

Year 5 English Assessment: The Easter Story and Traditions

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of narrative structure, character perspective, and descriptive writing within the context of the Easter story.

Read the text carefully and answer all questions in full sentences. Use your best handwriting and check your spelling and punctuation.

In the quiet garden, Pip the caterpillar watched as the world prepared for the spring festival. For many, this time represents a period of reflection and hope. The story of Easter is one of the oldest narratives, told through generations to explain the importance of courage, sacrifice, and new beginnings. Across the country, families gather to share meals, often involving hot cross buns marked with a cross, and exchange gifts that symbolise the arrival of spring. While the traditions vary from place to place, the core message remains the same: even after the longest winter, the sun will always return to warm the earth, and life begins anew.

Word bank: tradition · perspective · narrative · symbolise · reflection · historical · commemoration

1. According to the text, what two themes does the story of Easter teach us? (2 marks)

2. Why does the author use the metaphor of the 'longest winter' at the end of the passage? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

3. Identify one tradition mentioned in the text and explain why you think it might be important to families. (3 marks)

4. If Max the monkey were to explain the 'new beginnings' mentioned in the text using a maths analogy, how might he describe growth? (Think about patterns or sequences). (4 marks)

5. Find and copy one word from the text that is a synonym for 'remembrance'. (1 mark)

6. The passage describes the Easter story as a 'narrative'. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) explaining what makes a story a 'narrative' rather than a list of facts. (7 marks)

7. Imagine you are Ellie the elephant, who has a brilliant memory for history. Write a 5-mark creative entry describing what you remember about the feeling of spring arriving in the garden. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how you and your friends might celebrate the start of spring, ensuring you include a pattern that Zara the zebra would admire.



Extension challenge: Total: /25