



UNEXPECTED FACTS ABOUT EASTER





EASTER BOGGLE

*Complete together or individually.
Use the hints.*

Find 6 Easter words as fast as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side, and diagonally. You can use the letters only one time per word. Write all the words on the right. Add more words associated with Easter.

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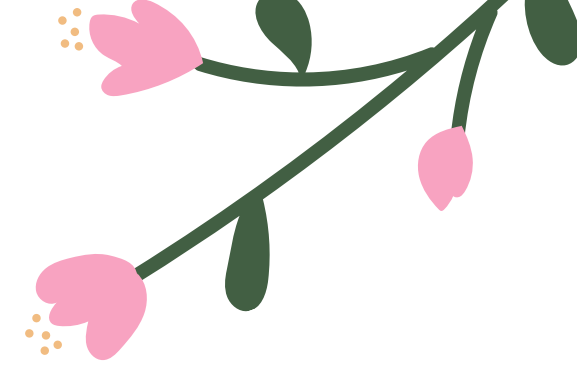
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- Find:
- 1 Easter place
 - 1 Easter symbol
 - 1 Easter animal
 - 1 Easter activity
 - 1 season
 - 1 religious symbol





LET'S DISCUSS!



How do you usually celebrate Easter? Do you have any special traditions or customs in your family or culture?

What is your favorite thing about Easter? Is it the religious significance, the springtime festivities, or something else?

Do you think that Easter has become too commercialized? Why or why not?

What are some Easter-themed foods or treats that you enjoy? Do you have any favorite recipes?

How do you feel about decorating Easter eggs, tapping eggs and egg hunts? Do you participate in such activities? Why or why not?

What is the significance of Easter for you personally? Is it a time of reflection, celebration, family or something else?





VOCABULARY

Read the sentences on the left. Match the highlighted words to their definitions.

1. The **origin** of Easter dates back to ancient times.

2. Spring is a time of renewal and **fertility**, which is why many Easter traditions involve flowers and baby animals.

3. After the Easter egg hunt, there were so many **leftover** eggs that we decided to make egg salad sandwiches.

4. The farmer gathered all the vegetables during the **harvest** season, preparing to sell them at the local market.

5. It is a **superstition** in some cultures to avoid doing laundry on Good Friday.

6. Christians around the world celebrate the **resurrection** of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

7. Mary wore a pretty **bonnet** to church on Easter Sunday.

8. The spring **equinox** marks the beginning of longer days and warmer weather.

9. The idea of **eternal** happiness is a common theme in Easter celebrations around the world.

a) something remaining after the rest has been used

b) the time or date (twice each year) at which the sun crosses the celestial equator, when day and night are of equal length

c) a woman's or child's hat tied under the chin, typically made of straw or felt

d) the ability of a person, animal or plant to reproduce

e) a widely held but irrational belief in supernatural influences, especially as leading to good or bad luck

f) the point or place where something begins, arises or is derived

g) the act of bringing someone back to life or being brought back to life oneself

h) lasting or existing forever, without end or beginning

i) the process or period of gathering in crops (fruits, vegetables etc.)



VOCABULARY

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the list on the left.

resurrection

equinox

eternal

bonnet

superstition

origin

harvest

fertility

leftover

- a) I always buy new clothes for Easter because it's a I learned from my grandmother.
- b) During the spring, the day and night are almost equal in length.
- c) My grandmother used to wear a on Easter.
- d) The Easter bunny is a symbol of and new life.
- e) The of the tradition of decorating eggs can be traced back to ancient Ukraine.
- f) The of Jesus is a central event in Christianity.
- g) The hope of life is a key belief in many religions, including Christianity.
- h) Farmers look forward to the season each year as they get to gather their crops.
- i) Don't throw away the onion peels, you can use them to dye Easter eggs.





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You are going to read about some interesting Easter facts. But before that, let's discuss some questions.

What do you think is the significance of the different colors associated with Easter?

What are some common Easter symbols, and what do they represent?

Can you think of any interesting facts about Easter that might be surprising for most of people?

How do you think Easter is celebrated in different parts of the world?





UNEXPECTED FACTS ABOUT EASTER

Read the facts. Did you name any of the ones mentioned below?
Complete the task after the text.

Eggs used to be coloured with natural ingredients.

Leftover onion peels, tree bark, and even flower petals used to be key ingredients to dye eggs. Give it a try yourself by making unique onion skin-dyed Easter eggs.

