

Beginner English Vocabulary—Easter (Lesson 1): What is Easter and When and Where Do We Celebrate It? Very Detailed! (Level A1-A2)

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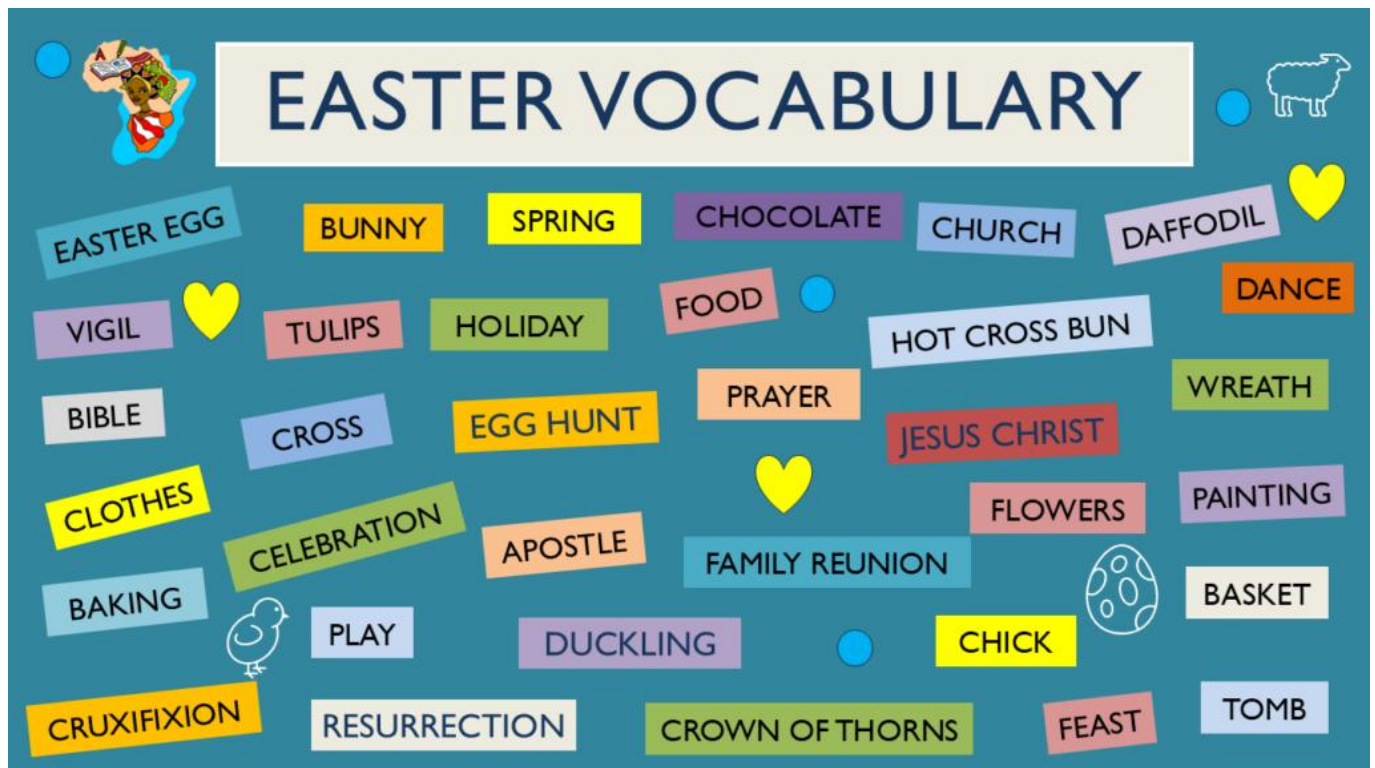
Lesson 1 : By the end of this lesson, you will be able to talk about Easter and dates using EASTER VOCABULARY and NUMBERS

"The great gift of Easter is hope."

[Basil C. Hume](#), Cardinal and Archbishop of Westminster



Step 1: What is Easter?



What is Easter? When and where do we celebrate it? What do you think when you see all these words?

I personally think that:

1. Easter is a religious holiday in spring.
2. People celebrate Easter with their family.
3. Families go to church on Easter Sunday.

4. The Easter bunny brings eggs at Easter.
5. People have egg hunts in the garden.
6. Children eat these chocolate eggs.
7. People decorate eggs in many countries.
8. Easter is in March or April.
9. Easter is always on a Sunday.
10. Families eat special food together.

Your Turn: Try to make **3** sentences using some of the words in the picture.

Sample Description

Easter is an important Christian holiday. It celebrates that Jesus Christ came back to life three days after he died.

It comes after a period called Lent, when people spend time thinking, praying and sometimes fasting.

