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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. How many chocolate eggs are sold in Britain each year?

Accept the answers 'eighty million' or '80 million' only.



2. Why might some countries still give hen eggs rather than chocolate eggs?

Accept any reasonable answer, such as 'because they cannot afford chocolate eggs', 'because they do not have access to chocolate eggs' or 'because they want to carry on their traditions'.



3. '... they would be ten times higher than Mount Everest!' Explain why the author makes this comparison.

Accept any answer which explains that the author does this for effect, to aid understanding or to shock the reader.



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Accept answers which summarise the text in 20 words or less, such as: 'In the UK, chocolate eggs are a very popular Easter tradition, which dates back to Greek and Roman times'.