
	<p>Bonjour tout le monde. Ça va?</p>
<p>Bonjour Madame Nichols. Ça va bien, merci. Et vous?</p>	
	<p>Ça va super! Aujourd'hui on va apprendre les traditions de Pâques en France.</p>
<p>Fantastique!</p>	



Here are some fun facts about Easter in France. Did you know?

1. Carnival is the festive season immediately before Lent. During carnival, there are parades and street parties. People dress up. Carnival is a tradition mostly celebrated in Catholic societies, like France.
2. The carnival period finishes with *Mardi Gras*. In English, this is Shrove Tuesday. This day marks the end of the fasting period and in France, as well as enjoying pancakes, les crêpes, they also eat doughnuts, les beignets. Yum!
3. Palm Sunday, *le dimanche des Rameaux*, marks the beginning of the Holy Week. People often go to church and receive a palm cross.
4. In France, myth states that on the evening of Easter Thursday, *le jeudi Saint*, all the church bells in France fly away to Rome! They visit the Pope in the Vatican to be involved in remembering the death of Jesus. So, all the church bells in France remain silent until the morning of Easter Sunday!
5. On Good Friday there are lots of processions and religious parades in towns.

6. Easter Sunday in French is called *le dimanche de Pâques*.
7. Early on the morning of Easter Sunday, the Easter bells, *les cloches de Pâques* fly back to France! They drop chocolate eggs, chickens, bells and bunnies in the gardens of the French towns.
8. In the morning, the children awake very excited because it is time to search for the chocolate egg hunt, *la chasse aux œufs* and the church bells ring again.
9. In France, April fish, *le poisson d'avril* are also an Easter symbol and that is why you will find chocolate fish in the shops too!
10. Traditionally roast lamb, *l'agneau* is eaten at Easter.



Can you find the French words in the wordsearch?

B N F W U O Z T S R C A K U G
 P E D A K T A G A P H V P O Z
 H N I P A L J M R A N R D P Q
 E R K G O C E C G C R I Q O P
 O U J C N A O K I G S L F I P
 X E O N U E X M D C E B M S G
 L H H X L Y T X R P U S W S G
 C G S E L A C S A P Q V K O I
 J O Y E U S E S M G A J K N O
 C M L Z H R N G B Z P L W E E
 W R O U V C A G N E A U U W K
 D S E E N Q O Y X K X F W E N
 A D I P P P D L I V S X F C O
 U L M V E E T K C S S Z P Y B
 A I H M N S W X G Z S E O Z A

agneau	beignets	cloches	joyeuses	lièvre	oeufs	poisson
avril	chocolat	crêpes	lapin	Mardi Gras	Pâques	Rameaux



Quiz time!

1. What is 'Happy Easter' in French?
 2. What is the main religion in France?
 3. Why is it quiet on Thursday?
 4. Where do the bells fly to?
 5. What happens on Easter Sunday?
 6. What do people eat for Easter dinner?
 7. Where are Easter eggs hidden?
 8. What is April fools in French?
 9. What do the French also eat?
 10. What is the April fool's trick of France?
- A. The bells fly to Rome to see the Pope
 - B. The bells ring to celebrate Jesus' re-birth
 - C. 'Joyeuses Pâques'
 - D. Roman catholic
 - E. The bells are quiet to mark Jesus' death
 - F. In gardens homes and play grounds
 - G. 'Poisson d'avril'
 - H. Lamb
 - I. Stick a fish on people's backs
 - J. Chocolate fish

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



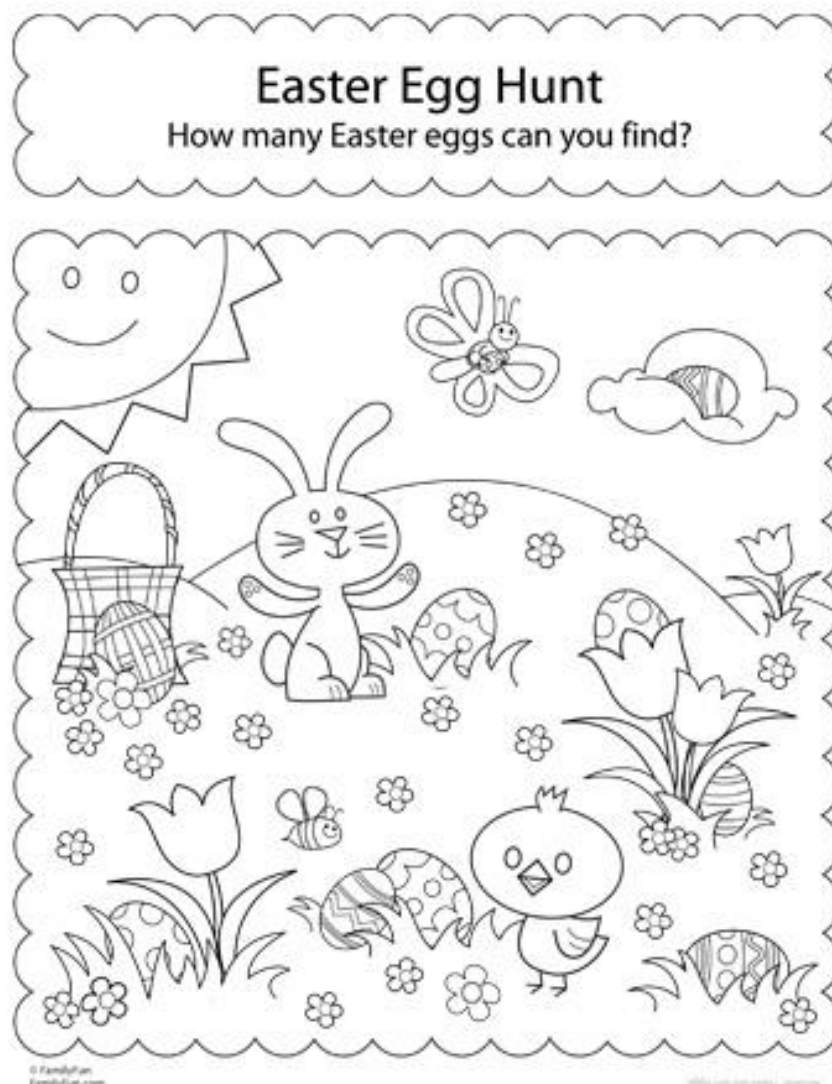
How many words do you recognise? Match up the pairs!