The original "Easter hare" would judge kids to see if

they were naughty or nice. Yup, just like Santa Claus, the first Easter bunny was created to ensure kids were well-behaved before Easter started. Treats were only given to good kids, while those who were naughty were left with empty baskets.

The date of Easter changes every year. You may have noticed, unlike Christmas or Halloween, Easter does not have a fixed date. It is a moveable holiday which is influenced by the moon's cycle each year. It is the first Sunday after the full Moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. If the full Moon falls on a Sunday then Easter is the next Sunday.

Before Easter baskets children would put eggs in a hat

filled with straw. German settlers that immigrated to the U.S. in the 1700s brought a new Easter tradition. The night before Easter, children would fill their bonnets with hay, and in the morning, they would be overflowing with brightly coloured eggs.

Giving eggs

The egg symbolizes new life, fertility, and rebirth in many places around the world. Thanks to the rounded shape, it's also been used as a symbol of the earth and our connection with nature.

In the USA, there is a tradition of buying a new outfit for

Easter. It originates from an old superstition which held that wearing new clothes at Easter time meant good luck for the whole year. Christians in medieval times began wearing new, clean clothes on Easter Sunday to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus and the new life for followers of the religion.





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Pastel colours carry religious meaning. From baby blues to soft pinks and mint greens, each color has a different religious meaning. White represents light, triumph, and glory. Violet represents power and royalty. Pink represents joy and love. Green represents hope and eternal life.

Germans celebrate Easter with a bonfire.

The night before Easter, thousands of Germans come together to burn old Christmas trees, marking the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It's also believed that the fire will drive away evil spirits.

180 million eggs are purchased for Easter every year

Eggs are a big part of Easter celebrations. People dye, paint, hide, and eat them — not to mention the many other Easter crafts where eggs are used. All of those eggs add up to 180 million that are purchased each year for Easter.

In Hungary, young girls are soaked with water on Easter.

In Hungary, it's a tradition to soak young girls with water on Easter. This goes back to ancient times when tribes lived in Hungary. Boys throw water over girls who wear traditional clothing. It's called the "watering of the girls" and is believed to promote fertility.

Easter Island got its name from the day it was found by European explorers

European explorer, Jacob Roggeveen, discovered the southeast Pacific island, that would later be known as "Easter Island" on Easter Sunday in 1722, though the island had already been inhabited since 600-800 A.D.

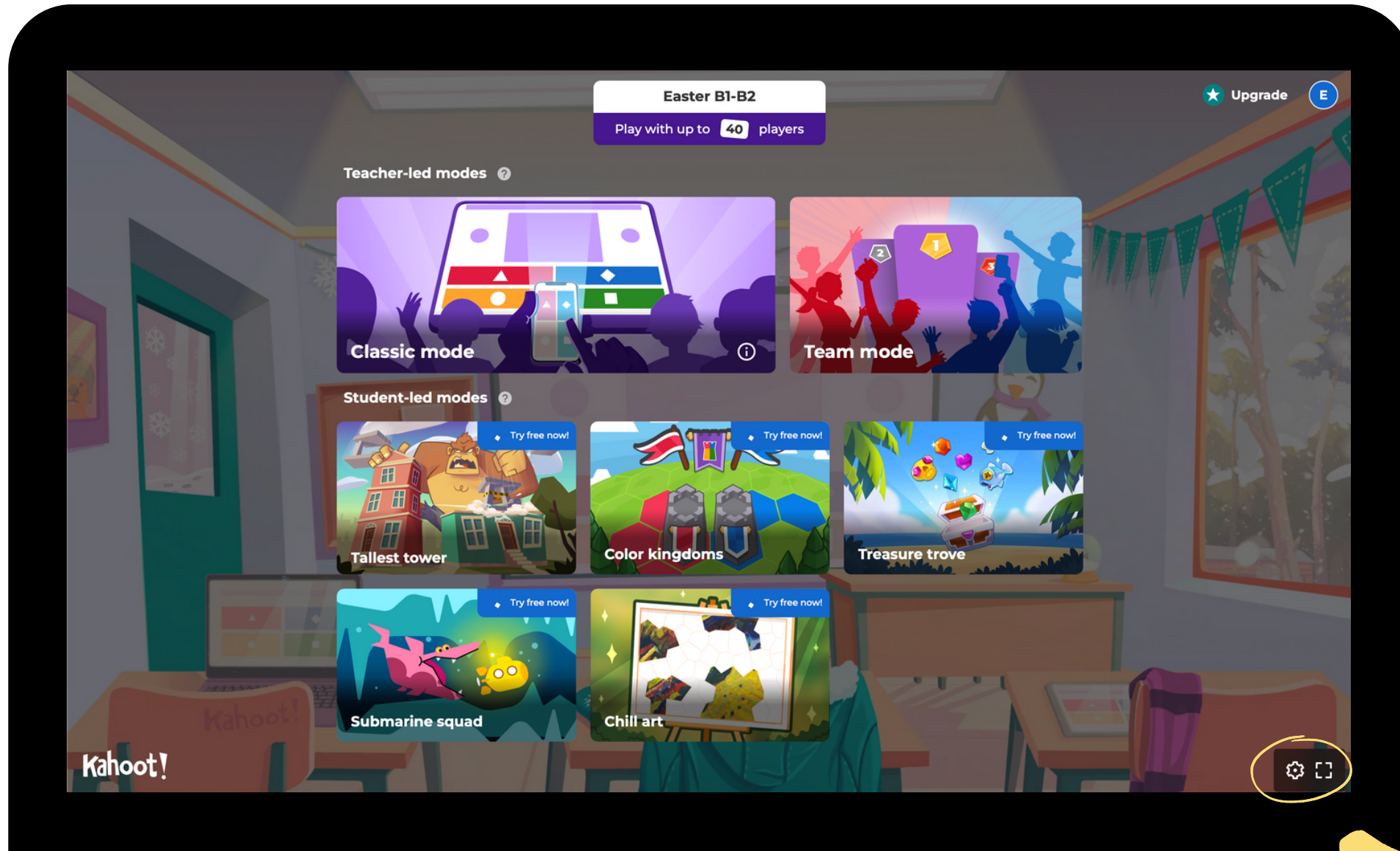
The art of decorating eggs began in Ukraine

