EASTER SUNDAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPIT

Easter Sunday commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian celebration. The date of Easter Sunday changes 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 important because Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead, two days after he died on the cross. Jesus’ dead body was buried in a cave on Good Friday and two days later the stone that covered the cave’s entrance had been moved and Jesus’ body had gone. Various people saw Jesus in the following days and his followers understood God had raised him from the dead. Historians say this happened some time between 26 and 36 AD.

People celebrate Easter in many ways around the world. It is a very busy time for churches. Many Christians light a special Paschal candle on the evening before Easter. This represents the rising 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 sign of new birth. Schoolchildren usually decorate eggs and display them in their school or give them as gifts. Other things associated with Easter are the Easter Bunny and spring flowers like irises. At the Vatican, the Pope blesses thousands of visitors who congregate in St. Peter's Square. This is known as "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World").
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. Easter Sunday commemorates
   a. from the dead
   b. 26 and 36 AD
   c. on the cross
   d. the resurrection of Jesus
   e. holy days
   f. him from the dead

2. all the important

3. Christians believe that Jesus rose
   a. from the dead
   b. 26 and 36 AD
   c. on the cross
   d. the resurrection of Jesus
   e. holy days
   f. him from the dead

4. two days after he died

5. God had raised

6. some time between

Paragraph 2

1. Christians light a special
   a. with Easter
   b. of new birth
   c. congregate
   d. Paschal candle
   e. decorate eggs
   f. the rising of Christ

2. This represents

3. a sign

4. Schoolchildren usually

5. Other things associated

6. visitors who

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LISTENING GAP FILL

Easter Sunday commemorates (1) __________________ Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian celebration. The date of Easter Sunday changes every year, and that changes (2) __________________ important (3) __________________ come before Easter. It falls between late March and late May. Easter is so important because Christians believe that Jesus (4) __________________, two days after he died on the cross. Jesus’ dead body was buried in a cave on Good Friday and two days (5) __________________ covered the cave’s entrance had been moved and Jesus’ body had gone. Various people saw Jesus in the following days and his followers understood God had raised him from the dead. Historians say this happened (6) __________________ 26 and 36 AD.

People celebrate Easter (7) __________________ the world. It is a very busy time for churches. Many Christians light a special Paschal candle (8) __________________ Easter. This represents the rising of Christ. There are special (9) __________________ which people sing in church. Children like Easter because their parents and grandparents give them chocolate Easter eggs, (10) __________________ birth. Schoolchildren usually decorate eggs and display them in their school or (11) ___________________. Other things associated with Easter are the Easter Bunny and spring flowers like irises. At the Vatican, the Pope blesses thousands of visitors (12) __________________ St. Peter's Square. This is known as "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World").
WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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.

People (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").
CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Easter Sunday commemorates the / a resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian celebration. The date / dates of Easter Sunday changes every year, and that changes the date of all the important holy days that came / come before Easter. It falls between late March and late May. Easter is such / so important because Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead, two days after he died on the cross. Jesus’ dead body was burial / buried in a cave on Good Friday and two days later the stone that covered the cave’s entrance / entry had been moved and Jesus’ body had gone. Various people saw Jesus in the following days and his followers understood God had raised / upped him from the dead. Historians / History say this happened some time between 26 and 36 AD.

People celebrate Easter in many / much ways around the world. It is a very busy time for church / churches. Many Christians light a special Paschal candle on the evening before Easter. This represents / represent the rising for / 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 sign of new birth / birthday. Schoolchildren usually decorate eggs and display them in their school or given / give them as gifts. Other things associated / association with Easter are the Easter Bunny and spring flowers like irises. At the Vatican, the Pope blesses thousands of visitors who congregation / congregate in St. Peter's Square. This is known as "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World").
MULTIPLE CHOICE

Easter Sunday commemorates the resurrection (1) ____ Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian celebration. The date of Easter Sunday changes every year, and that changes the date of (2) ____ the important holy days that come before Easter. It falls between late March and late May. Easter is so important because Christians (3) ____ that Jesus rose from the dead, two days after he died on the cross. Jesus’ dead body was (4) ____ in a cave on Good Friday and two days later the stone that covered the cave’s (5) ____ had been moved and Jesus’ body had gone. Various people saw Jesus in the following days and his followers understood God had raised him from the dead. Historians say this happened (6) ____ time between 26 and 36 AD.

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Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Christian Iceeiobartn
2. It Ilafs between late March and late May
3. Christians eeviebl that Jesus rose from the dead
4. dreubi in a cave
5. the cave’s tneernca
6. rieasd him from the dead

Paragraph 2

7. ysbu time for churches
8. light a icselap Paschal candle
9. a sign of new hritb
10. Other things Itasaeosdc with Easter
11. the Pope slesbse thousands
12. visitors who rctongae in St. Peter's Square
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Christian It the important celebration is most

2. come important before holy Easter days all that the

3. Christians dead the from rose Jesus that believe

4. God raised from dead had him the

5. this 26 happened and some 36 time AD between

6. churches for time busy very a is It

7. This Christ of rising the represents

8. hymns people special and which sing songs

9. with things Easter associated Other

10. thousands Pope who congregate of The visitors blesses
DISCUSSION  (Write your own questions)
STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS  (Do not show these to student B)

1.  

2.  

3.  

4.  

5.  

6.  

DISCUSSION  (Write your own questions)
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS  (Do not show these to student A)

1.  

2.  

3.  

4.  

5.  

6.  
THE EASTER SUNDAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Easter Sunday in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING

Write about Easter Sunday for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Easter Sunday. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Easter Sunday. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Easter Sunday. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.