



THE WEEK AHEAD

EASTER AROUND THE WORLD

EASTER is celebrated in many different ways all around the world. To celebrate the festival, let's take a look at some of these fascinating traditions from Australia, France, Hungary and Italy:

AUSTRALIA

Down Under, they don't appreciate bunnies like we do over here. Australians get upset at the little fellows for ruining their crops and land. So, rather than an Easter Bunny, many Australians have an Easter Bilby, which is a rabbit-eared bandicoot (a marsupial) that is native to Australia. Which do you think are cuter: bunnies or bilbies?



HAUX, FRANCE

Omelette, anyone? In Haux, a town in southern France, a giant omelette made with a whopping 4,500 eggs is served on Easter Monday, making for a tasty Easter lunch for 1,000 people! Apparently, when Napoleon and his army were travelling through France, they stopped in a small town and ate omelettes. Napoleon liked his so much that he ordered the townspeople to gather their eggs and make a giant omelette for his army the next day. This has now become an Easter tradition.



HUNGARY

In Hungary, they take part in the Easter tradition of 'sprinkling'! While the idea of sprinkling someone sounds a bit gross, it's actually an Easter Monday tradition where boys playfully 'sprinkle' perfume, cologne or just plain water on girls, in exchange for painted eggs.



FLORENCE, ITALY

In Florence, locals celebrate a 350-year-old Easter tradition known as Scoppio del Carro, or 'explosion of the cart'. A well-decorated cart, packed with fireworks, is led through the streets of Florence by people in colourful 15th-century costumes, before it's detonated by an archbishop. Pretty!





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1) Find the names of the **four countries** featured in the article.

2) Why do Australians have an Easter Bilby instead of an Easter Bunny?

3) How many eggs are used in Haux to make the giant omelette?

1,000

350

450

4,500

4) What did Napoleon order the townspeople to do?

5) What Easter Monday tradition do they have in Hungary?

6) What does Scoppio del Carro translate to in English?

Explosion of the City

Explosion of Florence

Explosion of the Cart

7) Why do you think the writer chose the word **detonated** to describe what happens to the cart packed with fireworks?

8) Do you have any special Easter traditions? Write a few lines describing the traditions and then explain why you do them.