Ukrainians should be thanked for the art of egg dyeing, which originated in ancient Ukraine and is called pysanka. Painted pysanka eggs were even believed to have powers that would bring fertility and good harvests in the new season.



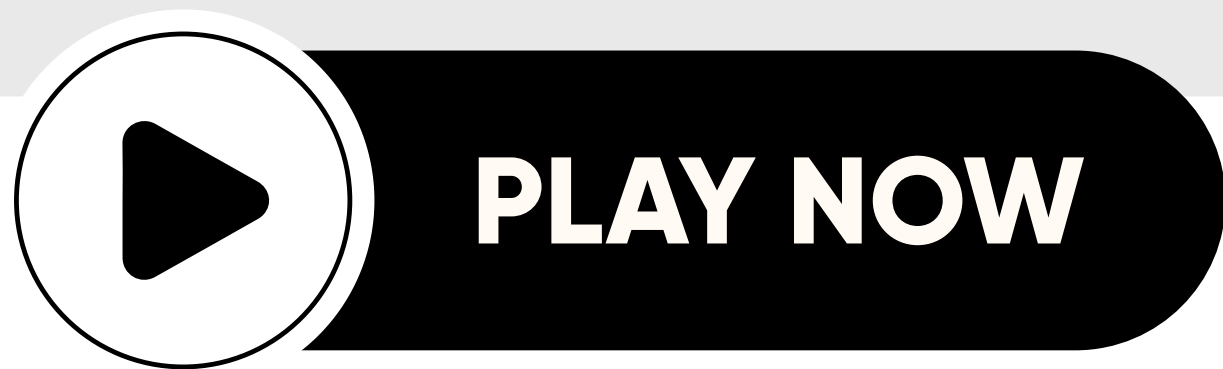


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You will be presented with 13 questions related to the Easter traditions and facts presented in the text. Each question will have 4 possible answers, your task is to select the correct one within a limited time frame. The game will be timed and scores will be displayed at the end of the game to see how many questions were answered correctly.

The game can be played individually (versus your teacher) or in teams to make it more engaging and interactive. Teacher needs to choose the option 'Show questions and answers' in the settings. This way, students will see the questions and variants of answers on their gadget.





DID YOU KNOW THESE EGG IDIOMS?

Read the idioms below and discuss their meaning. Then, create sentences using two of your choice.

To walk/be on eggshells (around smb).

