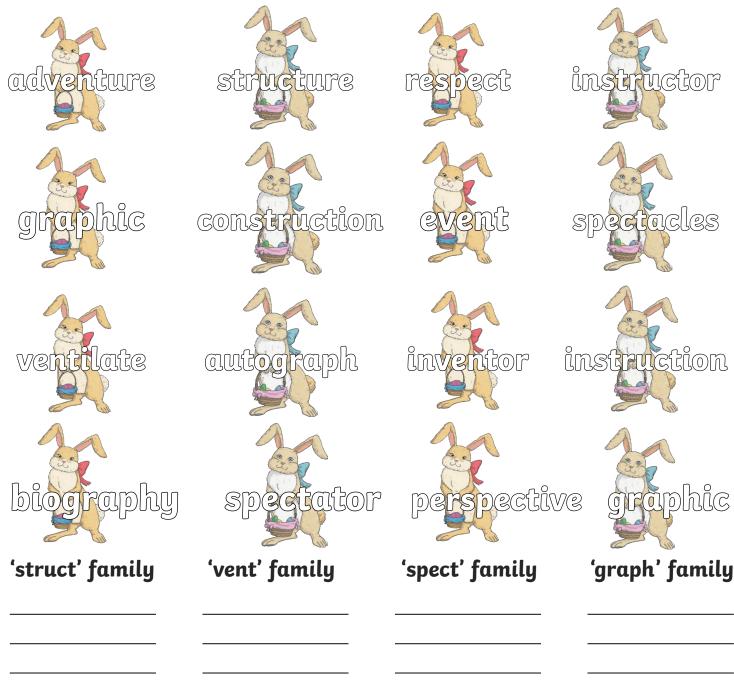


# **Easter Bunny Families**

The Easter Bunny families have been muddled up! Can you write the words in the correct family groups below?



Use **three** of these words to write Easter-themed sentences.

## **Australian Easter Bilbies**

Bilbies are **native** Australian **marsupials** that are small, fur-covered animals with large ears, a pointed snout and a long, thin tail. They are **nocturnal** and mainly live underground.

There were once two types of bilby in Australia: the greater bilby and the lesser bilby, which is now extinct. Sadly, the greater bilby is now endangered due to low numbers in the wild.

Bilbies once lived across Australia. As farming extended, the bilby's habitat has been changed. The animals that humans keep, such as cattle and sheep, eat the same plants as bilbies. Rabbits, which were taken to Australia by British settlers, compete with bilbies for their food – **termites**, ants, seeds and fruits – and their burrows.

The bilby became a symbol for Easter in Australia in 1997, when a book called 'Billy the Easter Bilby' by Rose-Marie Dusting was published. Many chocolate **manufacturers** now make chocolate bilbies instead of chocolate bunnies and some of the money raised from the sales is donated to bilby **conservation** projects.

#### Glossary

**conservation** – The protection of wildlife.

**manufacturers** – A company or person that makes goods for sale.

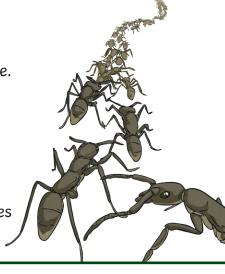
**marsupials** – Mammals which carry their young in a pouch.

native – Born in a specified place.

**nocturnal** – Active at night.

**termites** – Small, soft-bodied insects that live in large colonies within a mound of cemented earth.





- 1. Where in the world do bilbies live?
- 2. Find and copy three animals that compete with bilbies.
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- 3. In your own words, explain what is meant by **nocturnal**.
- 4. Why do you think that some Australian people buy chocolate bilbies instead of chocolate bunnies?



### Eggsploding Eggs!

Eggs have been exploding in the factory because a recipe has been muddled up! Can you match the root word with the correct prefix to stop the explosions?



Use **three** of these words to write Easter-themed sentences.

#### Think and Write: The Easter Egg Hunt

Write four different sentences about the picture below.



- 1. Write a sentence that includes a preposition.
- 2. Write a sentence that includes a possessive apostrophe.
- 3. Write a sentence that includes an expanded noun phrase.
- 4. Write an exclamation sentence.



#### **Present Perfect Problems**

When the Easter bunny wrote about visiting children, the writing was in the simple past tense. Help the Easter bunny write in the **present perfect** form by changing the words that are in the brackets.

For many years, I (visited)	children all around the
world. I (delivered)	yummy chocolate Easter eggs to
them. I (decorated)	eggs for many months each year
and (carried)	_ them around the world for as long as
I can remember. Boys and girls (ate) $_{-}$	chocolate
eggs for hundreds of years and will con	tinue to do so into the future.

Write about your own experience of Easter, using the **present perfect** form.



