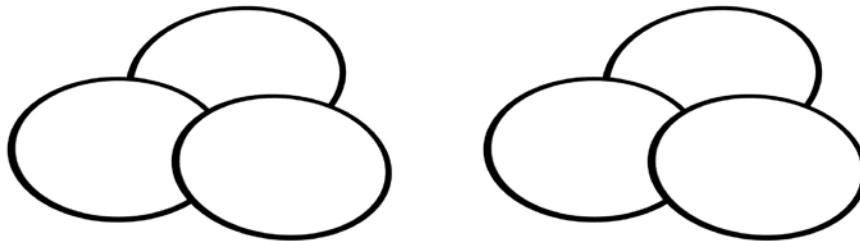


## HOPPY'S BUSY DAY



Hoppy took one look at the calendar and hopped out of bed. “Oh, my!” he cried. “I almost overslept. It’s only one more day until Easter.”

Hoppy and his friend Mike Mouse got to work. While the eggs boiled, they picked out colors. Mike wanted orange, purple, and red. “I want green and yellow,” said Hoppy. “and stripes.”

They colored patterns on the eggs with wax crayons and then put them into the colored dye. They were beautiful.

“The children will love these!” said Hoppy.

Mike and Hoppy knew where all the children lived. They got up early Easter morning and hid all the eggs while the children slept. Hoppy got very excited thinking about how much fun the children would have looking for the eggs.

He was very tired when he got back home. He went to bed for a long nap. “Just don’t sleep so long this time,” said Mike.

*Color the eggs in the picture to go with the story.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the best answer to the questions below.**

1. What colors does Mike like?
  - a. green and yellow
  - b. orange, purple and red
  - c. stripes
  - d. gold and silver
  
2. How do they make patterns on the eggs?
  - a. with wax crayons
  - b. with dye
  - c. with paint
  - d. with boiling water
  
3. How does Hoppy feel on Easter?
  - a. sad
  - b. busy
  - c. excited
  - d. disappointed
  
4. What do you like best about Easter? Why?

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**Use complete sentences to answer the questions below.**

1. What does “overslept” mean?

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2. How would you describe Hoppy’s day?

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3. What sentence in the text best shows that Hoppy thinks children will enjoy their eggs?

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## **Answers to *HOPPY'S BUSY DAY***

### **Multiple-choice:**

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. Answers will vary. Accept suitable answers.

### **Short-answer:**

1. Overslept means "sleep too long".
2. Answers may vary, accept reasonable answers.  
Possible answers: Hoppy has a busy day. He boils eggs and colors them. On Easter he delivers them.
3. "The children will love these!" said Hoppy.