

Title of the Activity	Russian Easter
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50-Word Summary	Students work with a Power Point that contains a link to a YouTube video (in English), which briefly describes how Russians celebrate Orthodox Easter, a second video (in Russian) to learn more about this holiday, vocabulary and questions to check their knowledge of this video, pictures and an essay-writing activity.
Objective	<p>To learn about traditions related to Russian Orthodox Easter, vocabulary used with this holiday and be able to test their knowledge of the material covered. The vocabulary that the activity focuses on is the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. отмечать Пáсху - to celebrate Easter 2. Великий Пост - Great Feast 3. соблюдать пост - to observe the fast 4. кулич - Russian Easter cake 5. храм - church 6. полночь - midnight 7. служба - service 8. верующие - believers 9. Христос Воскрес - Christ is Risen 10. Воистину Воскрес -He is Risen Indeed 11. пасхальный обед - Easter lunch 12. крашеные яйца - colored eggs 13. расписные яйца - decorated eggs
Time Needed to Complete the Activity	Depends on the students, but approximately 45-50 minutes
US Standards	1.2 (Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics), 2.1 (Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied), 2.2 (Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied), 4.2 (Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the culture studied and their own)
Complexity Levels	Intermediate Mid
Skills	Students will increase their vocabulary, listening, reading and writing skills and cultural knowledge about a popular Russian holiday.
Mode	This activity can be used either as a supplementary exercise when doing a unit on "Orthodox Easter," or as a lesson in and of itself on this topic.

Materials	This activity uses a Power Point that contains two YouTube videos - one about an Orthodox Easter service in Russia and the other about specific ways that Russians celebrate Easter, vocabulary and comprehension questions for the second video, pictures, a sentence-correction task and an essay-writing activity.
Instructions for Teachers	You may show the second video (in Russian) several times if needed. While watching it, have the students look at the attached PDF file that contains the vocabulary words found on pages 3 and 4 of the Power Point. The students may either do the essay-writing activity in class or it may be assigned as homework if needed.
Instructions for Learners	The vocabulary words that are to be used with the second video have been included as a PDF file so that you can look at them while watching the video. This Power Point also contains audio; therefore, try pronouncing the sentences, phrases and words after you hear them. At the end of the activity, test your knowledge by translating the vocabulary into English.