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**Level 1 – 28th March 2024**

## **Climate change increases price of Easter eggs**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs-1.html>

Easter eggs will be more expensive this year because of climate change. Extreme weather is making cocoa more difficult to grow. Cocoa beans are used to make chocolate. Most of the world's cocoa beans come from West Africa. Heatwaves and heavy rains have cut cocoa bean harvests. Reuters said cocoa prices have more than doubled in the past year. A climate analyst said cocoa farmers were, "struggling in the face of both extreme heat and rainfall".

People give chocolate eggs at Easter. This celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Chocolate eggs first appeared in France in 1725. In 1873, an English chocolate company made the first hollow chocolate egg. It was like the ones we can buy today. Wikipedia says: "In Western cultures, the giving of chocolate eggs is now commonplace." However, climate analysts say we need to cut fossil fuel emissions to have cocoa and chocolate.

Sources: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter\\_egg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter_egg)  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-68619912>  
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<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cocoa-prices-surge-chocolate-bunnies-easter/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. eggs will be          | a. cocoa bean harvests      |
| 2. because               | b. difficult to grow        |
| 3. extreme               | c. doubled                  |
| 4. making cocoa more     | d. of climate change        |
| 5. Cocoa beans are used  | e. struggling               |
| 6. heavy rains have cut  | f. more expensive this year |
| 7. prices have more than | g. to make chocolate        |
| 8. cocoa farmers were    | h. weather                  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. People give chocolate eggs          | a. now commonplace   |
| 2. This celebrates the resurrection of | b. chocolate         |
| 3. Chocolate eggs first appeared       | c. chocolate egg     |
| 4. the first hollow                    | d. Jesus             |
| 5. like the ones we                    | e. fuel emissions    |
| 6. the giving of chocolate eggs is     | f. at Easter         |
| 7. we need to cut fossil               | g. in France in 1725 |
| 8. cocoa and                           | h. can buy today     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs-1.html>

Easter (1) \_\_\_\_\_ more expensive this year  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ change. Extreme weather is making  
cocoa more difficult to grow. Cocoa beans  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ make chocolate. Most of the world's  
cocoa beans come from West Africa. Heatwaves  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ have cut cocoa bean harvests. Reuters  
said cocoa prices have more than (5) \_\_\_\_\_ past  
year. A climate analyst said cocoa farmers were, "struggling in  
the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ extreme heat and rainfall".  
(7) \_\_\_\_\_ eggs at Easter. This celebrates the  
resurrection of Jesus. Chocolate eggs (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
France in 1725. In 1873, an English chocolate company made the  
first hollow chocolate egg. It was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ we  
can buy today. Wikipedia says: "(10) \_\_\_\_\_, the  
giving of chocolate eggs (11) \_\_\_\_\_." However,  
climate analysts say we (12) \_\_\_\_\_ fossil fuel  
emissions to have cocoa and chocolate.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# EASTER EGGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Easter eggs in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240328-easter-eggs-1.html>

Write about **Easter eggs** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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