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Episode 2 – Easter Eggs-travaganza.

Becca: Hello everyone, welcome to Hubbub, the podcast for British Hills. I'm Becca.

Emma: And I'm Emma.

Becca: We're teachers here at British Hills and this podcast is to let you know all about what's happening here at BH as well as what our teachers get up to when they're not in class.

Emma: In each episode we'll be talking about a different topic from Apples to... Zoology and everything in-between. And this week it's all about Easter.

Becca: I am so egg-cited! So this podcast is for you. That means if you have any questions or if there is anything you want us to talk about in future podcasts please let us know. You can contact us at our website enjoybritishhills.com/hubbubpodcast that's H-U-B-B-U-B podcast. Or you can find us on Instagram @britishhillsjapan.

Emma: It's a fun way for you to practice your English and who knows? You might even learn something new!

Becca: Ooouuu. Let's get this eggs-travaganza started. Onwards with the show!

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Emma: Welcome back. I'm so pleased you've joined us for another episode.

Becca: Me too.

Emma: So Becca, what have you been up to since the last episode?

Becca: Well not too much. Erm the other night I did play table tennis in the gym here or as we like to say in Canada ping-pong.

Emma: Ping-pong? *laughter*

Becca: Which is so much more fun than table tennis.

Emma: Oh so true.

Becca: But anyways it was fun.

Emma: So the snow is finally melting which means spring is on its way.

Becca: That's right. And with spring come so many wonderful things, I mean we're here in Japan so there are cherry blossoms and Easter of course Easter.



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- Emma: Of course. And today's episode is all about Easter.
- Becca: Okay but before we do that we need to find out the answer to last week's riddle. Okay the answer was, drumroll please. *drumroll* A road.
- Emma: A road, oh of course. Oh that's clever.
- Becca: Right? I thought so too. How about you listeners did you think it was clever, did you catch on? Please let us know. We wanna hear from you. Okay now Emma please, I wanna hear from you, what is Easter?
- Emma: Easter is the time of year when Christian people celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. That is when he came back to life. It's the most important festival in the Christian calendar.
- Becca: Hmm so if it's the most important festival why does it change the date each year?
- Emma: A lot of people ask why is Easter Sunday on a different date each year?
- Becca: Okay so it's not just me.
- Emma: No. It's to do with the moon.
- Becca: Oh interesting, I didn't know that.
- Emma: Easter Sunday is on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the 21st of March.
- Becca: Hmm.
- Emma: So for example, this year the first full moon after the 21st of March is 3rd of April. And the first Sunday after that is the 4th of April.
- Becca: Ohhh.
- Emma: So Easter Day this year is Sunday the 4th of April.
- Becca: Ohhh okay so April 4th. Got it.
- Emma: Uh hum that right.
- Becca: Okay well what else to people do?
- Emma: Okay well like any good festival there's always food involved.
- Becca: You gotta love food.
- Emma: I love food.



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- Becca: It's my favourite topic.
- Emma: Mine too.
- Becca: So what do you usually eat on Easter?
- Emma: Okay well in the UK err lamb is very popular so Easter Sunday, the family will have a big err roast lamb.
- Becca: Ooh roast lamb?
- Emma: err hum.
- Becca: That sounds yummy. I think lamb is also very popular in Canada. Same with ham, erm it's usually I think ham and lamb but you know my family we do neither, we eat turkey.
- Emma: Oh okay.
- Becca: For some reason.
- Emma: Oh that's interesting.
- Becca: Yah just because I don't like ham, my father doesn't like lamb so my Mom's like here you go, take a turkey *laughter* eat your Easter food. Erm.
- Emma: Oh and we also eat hot cross buns.
- Becca: Hum, I've actually never tried hot cross buns.
- Emma: Really?
- Becca: Yeah what are they?
- Emma: Ahh they're like err they're like a tea cake which is like err a sweet spiced bun made with fruit and spices but it's marked with a cross on the top.
- Becca: Ooh, okay, well I'll have to try one.
- Emma: Ahh they're delicious.
- Becca: What about I, I always picture like foods like carrots are popular so like also you know like people eat a lot of carrots.
- Emma: Err we eat a lot of carrots yeah.
- Becca: Carrot cake, glazed carrots.
- Emma: Ahh carrot cake.
- Becca: Scalloped potatoes. Do you guys eat those?



