

A Special Celebration: Eid al-Fitr

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences. Use evidence from the text to support your answers.

Eid al-Fitr, often simply called Eid, is a joyous festival celebrated by Muslims all over the world. It marks the end of Ramadan, a holy month during which Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. For our friend Pip the bookworm, learning about Eid is like discovering a new chapter in a beautiful book. On the morning of Eid, families wake up early to perform a special prayer called Salat al-Eid. After the prayer, the festivities begin! It is a time for wearing new clothes, visiting friends, and sharing delicious meals. One of the most important parts of Eid is Zakat al-Fitr, which is an act of charity where people give money or food to those in need to ensure everyone can join in the celebration. Children often receive 'Eidi', which might be a small gift or some pocket money, such as £5 or £10, to spend on treats. It is a day filled with gratitude, kindness, and community spirit, reminding everyone of the importance of sharing joy with others.

Word bank: Ramadan · fasting · celebration · charity · tradition · gratitude

1. What does the festival of Eid al-Fitr mark the end of? (1 mark)

2. According to the text, what is 'Eidi'? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Zakat al-Fitr is considered an important part of the celebration? (2 marks)

4. How does the author show that Eid is a community-focused holiday? (2 marks)

5. Do you think giving to charity is an essential part of a festival? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a family sharing a meal together during Eid, including colourful decorations like lanterns or patterns inspired by Zara the zebra.



Extension challenge: Research how different cultures around the world celebrate Eid. Write a short paragraph comparing one of their traditions to the ones mentioned in the passage.