

In this month's Everyday English (pages 49–50), Robert Parr starts celebrating **EASTER**. On these pages, you can practise the everyday words and phrases you need at this time of year.

1. What's the day?

easy

Complete the names of the days in the Easter calendar.

Ash • Easter • Good • Maundy / Holy • Shrove

- a) _____ Tuesday (the last day before Lent)
 b) _____ Wednesday (the start of Lent) d) _____ Friday (when Christ was crucified)
 c) _____ Thursday (the last day of Lent) e) _____ Sunday (when Christ rose again)



2. Easter conversations

easy

Match the questions and responses in these Easter conversations.

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| a) Where shall we hide the eggs this year? | <input type="text" value="a =>"/> | 1. I hope so! I've had enough of these grey skies. |
| b) I bet those de luxe eggs were expensive, weren't they? | <input type="text" value="b =>"/> | 2. Let's bake our own this year, shall we? |
| c) Is the weather going to pick up by the weekend? | <input type="text" value="c =>"/> | 3. Oh, no, thanks. I'm full! |
| d) Shall we take the children to a theme park on Good Friday? | <input type="text" value="d =>"/> | 4. I'm not sure. That doesn't seem very traditional. |
| e) Shall we buy a simnel cake? | <input type="text" value="e =>"/> | 5. Well, the garden seems the obvious place. |
| f) Do you fancy one of these hot cross buns? | <input type="text" value="f =>"/> | 6. Yes, I've given up trying to give things up for Lent! |
| g) Have you given anything up for Lent this year? | <input type="text" value="g =>"/> | 7. Yes, they cost a packet! |

3. Odd one out

medium

Underline the odd one out in each group.

- a) Which isn't a good place to hide the children's eggs?
 in the grass • in the pond • under a tree
- b) Which isn't a positive word to describe chocolate?
 creamy • mouldy • smooth
- c) Which isn't a good shape for Easter chocolate?
 a chick • a rabbit • a reindeer
- d) Which isn't a nice way to serve eggs on Easter morning?
 blown • boiled • scrambled
- e) Which isn't baked at Easter?
 hot cross buns • mince pie • simnel cake

4. Where are the eggs?

easy

Some families write clues (*Anhaltspunkt*) for their Easter-egg hunts. To which parts of the house do these clues send the children?

a) *In the kitchen, it's big, cold and white. Open the door and on goes the light.*

b) *It's in the bathroom, I am certain. Look behind the waterproof curtain.*

c) *It's big and hot. You need it most If you want to bake or roast.*

d) *This soft place is the best, When you want to sleep or rest.*

e) *This is the place we have chosen To put the ice cream to keep it frozen.*

f) *Dirty dishes go in this machine. An hour later, they come out clean.*

5. Fasting or feasting?

advanced

Who is fasting (eating very little) and who is feasting (eating a lot) in the following everyday expressions? Tick the right boxes.

- | | Fasting | Feasting |
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| a) We really pigged out last night. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) He's starving himself for his latest acting role. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) She guzzles her food like a baby bird. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) She picks at her food . I find it difficult to watch. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) We gorged ourselves at the wedding. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) They stuffed their faces the night before the race. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) No wonder he looks like that! He eats like a sparrow . | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) He eats like a horse every evening. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Please take the plate away. I'm stuffed! | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |