

World Festivals Word Mat

Learning objective: To understand key vocabulary used when learning about religious and cultural festivals from around the world.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you describe how people celebrate. Terms are grouped by General Concepts, Light and Color, and Traditions.

Festival A special time of celebration, often ...	Celebration Doing something enjoyable bec...	Tradition A custom or belief that is passed d...
Community A group of people who share th...	Faith Strong belief in a particular religion or a...	Symbol An object or picture that represents ...
Pilgrimage A journey to a holy or special pla...	Ritual A series of actions performed in a fixe...	Diwali The Hindu festival of lights, celebratin...
Eid al-Fitr The Muslim festival marking the e...	Hanukkah The Jewish festival of lights, co...	Christmas The Christian festival celebrating ...
Lent A 40-day period of fasting and prayer fo...	Diyas Small oil lamps lit during Diwali to brin...	Rangoli Bright patterns made on the floor us...
Menorah A special candle holder used durin...	Fast To stop eating or drinking for a period of...	Prayer A way of communicating with a deity ...
Almsgiving Giving money or food to help pe...		