To be very careful in what you say or do around someone, so as not to offend or upset them. *I was always on eggshells when my family came to stay.*

A chicken and egg situation

A situation in which it is impossible to say which of two things existed first and which caused the other one. *There may be a chicken and egg situation and no one quite knows who did what first.*

Put all your eggs in one basket

To invest all your resources or efforts into one thing or idea, with the risk of losing everything if it fails. *I'm applying for several jobs because I don't really want to put all my eggs in one basket.*

A nest egg

A sum of money saved for the future or for emergencies. *Regular investment of small amounts of money is an excellent way of building a nest egg.*

To egg someone on

To encourage or provoke someone to do something, usually mischievous or illegal. *Don't egg him on! He gets himself into enough trouble without your encouragement.*

A rotten egg

A person who is dishonest or untrustworthy. *She started hanging out with a few rotten eggs in her school, and her grades have really suffered ever since.*

Get/have egg on your face

To be embarrassed or humiliated by a mistake or failure. *This latest scandal has left the government with egg on its face.*





DID YOU KNOW THESE EGG IDIOMS?

Fill in the blank with the correct egg idiom. Make necessary changes. Some idioms are used more than once.

1. Tom invested all his savings in a single startup, which turned out to be a failure. He shouldn't have _____.
2. The manager always makes his subordinates _____ because he's quick to lose his temper.
3. Sarah accidentally spilled coffee on her shirt in front of her colleagues. She really had _____.
4. John always tries to _____ (his friends) to do something crazy, but they never fall for it.
5. The company has been relying on a single product for their revenue for years. _____ is not the most sensible decision.
6. The thief stole all the cash and jewelry, but he missed the _____ that the homeowner had hidden under the mattress.
7. Don't trust that man; he's a _____ who will try to deceive you to his advantage.
8. The politician's careless statement in the press conference made him _____ and caused his approval ratings to drop.
9. It's a _____ with my job search. I need experience to get hired, but I can't get experience without a job.
10. After the argument, my sister was so angry that I had to _____ around her for days.





LET'S TALK!

Have you ever had to **walk on eggshells** around someone? Why? How did you handle it?

Do you think it's a good idea to **put all your eggs in one basket**? Why or why not? Have you ever done this? What were the consequences?

What does having a **nest egg** mean to you? Do you think it's important to have one? Why or why not?

Have you ever **egged someone on to do something**? What was it? Why did you do it? Did they go through with it?

Have you ever **got egg on your face**? What was the situation? How did you handle it?





THE UNBELIEVABLE ART BEHIND UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS



What do you know about the art of making pysankas?

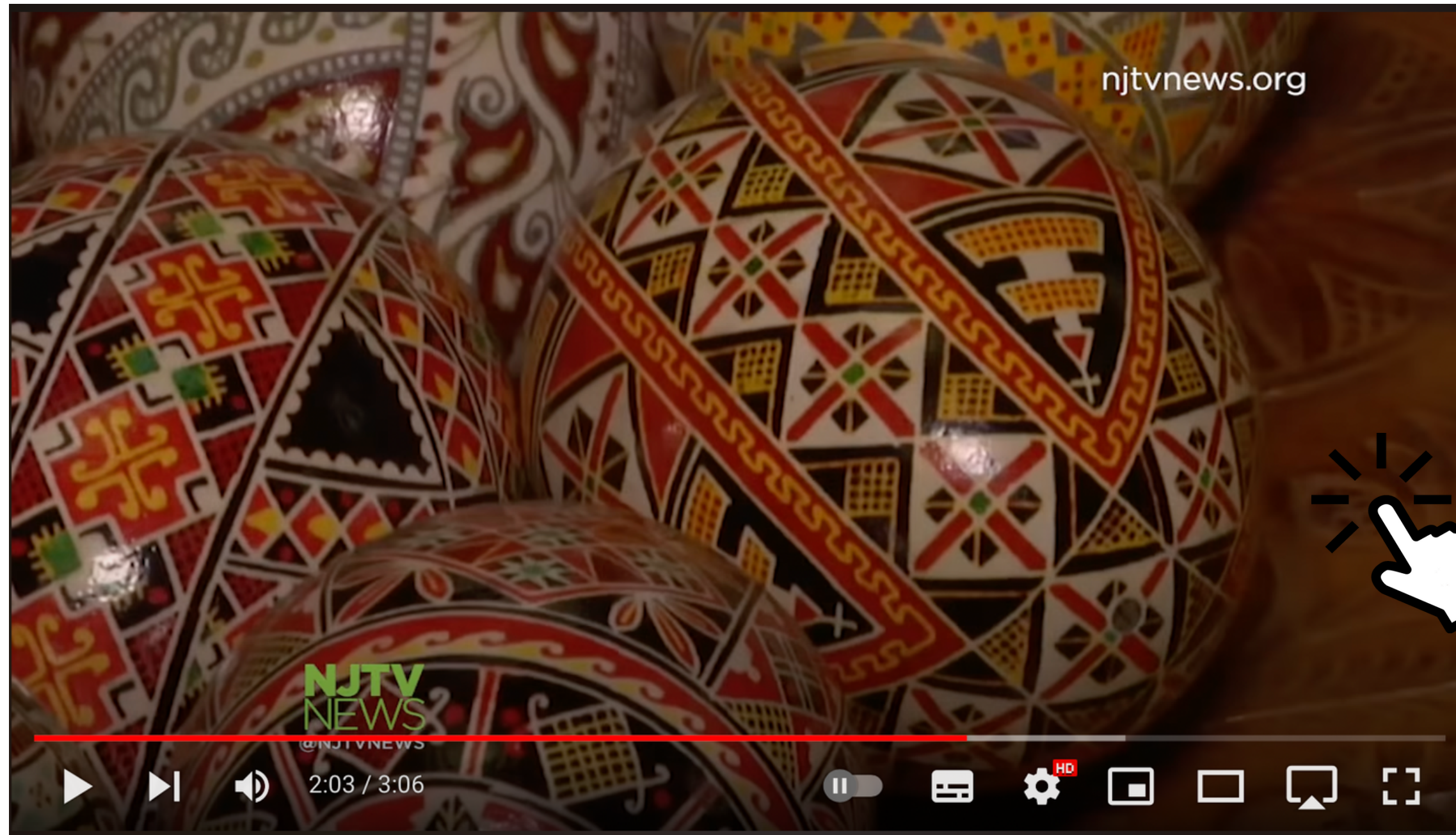
Have you ever tried creating one?

