

Easter Time with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make simple inferences about Easter traditions.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand tricky words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Spring has arrived in the forest, and everything is bright and green. Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar are getting ready for Easter. Max loves the maths of Easter. He counts exactly twelve chocolate eggs to share with his friends. 'Each egg costs £1.50,' Max says, 'so the total is £18.00!' He thinks that is a very clever puzzle to solve. Pip the caterpillar likes the decorations. She helps weave colourful ribbons into the trees. In many places, people celebrate Easter by painting hard-boiled eggs with bright colours. These eggs are a symbol of new life, just like the flowers blooming in the sun. Some families also enjoy a roast dinner or a special cake. For many, it is a time to be kind and spend time with family. Max and Pip are happy to share their treats and enjoy the warm sunshine together. They think spring is the best time of year because everything feels fresh and full of hope.

Word bank: tradition: a special habit done for a long time · celebrate: to show joy for a special event · decoration: things used to make a place look pretty · symbol: a sign that stands for something else

1. How much does one chocolate egg cost according to Max? (1 mark)

2. What does Pip use to decorate the trees? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Max and Pip are happy to share their eggs? (2 marks)

4. Why are eggs used as a symbol for Easter? (Hint: Think about what happens in nature during spring.) (2 marks)

5. Do you think Easter is a good time of year? Give one reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey and Pip the caterpillar having a picnic under a tree decorated for Easter.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning an Easter party. If you have £10.00, what two items would you buy for your friends and how much would they cost in total?