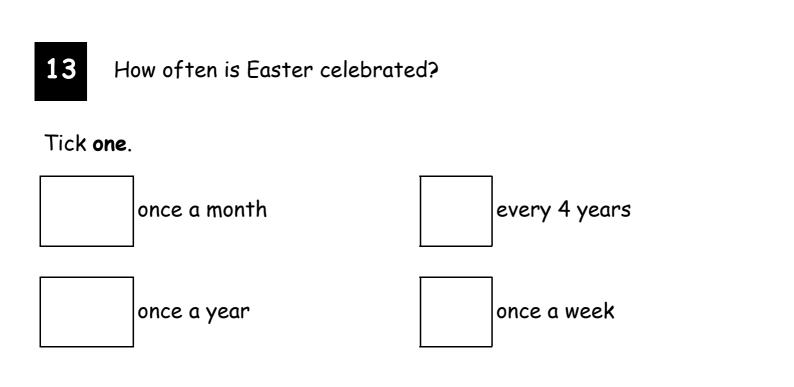
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### Easter



#### What is Easter?

Easter is an annual (once a year) Christian festival where the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered. It is a sad time and a joyous time. It happens in spring each year and is celebrated by Christians all over the world when people attend special church services, have family get-togethers, give each other chocolate eggs and hold Easter Egg Hunts.

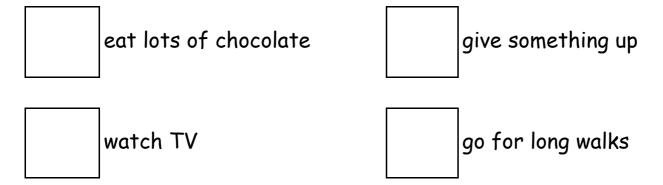


#### <u>Lent</u>

Before Easter weekend, Christians have a season of Lent. During this time, they give something up. For example, they might decide not to eat chocolate or not to watch as much TV. They do this to remember the 40 days before Easter Sunday when Jesus was in the desert and had to live with very little food and water. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and the day before this is called **Shrove Tuesday**. We know this as **Pancake Day**, because in olden times, fancy foods like eggs, milk and flour, were used up before 40 days of doing without. Lent ends on Easter Sunday.

What do Christians do during Lent?

Tick one.



16 Why is Shrove Tuesday known as Pancake Day?

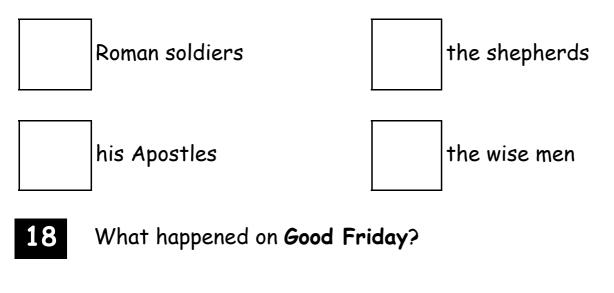
#### The Last Supper

Christians believe that when Jesus returned from his 40 days in the desert, he knew he was going to be killed by the Romans who didn't like what he was saying and doing. He is said to have held the Last Supper on the day before he was arrested. He invited his Apostles (friends) to a meal where he told them that he was going to be arrested and killed. He told them not to worry and that everything would be fine. He was arrested and crucified on Good Friday but on Easter Sunday, he rose from the dead. Several weeks later, he joined God in heaven.



Who did Jesus invite to the Last Supper?

Tick one.



### Easter Eggs

Many Christians celebrate Easter by giving and receiving Easter Eggs. These are usually hollow and are meant to represent the empty tomb from where Jesus had risen from the dead.

Sometimes, people hide Easter Eggs around the house or outside in the garden or park and children look for them.

Because Jesus' resurrection represents new life, some people also believe that eggs represent this too.

