

**When do we celebrate (ünnepel) Easter/Christmas?**

**What do we celebrate in Easter/Christmas?**

**What are the symbols of Easter?**

**What games do we/you play on Easter?**

**How do you celebrate Easter/Christmas?**

**What are the Easter/Christmas foods (in Hun/in Br)?**

**What is different in Christmas in Hun and in Britain?**

**What was your best/worst present/gift you've ever got?**

**Do you buy or give presents for Christmas?**

**Do you paint eggs/give chocolate?**

**Do you throw water/perfume on girls? Who do you visit on Easter Monday?**

## **EASTER**

Easter is celebrated **every spring on a Sunday**. It is a Christian holiday and **we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ**. Easter also celebrates the arrival of spring, new life, and the death of winter. There are many symbols and customs (szokás) in connection with Easter. The symbols are, for example, the **Easter Bunny, eggs, chicken, and spring flowers** like: lilies (liliom) or daffodils (nácisz). People eat ham (sonka) and eggs.

There are many Easter customs (szokás) (in Br. and in Hun). A popular tradition (népszerű hagyomány) is **Easter egg hunt**. For egg hunting, adults hide the coloured eggs, the children look for them and the child with the most eggs is the winner. Easter **egg-rolling** is another common tradition. Children roll their eggs down a slope and the child with the first egg that is not broken wins the race.

In Hungary girls paint Easter eggs before Easter. On Easter Sunday we share the eggs and have breakfast with the whole family. On Easter Sunday we put the eggs, some sweet bread and some salt into a basket and take it to church. Easter Monday is a special day – boys throw water or perfume on girls. It's an old Easter Monday tradition – you can get very wet! Girls give chocolate or painted eggs to boys.

**BOYS:** I usually visit my grandparents, cousins and throw water/perfume on them. I sometimes get money or chocolate from them. I often tell/read/say a short, funny poem.

**GIRLS:** My relatives (friends) come and visit me and throw water or perfume on me. I give them painted eggs and/or chocolate.

## **CHRISTMAS**

On Christmas we celebrate **the birth of Jesus**. I buy presents for my family (weeks) before Christmas. I sometimes make presents or write Christmas cards. In Hungary we send Christmas cards to friends and family and we make special Christmas food like: **fish soup, carp and poppy seed cake**. My grandma/mum makes the best poppy seed cake in the world and I sometimes help her. On Christmas Eve we **decorate the Christmas tree** (this is the best part of the day) and put our presents under it. We light the candles on the tree and **sing Christmas carols**. We usually **open the presents on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December** in the evening. Then we talk, stay up late, watch a movie or play games all evening. **On Christmas Day** (the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec.) we go to church **we visit grandparents, uncles and aunts (relatives), and have a big family lunch**.

The best present I've ever got was a/an \_\_\_\_\_. For this Christmas I would like to get a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

In Britain Christmas is a little different. They leave **big red stockings by the fireplace and by the bed** and **Santa Claus brings the presents** for the family at night – **In Hungary Jesus brings the presents**. (In Britain) They open the presents in the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> of December. They eat **turkey and puddin**