

HAPPY EASTER!

Cómo explicar lo que es la Semana Santa en inglés



EASTER= PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN

Una de las cosas que más sorprenden de las tradiciones religiosas a muchos angloparlantes es la Semana Santa, y cómo la vivimos.

Easter in Spain is one of the most important religious and cultural celebrations of the year. It is called "Semana Santa" (Holy Week) and takes place during the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

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Talk to your "guiri" friends about this

- **Religious processions (procesiones):** Large parades (desfiles) through the streets with statues of Jesus and the Virgin Mary.
- **Brotherhoods (cofradías):** Religious groups that organize the processions.
- **Nazarenos:** Participants wearing long robes (sotana) and pointed hoods.
- **Pasos:** Heavy floats (carrozas) carrying religious sculptures, often carried by people underneath.
- **Music & atmosphere:** Drums, trumpets, and sometimes very emotional singing (saetas).



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Important Days of Semana Santa

- Domingo de Ramos (Palm Sunday): Celebrates Jesus entering Jerusalem
- Jueves Santo (Holy Thursday): The Last Supper - la última Cena
- Viernes Santo (Good Friday): Crucifixion of Jesus
- Domingo de Resurrección (Easter Sunday): Resurrection and celebration

General words

- Easter → Pascua
- Holy Week → Semana Santa
- Procession → Procesión
- Church → Iglesia
- Prayer → Oración



People & roles

- Brotherhood → Cofradía
- Penitent → Penitente
- Nazarenes → Nazarenos
- Bearer (of floats) → Costalero

Objects & symbols

- Float → Paso
- Candle → Vela / Cirio

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- Cross → Cruz
- Virgin Mary → Virgen María
- Jesus Christ → Jesucristo

Food (typical!)

- French toast-style dessert → Torrijas
- Easter cake → Mona de Pascua
- Cod (fish) → Bacalao
- As a catholic is one of my favorite weeks of the year! ♡

WHAT ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY?



 The Easter Bunny is a popular Easter tradition, especially in countries like the USA, UK, and Germany.

The Easter Bunny is a magical rabbit that:

- brings Easter eggs 🐰
- hides -se esconde- them for children to find (egg hunts- caza/ búsqueda)
- sometimes gives chocolate and sweets

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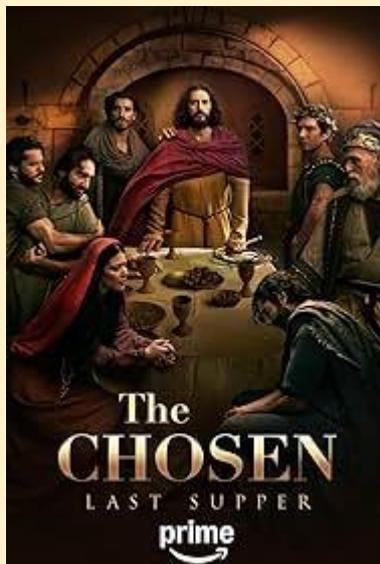
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📄 Where does it come from?

The tradition started in Germany: The bunny was called "Osterhase" (Easter hare) It came to America with German immigrants.

🎬 MOVIE/ TV SHOW RECOMMENDATION FOR EASTER

THE CHOSEN (2019-)



It's a historical drama about the life of Jesus Christ and the people who followed him. It shows his story in a more personal and human way.

- ✓ Clear pronunciation
- ✓ Some religious and historical vocabulary
- ✓ Good for learning everyday conversation + storytelling

Make
"Torrijas" and
binge-watch
this show!

📺 Platform: Amazon prime

📖 English level: intermediate B1-B2



Reading Comprehension

Easter in Spain



1. What is “Semana Santa”?

- A) A food festival
- B) A religious and cultural celebration
- C) A music concert
- D) A sports event

2. When does Semana Santa take place?

- A) In summer
- B) During Christmas
- C) The week before Easter Sunday
- D) In autumn

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3. What are “procesiones”?

- A) Religious songs
- B) Large parades with religious statues
- C) Special foods
- D) Church buildings

4. Who organizes the processions?

- A) Tourists
- B) The government
- C) Brotherhoods (cofradías)
- D) Musicians

5. What do Nazarenos wear?

- A) Suits and ties
- B) Shorts and t-shirts
- C) Long robes and pointed hoods
- D) Uniforms

6. What is a “paso”?

- A) A float carrying religious sculptures
- B) A dance
- C) A type of food
- D) A prayer

7. What happens on “Viernes Santo” (Good Friday)?

- A) Jesus is born
- B) Jesus enters Jerusalem
- C) The Last Supper
- D) The crucifixion of Jesus

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8. What is “torrijas”?

- A) A type of drink
- B) A French toast-style dessert
- C) A fish dish
- D) A fruit

9. What does the Easter Bunny do?

- A) Builds churches
- B) Organizes processions
- C) Brings and hides eggs for children
- D) Sings in the streets

10. What is *The Chosen*?

- A) A documentary about food
- B) A comedy series
- C) A historical drama about Jesus
- D) A cartoon for children



ANSWER KEY

1. **B** – A religious and cultural celebration
2. **C** – The week before Easter Sunday
3. **B** – Large parades with religious statues
4. **C** – Brotherhoods (cofradías)
5. **C** – Long robes and pointed hoods
6. **A** – A float carrying religious sculptures
7. **D** – The crucifixion of Jesus
8. **B** – A French toast-style dessert
9. **C** – Brings and hides eggs for children
10. **C** – A historical drama about Jesus