

# Easter in details

English teacher's copy

Read the text linked below and decide whether the statements below are true or false. Write down the passages from the texts where you find the answers.

<http://theconversation.com/why-easter-is-called-easter-and-other-little-known-facts-about-the-holiday-75025>

1. Easter is celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> April every year. T / F
2. The date of Jesus Christ's birth is written in the Bible. T / F
3. Easter is sometimes translated as Passover. T / F
4. In early America mostly Catholics celebrated Easter. T / F
5. Easter hare bringing eggs to good kids was a German tradition in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. T / F

## Answer key.

1. F ("The reason for this variation is that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. So, in 2020, Easter will be celebrated on April 12, and on April 4 in 2021.")
2. F ("The New Testament gives no information about what time of year Jesus was born.")
3. T ("It is important to point out that while the name "Easter" is used in the English-speaking world, many more cultures refer to it by terms best translated as "Passover" (for instance, "Pascha" in Greek)")
4. T ("In early America, the Easter festival was far more popular among Catholics than Protestants. For instance, the New England Puritans regarded both Easter and Christmas as too tainted by non-Christian influences to be appropriate to celebrate.")
5. F ("Yet it was only in the 17th century that a German tradition of an "Easter hare" bringing eggs to good children came to be known.")