

## Student A

### 1 Read the text and answer the questions below.

*I was born in Poland. In my home country, Easter is a family celebration. Before the big day, you paint eggs and buy some decoration such as sugar baby lambs or bunnies. Catholic Poles take their painted eggs and decorations to church in a little basket on Holy Saturday for a special ceremony. On Easter Sunday morning, religious people visit the church for a mass with a special decoration called Easter palm. They can get it blessed and then bring it home. After that, or if you aren't religious, you usually have a big family brunch. We eat pork roast, boiled pork sausages, deviled eggs, lunch meat, salads, and, of course, cake!*

*After breakfast, you can go for a relaxing walk to spend some more quality time with your relatives. This is usually very pleasant because Easter coincides with the beginning of spring, so, after the long grey winter, you get to see new green leaves and first flowers. Sometimes you are in for a surprise though, because April weather is a mixed bag, so in some years instead of pretty flowers, you might get snow!*

- What day is Easter celebrated on?
- What do people do on the days around Easter?
- What are some advantages of spending Easter in this way?
- What could be some disadvantages?

### 2 Cover the reading text. Use your answers to the questions above to tell your partner what the author said about celebrating Easter in Poland. Listen to your classmate talk about Easter in Mexico.

### 3 With your partner, discuss similarities and differences of spending Easter in Poland and in Mexico.

### 4 Discuss the questions below.

- Which way of spending Easter would you choose? Why?
- Would you like visit either of these two countries mentioned in the text to celebrate Easter? Why?
- Is Easter an important holiday in your country and for you and your family personally? If yes, how do you celebrate it?
- What do you would you prefer to do with your family: have a big family party or take a trip together? Why?
- Do you think people spend enough time outdoors nowadays? Do you?
- Can you see the different seasonal changes in the city where you live? Or is it a similar weather year round?
- How important is it to you to have clear seasonal changes?

### 5 With a partner, find out the meaning of the phrases 'a mixed bag' and 'cost an arm and a leg'.

## Student B

### 1 Read the text and answer the questions below.

*When I got married I moved to Mexico. Mexico has a very different way of celebrating Easter, with people mostly dividing between religious and non-religious. Schools are closed for two weeks for Easter holidays, and Maudy Thursday and Good Friday are bank holidays. Many local businesses and companies are closed these days, so people usually travel, saturating the top tourist spots in Mexico such as beaches, archaeological sites, and water parks. As a result, hotels and flights can cost an arm and a leg around this time of the year!*

*More religious people observe the Holy Week or Semana Santa, which follows the events of the Passion of the Christ. This starts with Palm Sunday and concludes on Easter Sunday. In Iztapalapa, Mexico City, people have been doing a "life-like" performance of the Passion for over 170 years... with actual crucifixions! On Holy Saturday, children go out on the street and have water-balloon fights, and on Easter Sunday, they paint Easter eggs or bunnies or and go on egg hunts.*

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