

Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha: Understanding the Festivals

Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and key features of the two main Eid festivals in Islam.

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge about the festivals of Eid. Flip the card to check your answer.

What is the meaning of the word 'Eid'?

It means 'festival' or 'feast' in Arabic.

Which festival marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan?

Eid al-Fitr, often called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast'.

What is the name of the special charity given before the Eid al-Fitr prayer?

Zakat al-Fitr.

How do Muslims typically begin the morning of an Eid celebration?

By performing a special congregational prayer called Salat al-Eid at a mosque or an open field.

What is the main purpose of Eid al-Adha?

It is known as the 'Festival of Sacrifice' and commemorates the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim to follow God's command.

When does Eid al-Adha take place in relation to the Islamic calendar?

It occurs during the month of Dhu al-Hijjah, coinciding with the end of the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Makkah.

What is 'Sadaqah'?

A voluntary act of charity or kindness, often encouraged during the days of Eid to help those in need.

Why do Muslims wear new or their best clothes on the day of Eid?

It is a tradition to show gratitude, happiness, and respect for the special occasion.

In the UK, what might a family do to celebrate Eid?

They might visit family and friends, exchange gifts, share special meals, and give money (Eidi) to children.

True or False: Both Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha are celebrated on the same date every year according to the Gregorian calendar.

False. They follow the lunar Hijri calendar, so the dates shift forward by about 10-11 days each year.

How does Max the monkey describe the spirit of Eid?

Max says it is a time for 'adding' joy to the community and 'multiplying' kindness through sharing food and gifts with neighbours.