ΔΗΜΟΤΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΤΙΣΣΑΣ Γ΄- ΣΤΥΛΙΑΝΟΥ ΛΕΝΑ

English Language - Year 6

EASTER



«ΤΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΜΑΣ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΕΔΩ»:

Why do we hide eggs at Easter?

For many families Easter just isn't Easter without the egg hunt!

In many pre-Christian societies eggs were linked to spring and new life. Early Christians adapted* these beliefs, making the egg a symbol of the resurrection*.



The custom* of the Easter egg hunt, comes from Germany. The Easter har (Easter bunny) would bring a basket of brightly painted eggs for all the children who had been good, and these would be hidden around the house and garden for the children to find.

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How Queen Victoria helped popularise Easter egg hunts

As a child the future Queen Victoria enjoyed egg hunts at Kensington Palace. These were put on by her mother, the German-born Duchess of Kent. On Sunday 7 April 1833, the 14-year-old Princess Victoria wrote in her diary: 'Mama did some pretty painted & ornamented eggs, & we looked for them'.



Victoria and Albert continued this German tradition*, hiding eggs for their own children to find on Maundy Thursday*.

The modern day egg hunt

Easter eggs and the egg hunt became more popular in England in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when family life became more of a priority for the middle class, and they had more disposable income*..."

(retrieved from http://blog.english-heritage.org.uk/the-history-of-the-egg-hunt/)

*adapted=προσάρμοσαν

*resurrection= Ανάσταση

*custom=έθιμο

*tradition=παράδοση

*ornamented=διακοσμημένα

*Maundy Thursday=Μεγάλη Πέμπτη

*income= εισόδημα

A. Write True (T)	or False (F):	
1. The custom	of the Easter egg hunt, comes from Germany.	
2. Egg hunt is l	inked to bears.	
3. Custom had	it that the Easter bunny would bring a	
fruit basket t	o all the children.	
4. Queen Victo	ria hated egg hunts.	
5. The egg hun	t is a popular English tradition.	

B. Answer the questions:

- 1. What do eggs symbolise?
- 2. What did the Easter Hare do?
- 3. How do we know that the future Queen Victoria enjoyed egg hunts?
- 4. When did the egg hunt become more popular in England?
- 5. Do you enjoy egg hunts? Why?





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- click on a square to read the clues
- click on the "Hint" button to get hints

https://www.abcya.com/games/easter_crossword_puzzle

<u>Vocabulary</u>: Easter, Easter bunny, lamb, chick, Easter Sunday, spring, Easter egg hunt, basket, Easter eggs, Peter Cottontail, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, jelly beans, celebration, ducklings, Lent= Σ αρακοστή

