

World Festivals Flashcards

Learning objective: To identify and understand key features, symbols, and meanings of various religious and cultural festivals.

Cut out these cards. Look at the term or question on the front, try to remember the meaning or answer, and then flip the card over to check if you are correct.

What is a festival?

A special time of celebration, often related to a religion, culture, or the changing seasons.

Diwali

The Hindu festival of lights, celebrating the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

What are 'diyas' used for during Diwali?

They are small oil lamps lit to welcome prosperity and light into the home.

Eid al-Fitr

The Muslim festival marking the end of the month of fasting during Ramadan.

What is a common way to celebrate Eid al-Fitr?

Giving to charity, praying together, and sharing special meals with family and friends.

Christmas

A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus.

What is an 'Advent wreath'?

A circular wreath with candles used by some Christians to count down the weeks until Christmas.

Hanukkah

The Jewish festival of lights, commemorating the miracle of the oil in the Temple.

What is a Menorah?

A special candle-holder used during Hanukkah to light one candle each night for eight nights.

Vaisakhi

A harvest festival celebrated by Sikhs and some Hindus, marking the beginning of the solar new year.

What is a 'Langar'?

A free community kitchen in a Gurdwara where everyone is welcome to eat together regardless of their faith.

What does 'tradition' mean?

A custom or belief that is passed down from generation to generation within a family or community.