Easter is always in spring. Its days are not fixed like Christmas. This means that we can celebrate Easter in March or in April. This year, Easter Sunday will be on April 5th, 2026.

Many people celebrate Easter around the world: Africans, Europeans, North Americans, South Americans and Asians.

Most of the times, people go to church and then go back home to enjoy a special meal with their family.

Easter is also a happy time for children in Europe. They paint eggs, go egg hunting and eat a lot of chocolate.

There are also many public celebrations such as [festivals](#), [parades](#), [masquerades](#) and other interesting [traditional events](#).

Step 2: When is Easter? (With Ordinal Numbers)

ORDINAL NUMBERS	LETTERS	ORDINAL NUMBERS	LETTERS
1st	First	17th	Seventeenth
2nd	Second	18th	Eighteenth
3rd	Third	19th	Nineteenth
4th	Fourth	20th	Twentieth
5th	Fifth	21st	Twenty-first
6th	Sixth	22nd	Twenty-second
7th	Seventh	23rd	Twenty-third
8th	Eighth	24th	Twenty-fourth
9th	Ninth	25th	Twenty-fifth
10th	Tenth	26th	Twenty-sixth
11th	Eleventh	27th	Twenty-seventh
12th	Twelfth	28th	Twenty-eighth
13th	Thirteenth	29th	Twenty-ninth
14th	Fourteenth	30th	Thirtieth
15th	Fifteenth	31st	Thirty-first
16th	Sixteenth		

We use ordinal numbers to talk about dates.

Here are 2026 Easter dates:

Palm Sunday:

- 29/03/2026
- Sunday, March 29th, 2026
- Sunday, the twenty-ninth of March, two thousand and twenty-six (British English)
- Sunday, March the twenty-ninth, two thousand and twenty-six
- Sunday, March twenty-ninth, twenty twenty-six

Holy Thursday:

- 02/04/2026
- Thursday, April 2nd, 2026
- Thursday, the second of April, two thousand and twenty-six (British English)
- Thursday, April the second, two thousand and twenty-six (formal)
- Thursday, April second, twenty twenty-six (informal)

Good Friday:

- 03/04/2026
- Friday, April 3rd, 2026
- Friday, the third of April, two thousand and twenty-six (British English)
- Friday, April the third, two thousand and twenty-six
- Friday, April third, twenty twenty-six

Holy Saturday:

- 04/04/2026
- Saturday, April 4th, 2026
- Saturday, the fourth of April, two thousand and twenty-six (British English)
- Saturday, April the fourth, two thousand and twenty-six (formal)
- Saturday, April fourth, twenty twenty-six

Easter Sunday:

- 05/04/2026
- Sunday, April 5th, 2026
- Sunday, the fifth of April, two thousand and twenty-six (British English)
- Sunday, April the fifth, two thousand and twenty-six (formal)
- Sunday, April fifth, twenty twenty-six (informal)

Easter Monday:

- 06/04/2026
- Monday, April 6th, 2026
- Monday, the sixth of April, two thousand and twenty-six (British English)
- Monday, April the sixth, two thousand and twenty-six (Formal)
- Monday, April sixth, twenty twenty-six (Informal)

Your Turn: Memorise the dates and practise saying them out loud to someone.

Step 3: Where is Easter Celebrated? The Example of Nigeria

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg9-dMtSJOA>

Nigeria is a country that is located in West Africa. Its capital city is Abuja. There are about 240 million people in Nigeria. These people speak many languages, including English, Igbo, Hausa and Yoruba.

In Nigeria, Easter is a big and joyful celebration. Many people look forward to this special time of the year.

Often, Christians take part in the Easter Vigil. This is a special evening service that takes place on Holy Saturday. It happens at night and includes light, music and prayer.

It is an important moment before Easter Sunday and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Easter Sunday, many people also go to church. They attend services and sing in choirs. People pray, listen to music, dance and watch Easter plays.

After church, families go home and spend time together. They eat special meals and enjoy good food. It is an important time to share, relax, laugh and celebrate.

People often wear colourful or traditional clothes. They like to look nice for this special day. Clothes are usually bright and beautiful.

In some places, people enjoy themselves outside with friends, neighbours or family.

Your Turn: How do you celebrate Easter? Whom do you celebrate it with? What are your favourite Easter activities?

Well done!

EASTER ACTIVITIES



EGG HUNTING



DECORATING EGGS



MAKING CARDS



MAKING A WREATH



GARDENING



BAKING



GOING TO CHURCH



COOKING

You can find more Easter vocabulary in this lesson:

- [English Vocabulary: Lesson 4-The Passage of Time \(Birth, Life and Death\), Learn English With Africa, April 2020](#)

Thank you for your attention.

Do check [this page](#) for more Easter lessons.

Until next time!



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