



Upper KS1
and Lower
KS2 (SATS style)
Reading Comprehension Booklet

Easter



Name.....

Useful words

excited

patience

disastrously

sigh

The Easter Egg Hunt



Abbie was excited, Toby was excited and Mum was busy. It was Easter Sunday morning and the children knew that Mum had promised an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. But all had not gone well so far. Abbie and Toby had been woken by the sound of Mum screaming "CAT! What have you done?"

Questions

1 What is Toby's sister's name?

Tick **one**.

Angela

Annie

Abbie

Amy

2 Why were Abbie and Toby excited?

Mum had put a frozen chicken out on the kitchen table to de-frost overnight. Sadly, during the night, the cat had decided to try to eat it. It had made her sick so the kitchen was in a dreadful mess.

3 Why had Mum left a frozen chicken out overnight?

Tick one.

she wanted the cat to eat it

she wanted it to de-frost

she had forgotten to put it away

she thought it would taste better

4 Why was the kitchen in a dreadful mess?

"Mum, when are we doing the Easter Egg Hunt?" asked Abbie. "Just as soon as I've cleaned up this awful mess." replied a very frazzled Mum. Just then, the phone rang, it was Mum's Mum, Granny Timpson. By listening to what Mum was saying, Toby had worked out that, somehow, Granny had locked herself out of her house and Mum had to take her some spare keys. "I won't be long." said Mum, as she rushed out of the door, "Dad's upstairs - be good!"

5 What do you think the word **frazzled** means?

Tick one.

cold and shivery

busy and stressed

hungry and thirsty

happy and joyful

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Who rang Mum?

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Why did Mum go to Grannie's house?

Tick **one**.

to get another chicken

to bring her back for lunch

to unlock her door

to take her an Easter Egg

An hour and a half later, Mum returned. Time was getting on and Abbie and Toby's patience was coming to an end.

"Can we have the Easter Egg Hunt now please?" begged the children. "Just let me finish cleaning up this mess and I'll be with you." said Mum. "Right, I think I'm ready. Let's..." just then, there was a knock on the front door. The children sighed an enormous sigh. Standing at the front door was a grumpy neighbour, Mr Scott. He started shouting at Mum - it was something about where she had parked her car when she returned from Grannie's house.

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How long was Mum away at Grannie's house?

Tick **one**. $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes

an hour

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours

2 hours

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Who was knocking at the door and what mood was he in?

Mum said she was very sorry and that she would sort it out straightaway. She shut the front door and started to look for the car keys - she couldn't find them. Poor Abbie and Toby just looked sadder and sadder.

10 Why were Abbie and Toby sad?

Tick **one**.

 they wanted their chicken dinner they wanted their Easter Egg Hunt they wanted to go to the park they wanted to visit Grannie

Eventually, Mum found the car keys and moved the car. Then, disastrously, the heavens opened and it poured down. By now, Mum had had enough. "I'm sorry kids, I'm not going outside in the pouring rain to do this Easter Egg Hunt. Here, share these out between you." She said as she handed them each a mini-egg. "We'll have the Easter Egg Hunt tomorrow."

Abbie and Toby couldn't decide if they were happy or not; they enjoyed eating the eggs but missed the Easter Egg Hunt.

"Ah well," they thought, "at least we still have the Easter Egg Hunt to look forward to."

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What happened when Mum eventually found the car keys?

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How do you think Abbie and Toby felt at the end of the story?

Useful words

annual

resurrection

desert

crucified

Apostles

represent

Easter



What is Easter?

Easter is an annual (once a year) Christian festival where the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is remembered. It is a sad time and a joyous time. It happens in spring each year and is celebrated by Christians all over the world when people attend special church services, have family get-togethers, give each other chocolate eggs and hold Easter Egg Hunts.

13 How often is Easter celebrated?

Tick one.

once a month

every 4 years

once a year

once a week

14What do Christians remember at Easter?

Lent

Before Easter weekend, Christians have a season of **Lent**. During this time, they give something up. For example, they might decide not to eat chocolate or not to watch as much TV. They do this to remember the 40 days before Easter Sunday when Jesus was in the desert and had to live with very little food and water. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and the day before this is called **Shrove Tuesday**. We know this as **Pancake Day**, because in olden times, fancy foods like eggs, milk and flour, were used up before 40 days of doing without. Lent ends on Easter Sunday.

15

What do Christians do during Lent?

Tick **one**.

eat lots of chocolate

give something up

watch TV

go for long walks

16Why is Shrove Tuesday known as Pancake Day?

The Last Supper

Christians believe that when Jesus returned from his 40 days in the desert, he knew he was going to be killed by the Romans who didn't like what he was saying and doing. He is said to have held the **Last Supper** on the day before he was arrested. He invited his Apostles (friends) to a meal where he told them that he was going to be arrested and killed. He told them not to worry and that everything would be fine. He was arrested and crucified on **Good Friday** but on **Easter Sunday**, he rose from the dead. Several weeks later, he joined God in heaven.

17 Who did Jesus invite to the **Last Supper**?

Tick one.

Roman soldiers

the shepherds

his Apostles

the wise men

18 What happened on **Good Friday**?

Easter Eggs

Many Christians celebrate Easter by giving and receiving Easter Eggs. These are usually hollow and are meant to represent the empty tomb from where Jesus had risen from the dead.

Sometimes, people hide Easter Eggs around the house or outside in the garden or park and children look for them.

Because Jesus' resurrection represents new life, some people also believe that eggs represent this too.

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Why are Easter Eggs usually hollow?

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Where do people sometimes hide Easter Eggs?
