

Celebrating Eid: A Reflective Account

Learning objective: To write a descriptive account of Eid celebrations, explaining its significance and the values it promotes.

Use this scaffold to structure your writing. Focus on using sensory language to describe the atmosphere and connectives to link your ideas about the importance of the festival.

As the moon appeared in the night sky, a wave of excitement rippled through the community, signalling that the time for Eid had finally arrived.

Word bank: significance · community · generosity · gratitude · tradition · furthermore · consequently · in addition · vibrant · reflection

1. The Meaning of Eid: Begin by explaining what Eid celebrates and why it is a time of reflection for Muslims. Start with: 'Eid is a significant festival because...' (2 marks)

2. Preparing for the Day: Describe the preparations made before the celebration. Think about clothes, special foods, or cleaning. Start with: 'In the days leading up to Eid, my family usually...' (2 marks)

3. The Day of Celebration: Detail the events of the day, such as prayer, visiting friends, or giving gifts. Start with: 'On the morning of Eid, the atmosphere felt...' (3 marks)

4. Acts of Charity: Explain the importance of Zakat or giving to those in need during this time. Start with: 'A crucial part of the celebration is generosity, which is shown by...' (3 marks)

5. Comparing Traditions: Compare how Eid might be celebrated in different parts of the world or within different families. Start with: 'While many traditions are shared, some families might...' (4 marks)

6. Personal Reflection: Conclude by justifying why festivals like Eid are important for bringing people together. Start with: 'I believe that festivals like Eid are vital for society because...' (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the significance of Eid to Nova the owl. Write a short paragraph justifying why the concept of 'community' is the most important theme of the festival. Compare this to other festivals you have studied and explain why the values of gratitude and charity are universal.