- 1 l'agneau
 - 2 avril
 - 3 les oeufs de Pâques
 - 4 le poisson d'avril
 - 5 les cloches volantes
 - 6 le Mardi Gras
 - 7 Joyeuses Pâques
 - 8 le lapin
 - 9 le dimanche de Pâques
 - 10 le chocolat
- a Easter eggs
 - b rabbit
 - c Shrove Tuesday
 - d chocolate
 - e April
 - f lamb
 - g Happy Easter
 - h flying bells
 - i Easter Sunday
 - j April fish



Over the next few pages, you have some creative tasks. On this page, try and see how many eggs are hidden in the picture. Can you write how many you find in French ? Then there are some French pictures to colour and words to practise saying. Finally, why not make an Easter card for your family. I have provided a template for you, or why not make your own ?

La chasse aux oeufs - Il y a combien d'oeufs?

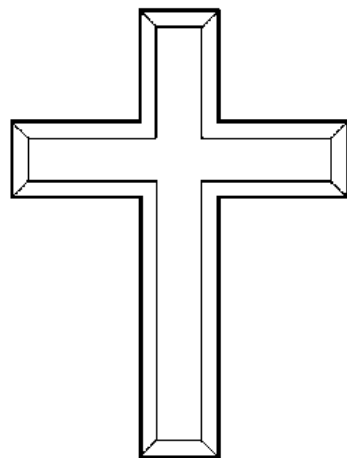


Les crêpes = pancakes

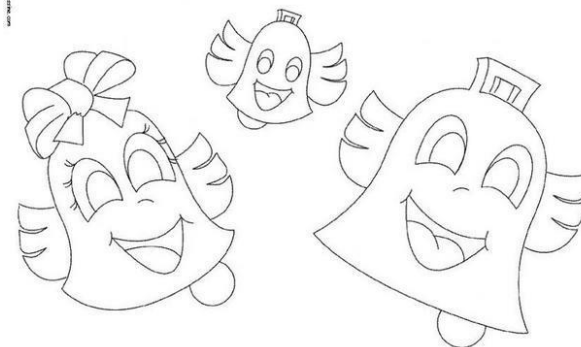
Pancakes



Le dimanche des Rameaux = Palm Sunday



Les cloches volantes = flying bells



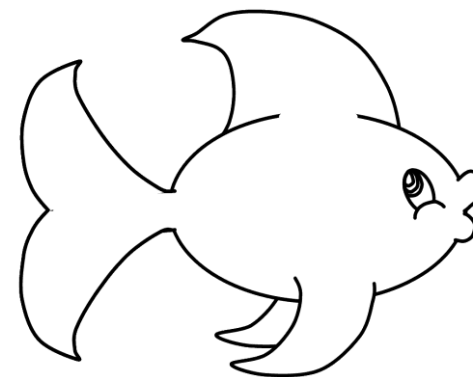
Le lapin de Pâques = Easter bunny



Les œufs de Pâques = Easter Eggs



Le poisson d'avril





Joyeuses Pâques!

C'était Pâques !

C'était Pâques le matin

J'ai trouvé dans mon jardin

Des œufs verts comme les prés

Des œufs jaunes comme le soleil

Des œufs rouges comme les tulipes

It was Easter !

It was Easter in the morning

In my garden I found

Green eggs like fields

Yellow eggs like the sun

Red eggs like tulips



Joyeuses Pâques!



When you write your Easter card, here are a few hints to help:

1. To say Dear ...

Cher +  e.g. Cher Robert/Cher Papa

Chère +  e.g. Chère Isabelle/Chère Maman

Chers +  e.g. Chers Robert et Isabelle/Chers Maman et Papa

2. Add in an Easter message - Joyeuses Pâques

3. To sign your card, write Gros bisous and your name e.g. Gros bisous Enid 😊

Answers:

Quiz time:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c	d	E	a	b	h	f	g	j	i

Match the pairs:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f	e	a	j	h	c	g	b	i	d

La chasse aux oeufs - Il y a combien d'oeufs? Il y a neuf œufs (9 eggs)

Joyeuses Pâques!



Have a lovely Easter and remember to be very kind to
your family!

Madame Nichols 😊



