

Title: Easter Traditions in the Polish Language Class

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Abstract:

Easter in Poland is spiritual, joyful, and colorful filled with spring flowers, decorations, and delicious food. Polish Easter has many hues, ethnic variants, symbols, and traditions. Students may sample Easter ambiance in the Polish language class at any level starting at the novice rank by viewing and describing pictures depicting Easter celebrations in different regions of Poland and sharing Easter recipes. They learn useful vocabulary linked to the table setting, food, and making of Easter delicacies in simple affirmative and imperative sentences. Then, at the intermediate and advance levels students read a paragraph/or a brief article about the numerous Easter traditions that consist of the Lent, making of Easter palms, decorating eggs, visitation of churches, blessing of food baskets, *Rękawka* in Kraków, or *Śmigus Dyngus* on Easter Monday. Next, they tell stories about their own Easter customs or they engage in writing activities that may include creating a card or an invite for Easter, writing an e-mail about some aspect of Easter, describing/or inventing a story about the pictures brought to class by the instructor. Articles and pictures on the topic of Easter in Poland should be interesting and unique to inspire students to create and write.