If not, would you like to?



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Look through the steps of making Pysanka and check if you understand the meaning of the unknown words before watching. Watch the video and number the events in the correct order.



- trace all of the lines;
- use a stylus or Kistka to administer the wax;
- wipe off the wax;
- create some preliminary lines;
- scoop up some wax and heat it up;
- bathe the eggs in vinegar solution;
- hollow the eggs or leave them raw;
- heat the metal little tube over the flame;
- gently put the egg into the dye;



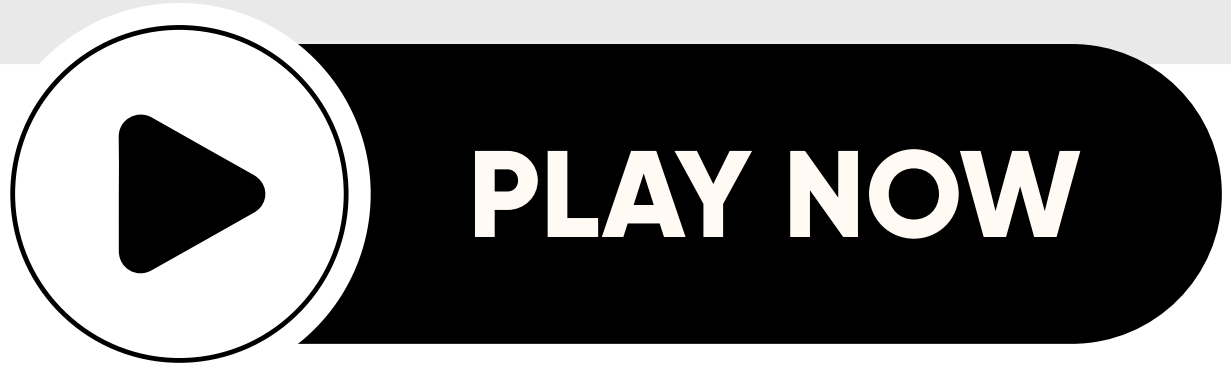
EASTER EGG HUNT



Now it's time to take part in the Easter egg hunt! We will not only have fun, but also revise idioms, facts, and some Easter traditions while looking for eggs.

You can play in teams or player vs. player. There is an info button in the game. Click to read the rules and watch a short video.

Have fun!





QUIZLET



Quizlet



Revise the words for the next lesson. Use this Quizlet set. You can also play different games to practice or even test yourself in the Quizlet app or on the site.



**THANK
YOU!**

