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Traditional Festivals in the UK 的传统节日

Easter 复活节

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

If you visit a supermarket in the UK in March or April, you will notice a curious thing: shelf after shelf is filled with large, brightly-coloured eggs.

Look a little closer and you will discover something else. These eggs aren't real eggs. They are, in fact, made of chocolate. And that can mean only one thing - it's **Easter** time again.

Easter is a festival that has been celebrated in Britain for thousands of years. These days we mark the occasion by giving each other chocolate eggs, or Easter Eggs. But what are **the roots** of this traditional event?

For Christian people Easter is essentially a religious festival. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ was killed by the Romans but came back to life three days later. That is why Easter is seen as a time of **rebirth** and **regeneration**.

However, some people suggest that Easter has its origins in pre-Christian, or **Pagan**, times. They claim that the very earliest societies celebrated the end of winter and the beginning of spring – the time when life returns to the land, when **crops** grow and animals **breed** again.

Whatever its origins, Easter is big business. The UK's biggest retailer of Easter Eggs sold more than 20 million units last year whilst some luxury Easter Eggs can cost more than £20!

Glossary 词汇表

Easter – 复活节

rebirth – 重生

Pagan – 异教徒

breed – 血统

the roots – 来源

regeneration – 复兴

crops – 庄稼



1. Easter – Quiz 复活节——小测验

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

以下句子哪句是真？哪句是假？圈出正确答案。

1. Easter is celebrated at the beginning of autumn. **True/False**
2. People in Britain have celebrated Easter for more than a thousand years. **True/False**
3. Easter is seen as a religious festival by Christians. **True/False**
4. A common gift at Easter is a fried egg. **True/False**
5. Pre-Christian societies also celebrated Christmas. **True/False**
6. Easter has become a very commercial festival. **True/False**



2. Guess the Festival 猜节日

Easter is not the only major festival in the UK. How much do you know about British culture?

Read the descriptions of the British cultural festivals below. Can you guess which festival is being described?

If you need help, look at the box at the bottom of the page. All the names of the festivals are there.

复活节并非英国唯一的重要节日。关于英国文化，你了解多少？

阅读下面关于英国传统节日的描述，你能猜出来分别是哪个节日吗？

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1. This is a special day for people with a sense of humour. On this day we play practical jokes on each other. Even the newspapers and TV stations join in the fun, usually broadcasting news stories that are too ridiculous to be true. The most famous example is when the BBC showed a news report about the spaghetti harvest in Italy. After that many British people really believed that spaghetti grows on trees!

2. This festival has a very violent and bloody history. This celebration, marked by bonfires and firework displays, commemorates the capture and execution of Guy Fawkes in 1605. He tried and failed to kill the king with explosives. He was punished severely by being burnt alive in a huge fire.

3. On the 8th of February each year British people eat a special kind of food. The dish that we eat is made with eggs, flour and salt. The mixture is heated in a pan and then tossed, or thrown into the air, in order to cook both sides.

Bonfire Night Pancake Day
April Fool's Day



3. Error Correction 改错

Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Find the mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.

下列句子中各有一个错误。找出错误并写出正确的句子：

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2. At Easter people give themselves Easter Eggs.

3. Hallowe'en is a special day when children dress down as witches and ghosts.

4. April Fool's Day takes place all year on the 1st of April.

5. New Year's Evening is on the 31st of December.



4. Word Search 单词搜索

Look for the names of six festivals or words connected with special days hidden in the puzzle below.

If you need extra help, look at the box below...

Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) and diagonally (↘).

请在下面填字游戏中，找出6个与节日相关的单词来。如果需要特别帮助，请看最下面的方框。

这些单词的组成方式可能以水平的(→)，垂直的(↓)或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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Easter	Hallowe'en	Christmas	New Year	April Fool
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