The Easter Bunny

1. Fill the gaps with the verbs in past simple:

A man was blissfully driving along, when he ..... (see) the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He ..... (swerve) to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit ..... (jump) in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs ..... (go) flying all over the place. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, ... (pull) over to the side of the road, and ..... (get) out to see what ..... (happen) to the Bunny. Much to his dismay, the Bunny ..... (be) dead.

The driver ..... (feel) guilty and ..... (begin) to cry. A woman driving down the same road ..... (see) the man crying and ..... (pull) over. She ..... (step) out of her car and ..... (ask) the man what ..... (be) wrong.

"I feel terrible", he ..... (explain). "I accidentally ..... (hit) the Easter Bunny and ..... (kill) it. There won't be Easter because of me. What should I do?"

The woman ..... (tell) the man not to worry. She ..... (know) exactly what to do. She ..... (go) to her car trunk and ..... (pull) out a spray can. She ..... (walk) over to the dead Bunny and ..... (spray) the entire can onto the little furry animal.

Miraculously the Easter Bunny ..... (come) back to life, ... (jump) up, ... (pick) up the spilled eggs and candy, ... (wave) its paw at the two humans and ..... (hop) on happily down the road. Ten meters away the Easter Bunny ..... (stop), ... (turn) around, ... (wave) and ..... (hop) on down the road another 10 meters, then ..... (turn), ... (wave), ... (hop) another 10 meters and ..... (wave) again!!

The man was astonished. He ..... (say) to the woman, "What ..... (be) that product that you ..... (spray) on the Easter Bunny?"

The woman ..... (turn) the can around and the man ..... (can) read the label.

It ..... (say): Hair Spray - Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave...

2. What is the difference between "hare" and "hair"? How do you pronounce these words?

These words are called "homophones": words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings.

3. Read the following statements and say if they are True or False:

a) The Easter bunny was killed by a car. ____
b) The driver tried to avoid the accident. ____
c) The man didn't care about animals. ____
d) The man was worried about Easter. ____
e) The woman had a solution. ____
f) The bunny walked away without looking back. ____
g) The man wasn't surprised. ____
h) You didn't understand the joke. ☺ ____

4. Answer the following questions in your own words:

a) How did the accident happen?
b) Why wasn't the woman preoccupied?
c) What did the bunny do after he came to life again?
d) What did the women spray on the bunny?

5. **Match the verbs with the prepositions used in the text (some are used twice). What kind of prepositions are these? Write down at least 10 more combinations and translate them. Can you find more?**

drive	on
hop	out
pull	up
get	around
drive	across
step	along
walk	over
pull	onto
spray	down
come	back
jump	
pick	
turn	
hop	

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

6. **Choose the meaning used in the text for the following expressions (both are correct):**

to pull over	☐ to force (a motorist or a vehicle) to stop at a curb or at the side of a road ☐ to bring a vehicle to a stop at a curb or at the side of a road
to get out	☐ to move out, to exit ☐ to be made public, to become known
to drive down	☐ to cause something to decrease rapidly ☐ to drive a vehicle downward, southward, or along some path
to step out	☐ to begin to walk more quickly and take longer strides ☐ to exit, to get out
to pull out	☐ to withdraw, as from a situation or commitment ☐ to take out, to extract
to walk over	☐ to approach on foot ☐ to treat disrespectfully
to come back	☐ to return, to be restored ☐ to return to one's memory
to pick up	☐ to take something up by hand, to collect ☐ to improve; to go from bad to good
to turn around	☐ to improve dramatically ☐ to turn in an opposite direction or position
all over the place	☐ in many locations; everywhere ☐ everything above the place

7. **Look at the underlined words in the text and match them with their antonyms below:**

temporary	.....
big	.....
hater	.....
behind	.....
intentionally	.....
alive	.....
death	.....
up	.....
insensitive	.....
right	.....

8. Match these words from the text with their synonyms:

begin	jump
guilty	whole
terrible	surprised
entire	awful
miraculously	start
astonished	culpable
hop	magically

9. What are the words below? Can you explain how were they formed?

blissfully	_____
unfortunately	_____
accidentally	_____
miraculously	_____
happily	_____