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Celebrating the Easter Bunny! 庆祝复活节兔子（兔子是复活节象征）

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The Easter bunny has arrived, chocolate Easter eggs are in the shops, the daffodils are out, and the weather is getting better!

Easter is a great time of year, but what are its origins?

Originally Easter was called Pascha after the Hebrew word for Passover, a Jewish festival that happens at this time of year. It was replaced by Easter, a word which is believed to have evolved from Eostre, the name of the Anglo-Saxon goddess of fertility and springtime.

The date of Easter is determined by the lunar calendar. In 2008, the Easter weekend starts with Good Friday on 21st March and ends on Easter Monday, 24 March.

There are many food traditions celebrated at this time of year.

Hot cross buns are a favourite for many in the United Kingdom, and are thought to have originated from the ancient Greeks and Egyptians who ate small cakes or buns in honour of the respective goddesses that they worshipped. Buns marked with a cross were eaten by the Saxons to honour a goddess. It is thought the bun represented the moon and the cross, its four quarters. To Christians, the cross symbolises the crucifixion.

In Scandinavia, Easter Pasha is eaten. This is a fluffy creamy pudding, which is very light and sweet, and in Finland a strange mixture of molasses and rye flour is served at this time of year. It dates back to the sixteenth century and is called Mämmi.

Of course Easter wouldn't be Easter without eggs! The tradition of colouring eggs in bright colours goes back to the Middle Ages. It is said that this represents the sunlight of spring. In Germany it is traditional to paint eggs green, while in Greek and Slavic cultures eggs are dyed red as a symbol of the blood of Christ.

For many, Easter symbolises new life, and images of new born chicks, and rabbits (or bunnies) are to be seen everywhere, on television, Easter cards, and on eggs.

Glossary 词汇表

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| easter eggs 复活节彩蛋 | daffodils 水仙 |
| Passover 逾越节 (犹太教节日) | Jewish 犹太人 |
| Anglo-Saxon 盎格鲁撒克逊人 | goddess of fertility and springtime 象征带来新生命和春天的女神 |
| lunar calendar 农历 | hot cross buns 十字小面包(复活节的特色面包) |
| ancient Greeks and Egyptians 古希腊人和埃及人 | Scandinavia 斯堪的纳维亚 |
| fluffy -蓬松的 | molasses 糖浆 |
| Middle Ages 中世纪 | traditional 传统的 |
| Greek and Slavic cultures 希腊和斯拉夫的文化 | symbolises 象征 |
| television 电视 | easter cards 复活节卡片 |

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假?请圈出正确答案。

1. An Easter egg is always decorated. True / False
2. Easter is a recent tradition. True / False
3. There is always a fixed date for Easter. True / False
4. Mämmi is a special Easter dessert. True / False
5. Greek and Slavic cultures paint their Easter eggs blue. True / False

3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. is a great, but what Easter are its origins? time of year
2. word the Hebrew for Passover Originally called Pascha after. Easter was
3. many food at this time of year. traditions celebrated There are
4. honour a cross Saxons to a goddess. were eaten by the Buns marked with
5. Easter For symbolises new many, life.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Easter in the puzzle below.

There are eight words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与有复活节有关的英语单词来。

共有 10 个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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| symbolises | Jewish | Scandinavia | molasses |
| Passover | traditional | television | daffodils |

Answers 答案

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1. An Easter egg is always decorated. **True**
2. Easter is a recent tradition. **False**
3. There is always a fixed date for Easter. **False**
4. Mämmi is a special Easter dessert. **True**
5. Greek and Slavic cultures paint their Easter eggs blue. **True**

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Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列, 组成一个正确的句子。

1. Easter is a great time of year, but what are its origins?
2. Originally Easter was called Pascha after the Hebrew word for Passover.
3. There are many food traditions celebrated at this time of year.
4. Buns marked with a cross were eaten by the Saxons to honour a goddess.
5. For many, Easter symbolises new life.

2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words). 熟读了上文后, 请用 1-6 个词简单地回答下列问题。

1. New life.
2. On television, Easter cards, and eggs.
3. In Germany, Greece and Slavic countries.
4. Hot cross buns.
5. Goddess of fertility and springtime.

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c. 从a, b, c中选出正确答案。

6. The weather in the United Kingdom normally improves at Easter time.
7. Easter has a long history.
8. The date of Easter varies.
9. The baby rabbit symbolises Easter.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

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