

Festival Patterns and Traditions with Zara

Learning objective: To identify key features of religious and secular festivals and understand how different communities express their beliefs through celebration.

Zara the zebra loves patterns and symbols! Look at the list of festival features below. Sort them into the correct categories by writing them under the headings: 'Religious Observance', 'Family Traditions', or 'Community Celebrations'. Some items might fit into more than one category!

Word bank: Lighting lamps · Special traditional meals · Giving gifts to charity · Visiting a place of worship · Decorating the home · Processions and parades · Prayer and reflection · Sharing food with neighbours · Wearing new or special clothes · Telling stories from sacred texts

1. Choose one item from 'Religious Observance'. Explain why this action is meaningful to the people who practise it. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think sharing food with neighbours is a common tradition in many different festivals? Think about how this helps a community. (2 marks)

3. If a family spends £15.50 on decorations and £24.50 on food for a festival, what is the total cost of their celebration? Show your working. (2 marks)

4. Zara believes that patterns are important in festivals. Give an example of a pattern or a recurring symbol you might see during a festival and explain what it represents. (2 marks)

5. True or False: Every festival must include a parade to be considered important. Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Festival Symbol' that represents a celebration you know or an imaginary festival of your own. Include at least three patterns or colours that make it look special.



Extension challenge: Research a festival from a different country. Write a short paragraph describing one unique tradition they have and compare it to a festival you celebrate with your family or friends.