

Eid al-Fitr: A Celebration of Joy with Max and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and practices of Eid al-Fitr within the Islamic faith.

Max the monkey has been busy calculating the dates, and Ellie the elephant has remembered all the wonderful stories about Eid. Read the questions carefully and test your knowledge about this special festival.

Answer Key: 1. A (The sighting of the new moon); 2. True; 3. Ramadan; 4. B (Giving to those in need); 5. False (It is a day of celebration); 6. Mosque; 7. New clothes; 8. True; 9. Charity/Zakat; 10. False (It marks the end of fasting).

Word bank: Ramadan · Zakat · Moon · Celebration · Charity · Mosque · Family · Gratitude

1. 1. How is the start of Eid al-Fitr traditionally determined? A) By a calendar date, B) By the sighting of the new moon*, C) By the weather, D) By the position of the sun. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Eid al-Fitr is known as the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast'. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the holy month that comes immediately before Eid al-Fitr? (1 mark)

4. 4. What is 'Zakat al-Fitr'? A) A type of dance, B) A charitable donation to those in need*, C) A special breakfast food, D) A decorative lantern. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: During Eid, Muslims continue to fast during the daylight hours. (1 mark)

6. 6. Where do many Muslims go early in the morning on the first day of Eid to perform special prayers? (1 mark)

7. 7. It is a tradition to wear what on the day of Eid? (Hint: They are often brand new and colourful!) (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Eid is a time for visiting friends and extended family members. (1 mark)

9. 9. Giving money to the poor is a mandatory act of _____ during this time. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Eid al-Fitr is a solemn occasion where people are expected to be sad. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a family celebrating Eid. Include decorations like hanging lanterns, a table full of delicious treats, and people exchanging gifts.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the act of giving to charity is considered an essential part of Eid al-Fitr. 2. Compare and contrast the preparations for Eid with a celebration you enjoy at home. 3. Justify why the sighting of the moon is significant for the timing of religious festivals. 4. What might happen if a community decided not to share food during Eid? 5. Describe the emotions a person might feel after completing a month of fasting. 6. How does the concept of gratitude influence the way Muslims celebrate this festival?