

A Celebration of Unity: Understanding Eid al-Fitr

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Eid al-Fitr for Muslims, including the importance of Zakat al-Fitr, community, and reflection.

Max the monkey is helping to organise a community feast for Eid al-Fitr, but he has mixed up the key concepts! Complete the 'True or False' challenge below. For every answer you choose, you must provide a 'Why' statement to justify your reasoning, demonstrating your understanding of the festival's values.

Word bank: Ramadan · Sawm · Zakat al-Fitr · Eid al-Fitr · Reflection · Gratitude · Community · Charity

1. True or False: Eid al-Fitr is celebrated immediately after the month of Ramadan to mark the end of the fast. Explain why this celebration is significant for families. (2 marks)

2. True or False: Zakat al-Fitr is a form of charity given to those in need before the Eid prayer. Justify why helping others is a central part of the celebration. (2 marks)

3. True or False: During Eid, people wear old, worn-out clothes to show they have been busy working. Compare and contrast this with the traditions actually observed on this day. (2 marks)

4. True or False: Eid al-Fitr is solely about receiving gifts and eating sweet treats. Explain why 'gratitude' is a more important theme than 'receiving' during this festival. (2 marks)

5. What might happen to the spirit of the community if Zakat al-Fitr was not practiced? Justify your perspective. (2 marks)

6. Compare and contrast the feelings of reflection at the end of Ramadan with the joy felt on the day of Eid. How do these two states of mind work together? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a community gathering for Eid al-Fitr. Include symbols of unity, such as a shared meal, cards being exchanged, or a decorative pattern representing the 'Zakat' (charity) aspect of the holiday.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a celebratory event for your school to learn about Eid. Write a proposal explaining how you would include the values of gratitude and generosity. If you had a budget of £50 to provide food or gifts for those less fortunate in your local area, how would you spend it to ensure the greatest impact? Justify your choices.