

Springtime Surprises with Pip and Ellie

Learning objective: To answer questions based on a text about the traditions and signs of Easter.

Read the story carefully with your teacher or partner, then answer the questions below.

Spring had finally arrived in the meadow. Pip the caterpillar crawled along a bright green leaf, watching the yellow daffodils poke their heads through the soil. Ellie the elephant was busy preparing for the Easter weekend. She used her trunk to carefully arrange colourful, hand-painted eggs inside woven baskets.

'Why do we celebrate Easter, Ellie?' asked Pip, munching on a tasty sprout.

Ellie smiled gently. 'It is a special time of year when we see new life everywhere. The flowers are blooming, and the birds are singing in the trees. Many people share chocolate eggs as a symbol of new beginnings and joy. It is a time to be kind to our friends and enjoy the warm sunshine together.'

Pip wiggled with excitement. He loved the idea of new beginnings. They spent the rest of the afternoon decorating paper eggs with glitter and bright paint. Even though Pip was small, he felt very happy. He knew that Easter was a time for sharing, kindness, and celebrating the wonderful world around them.

Word bank: spring · blossom · tradition · celebrate · baskets · daffodils

1. What two things does Ellie put inside the woven baskets? (2 marks)

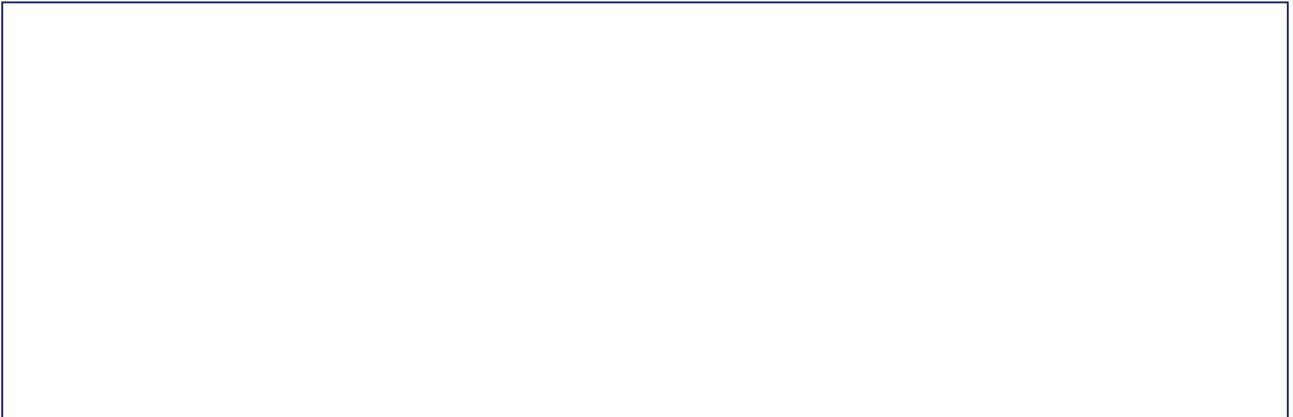
2. Where does Pip see the yellow daffodils growing? (2 marks)

3. How does Pip feel about the idea of 'new beginnings'? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think Ellie and Pip are decorating paper eggs? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Easter is a good time of year? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip and Ellie in the meadow surrounded by spring flowers and their decorated Easter eggs.



Extension challenge: If an Easter egg costs £2 and you have a £5 note, how much change would you get back? Write your answer in Australian dollars and cents.