#### **Code Breakers**

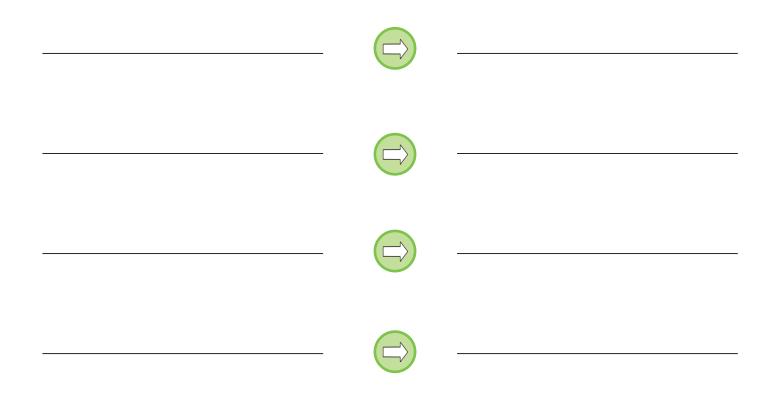
Your job is to become a Secret Agent. The words below are written in code. Use the code-breaking table to decipher the words. Find each letter of the code word on the bottom row and replace it with the letter above to reveal the hidden word.



a	b	С	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	0	р	q	r	S	t	u	v	w	x	у	z
е	р	v	f	0	w	l	q	u	g	b	r	z	х	a	m	h	у	n	С	i	t	j	d	k	S

niymyuno	qoeyc	unrexf
effyonn	cqailqc	wyiuc
zuxico	ncyexlo	emmoey

Use the code above to make your own code words and ask an adult to try to decipher them. Which top secret words have you hidden?



#### **Direct Speech Disaster**

These are some of the comments that were made during an Easter bonnet parade. Can you rewrite them using the correct punctuation?



"I love your hat said Micha."

"Please let me try your hat" said Freya.

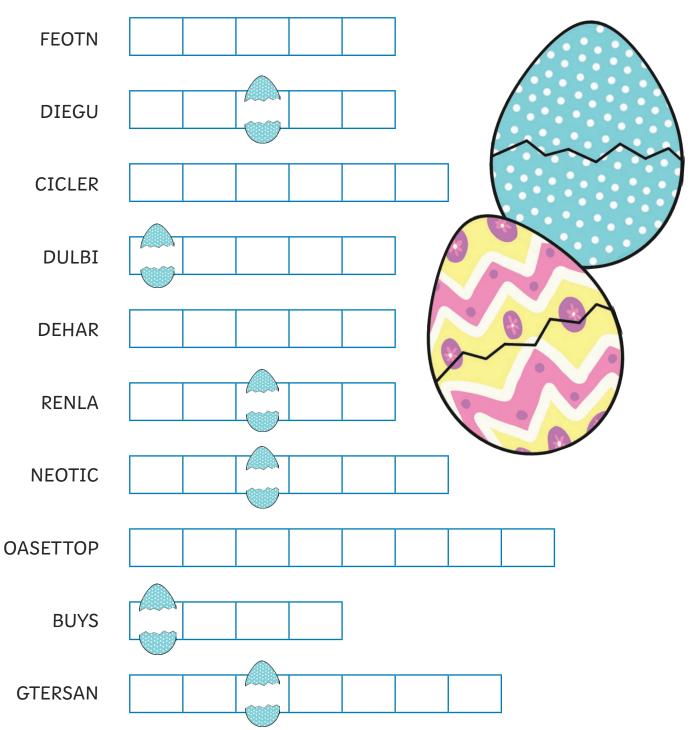
"How long did it take you to make asked Mr Green?"

"The winner of the competition is Hetty." stated Ms Wratten.

What an exquisite design you have made! exclaimed Gareth.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Unscramble the words below.



Some of the letters from the words hidden in the eggs will spell out an Easter-themed word when rearranged. Can you find the word?



#### It's 'A' Mystery

Decide whether you would use **a** or **an** before each of the following words. Add them to the table in the correct place.

egg	bunny	daffodil	bonnet
parade	church	Easter basket	egg hunt
umbrella	rainbow	insect	chick

Uses 'a'	Uses 'an'

Write **three** sentences in the **past progressive**, using the words from the table above, to explain what you did last Easter.

For example, I <u>was wearing</u> a bonnet with <u>an egg</u> on it during a parade.

1.	
2.	
3.	

#### **Preposition Parade**

Look at these Easter pictures and write a sentence about what is happening in each one using an appropriate **preposition** or a **prepositional phrase**. There is a bank of prepositions below to help you – or use appropriate words and phrases of your own.

next to	beside	beneath	in the morning	on
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