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- Emma: Err no. What are they?
- Becca: It's kinda like really thinly sliced potatoes and then you lay them out in a pan and then you pour like this like creamy kind of sauce on them.
- Emma: Ahh okay.
- Becca: And top it with cheese.
- Emma: Yeah I think we have something similar.
- Becca: I hate them.
- Emma: Oh really?
- Becca: But a lot of people love them.
- Emma: Oh okay.
- Becca: Very popular.
- Emma: Potatoes are, potatoes are very popular in the UK.
- Becca: Ah yeah.
- Emma: So roast potatoes, mashed potato, boiled potato.
- Becca: Any kind of potatoes.
- Emma: Any kind of potato is good.
- Becca: Love the taters. Erm, how about eggs? *Laughter* 'Cause I know, no I know this sounds really random but I know like with Easter like eggs are always associated so there's a lot of popular like egg dishes like you know devilled eggs, hard boiled eggs, meatloaf with eggs.
- Emma: Ahh yeah that's true.
- Becca: I'm pretty sure that's why actually people started adding egg to meatloaf was because of Easter.
- Emma: Oh really?
- Becca: Yeah it was because they didn't wanna waste food so they had to get creative, how can we eat eggs?
- Emma: Ahh that's a good point.
- Becca: In new ways.
- Emma: Because I know before Easter they don't eat eggs.



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- Becca:** Oh.
- Emma:** Yeah, so maybe they eat eggs to celebrate.
- Becca:** I think that must be part of it. I'm pretty sure like eggs are just really important to Easter because of that. Erm, my favourite kind of eggs, chocolate.
- Emma:** Ahh chocolate eggs. What is Easter without Easter eggs?
- Becca:** I know. Easter, Easter chocolate eggs are so important. I know that's like my first thought when I think of Easter.
- Emma:** Oh mine too.
- Becca:** Erm, I think that just in recent years it's become a lot more commercialised, erm, similar to Christmas where it's just kind of all about the different types of chocolate. You've got chocolate bunnies, chocolate eggs. We've got these really popular candies called peeps.
- Emma:** Peeps?
- Becca:** They are some neon pink marshmallow chickens. *Laughter*.
- Emma:** What?
- Becca:** Or I guess I should say.
- Emma:** What?
- Becca:** Chicks. They're a huge part of Easter though.
- Emma:** Really?
- Becca:** Yeah. Peeps and then jelly beans.
- Emma:** Okay, we do.
- Becca:** Basically chocolate and candy.
- Emma:** Err.
- Becca:** You don't have them?
- Emma:** Err no I've never heard of those.
- Becca:** Aww, you should look them up, they are really just, are they edible?
Laughter I don't know.
- Emma:** But we have chocolate bunnies.



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- Becca: Okay.
- Emma: Chocolate eggs.
- Becca: Chocolate eggs.
- Emma: Chocolate chicks.
- Becca: Chocolate chicks?
- Emma: Chickens.
- Becca: Okay.
- Emma: Yeah.
- Becca: Yeah so it's kind of similar, very similar. All of the eggs. Erm, I like, my favourite part or my favourite thing to do with the eggs is go on an Easter egg hunt.
- Emma: Ohh Easter egg hunt.
- Becca: Yeah so you would wake up in the morning and there would be eggs all around your house, it's weird, I don't know about in the UK but eggs used for Easter egg hunts were I swear everyone had the same ones. Erm, they were like these like colourful ones just like the foil around them were colours and the best part about it was you would find them all in your Easter basket.
- Emma: Okay.
- Becca: Erm, they'd be hidden in crazy locations, and then like you would still be finding them in November.
- Emma: Really?
- Becca: Yeah.
- Emma: Oh wow.
- Becca: *Laughter* Because it was like you thought you'd got them all but nope you missed it and so like months later you would find one and it's just the most exciting thing ever, you're like wow.
- Emma: Easter eggs in November, oh that sounds awesome.
- Becca: Yeah, no it's so funny and it happens to everyone like I swear. But what about you, how about your Easter egg hunts?



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- Emma: Ahh yeah it's pretty similar in the UK. So yeah you take your basket, you get up Easter morning and yeah you go out and hunt for Easter eggs.
- Becca: Hmm.
- Emma: They're in the garden, in the house, anywhere.
- Becca: Oh wow, even outside?
- Emma: Even outside.
- Becca: Okay, so for, I know in Canada if you don't use the chocolate ones another popular option is these big plastic ones that open up and then on the inside there's like little prize, not prizes but little toys or maybe that's where the chocolate will be.
- Emma: Oh okay.
- Becca: And those ones are outside.
- Emma: Oh okay.
- Becca: That's also very popular. Ooh and we're having an Easter egg hunt here aren't we?
- Emma: We are. We have an Easter egg hunt here at British Hills on Easter Sunday which is?
- Becca: Umm April 4th.
- Emma: Correct.
- Becca: I was listening.
- Emma: Okay.
- Becca: I was listening. Erm yeah I'm excited for that. I'm gonna collect them all and get my prize.
- Emma: Ahh not all of them. I'm gonna get some too.
- Becca: Okay well I actually have a joke for you.
- Emma: Oh okay.
- Becca: About Easter eggs.
- Emma: Okay.
- Becca: Okay so, why did the Easter egg hide?



