

## SPECIAL FOOD FOR EASTER<sup>1</sup>

A **hot cross bun** is a special food for Easter. It is a sweet bun<sup>2</sup> with raisins<sup>3</sup>. There is a cross on it, and people usually eat it on **Good Friday**. Hot cross buns are common<sup>4</sup> in Great Britain, but also in Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. The cross on the bun has a **special meaning**: it is a symbol of the crucifixion<sup>5</sup> of Jesus Christ.



Hot cross buns have **magic power** in **English folklore**. If you are ill, you can eat a hot cross bun to get better<sup>6</sup>, and if you eat it when you are **at sea**, your ship<sup>7</sup> will be safe. You can also hang<sup>8</sup> the bun in the kitchen. It will **protect** your house **against** fire.

**Happy Easter!**

**Vocabulary:**<sup>1</sup>Velikonoce|<sup>2</sup>houška|<sup>3</sup>hrozinka|<sup>4</sup>běžný|<sup>5</sup>ukřižování|<sup>6</sup>uzdravit(se)|<sup>7</sup>lod'|<sup>8</sup>pověsit

**Language notes:** hot cross bun=britský mazanec|Good Friday=Velký pátek|special meaning=zvláštní význam|magic power=kouzelná moc|English folklore=anglický folklor|at sea=na moři|protect...against=chránit před(čím)

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