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- Emma: Why did the Easter egg hide?
- Becca: Err huh.
- Emma: I don't know.
- Becca: 'Cause he was a little chicken! Haaa. Get it?
- Emma: I don't get it.
- Becca: Oh what? Okay, so, the joke is ruined when I must explain it but here we go. Erm, get it? A little chicken?
- Emma: A little chicken.
- Becca: Not like a bird but we often call people who are scared a lot, chickens.
- Emma: Ohhh okay.
- Becca: Yeah. So he hid.
- Emma: So he was scared.
- Becca: Because he was scared.
- Emma: He was a chicken. Okay.
- Becca: He was a little chicken.
- Emma: Okay.
- Becca: Exactly. Okay.
- Emma: So.
- Becca: Eggs-actly.
- Emma: Eggs-actly. Ohh that's a bad pun.
- Becca: Oh I tried.
- Emma: So do you have any better jokes?
- Becca: Umm, rude! But yeah let me try this one. How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape?
- Emma: How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape? Ermmm, with eggs-ercise.
- Becca: Yes lots of eggs-ercise *Laughter* I'm so proud of you Emma, you got it.
- Emma: Okay so, the Easter Bunny.



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- Becca: Yeah, the Easter Bunny.
- Emma: What's the Easter Bunny?
- Becca: That's a great question. Umm you know I was actually erm looking into it. There is no real history for the Easter Bunny.
- Emma: Really?
- Becca: Yeah. Like there's a lot of like speculation but no one really knows.
- Emma: Okay so why do you think we have an Easter Bunny?
- Becca: Okay, the one I think is most common is the one where, when German immigrants moved to America around the 1700s, they brought with them the tradition of the, forgive my pronunciation, Osterhare, and it was an egg-laying rabbit.
- Emma: An egg-laying rabbit!
- Becca: You heard that right.
- Emma: Whoa.
- Becca: An egg-laying rabbit. Erm so it was the belief erm that if childrens would build a nest, it would leave them coloured eggs.
- Emma: Okay.
- Becca: But it was kind of like Santa Claus so it was only if the children were good.
- Emma: Oh okay.
- Becca: Yeah.
- Emma: So it's a good way to get children to behave.
- Becca: Exactly. Not just one holiday, two holidays. You cannot.
- Emma: Oh that's smart.
- Becca: It is smart. It's very smart. Okay yeah so you cannot be a bad child or you would not get the Easter eggs. And over time it even kind of morphed into what we see today where it's like eggs, chocolate eggs, candy, or sorry sweets, and other small gifts.
- Emma: Ahh that's interesting.
- Becca: You know what's more interesting?



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- Emma: What's that?
- Becca: This other bunny joke I have for you.
- Emma: Okay.
- Becca: Alright so what do you call a rabbit who tells jokes?
- Emma: A rabbit who tells jokes?
- Becca: Uhh huh.
- Emma: A rabbit who tells jokes? Ahh I don't know.
- Becca: Okay, this one's a rhymer.
- Emma: Okay.
- Becca: A funny bunny!
- Emma: A funny bunny!
- Becca: Ha Haa.
- Emma: Ohh okay.
- Becca: I'm so excited you got that joke.
- Emma: I did.
- Becca: Right. Okay well listeners, now this week, instead of a riddle, I have one of these joke questions for you.
- *Music*
- Becca: So, what's the Easter Bunny's favourite music?
- *Music*
- Emma: Okay, did you get the answer? So contact us and let us know. Or you can come to our Easter event and tell us in person.
- Becca: Oh yeah, so this Easter event at British Hills. What is it?
- Emma: Okay so, Easter Sunday, the 4th of April, we have an event here at British Hills. So you can come and you can try hot cross buns.
- Becca: Oh finally.
- Emma: You can do the Easter egg hunt. And you can try painting some Easter eggs. And so much more.



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Becca: Oh I can't wait.

Emma: Nah, me too.

Becca: Yeah, no so come and let us know. You'll see lots of teachers around. Speaking of teachers, you're finally gonna meet some more teachers.

Emma: Yay.

Becca: Yeah, so in the next episode it's going to be our Super South African Special.

Emma: Oh that's right, so we are gonna meet our South African teachers.

Becca: Yeah and in honour of freedoms day we're gonna ask them a lot of different questions.

Emma: So if you have any questions for our South African teachers, please get in contact and let us know.

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Becca: We love to hear your feedback of course any questions comments or concerns are always welcomed.

Emma: Also suggestions, you can't forget suggestions.

Becca: You can contact us at our website enjoybritishhills.com/hubbubpodcast that H U B U B podcast, or of course at Instagram @britishhillsjapan.

Emma: Also on the website, if you're listening to practice English, you can find a transcript of each episode, but if you're not here for that reason don't worry, just forget the last fifteen seconds. All in all, thank you for listening, see you in a bit, best wishes.

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