

A Celebration of Eid al-Fitr

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Think about the values and traditions mentioned.

Eid al-Fitr, often called the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', is a joyous occasion celebrated by Muslims worldwide. It marks the end of Ramadan, a holy month dedicated to reflection and fasting from dawn until sunset. During Ramadan, people focus on self-discipline and empathy for those who have less. When the new moon is sighted, the celebrations begin. Families wake up early to perform special prayers, often wearing their finest clothes. Homes are decorated with vibrant colors, and delicious feasts are prepared to share with neighbors and friends. A central part of the day is Zakat al-Fitr, where families give money or food to those in need, ensuring that everyone can join in the festivities. For many, it is a time to visit relatives, exchange gifts, and express gratitude for their blessings. Whether it is enjoying a traditional sweet treat or gathering for a community meal, the atmosphere is one of unity and peace. It is a time when the spirit of generosity shines brightly, reminding everyone of the importance of kindness and togetherness throughout the year.

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

1. What is the primary reason for the celebration of Eid al-Fitr? (2 marks)

2. How do families ensure that people in need are included in the celebrations? (2 marks)

3. Why might the period of Ramadan be considered a time for developing empathy? (2 marks)

4. Explain why the sighting of the new moon is a significant moment for the community. (2 marks)

5. Do you think the act of giving to charity is essential to the meaning of Eid? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a festive table prepared for an Eid meal, including patterns inspired by traditional geometric art.



Extension challenge: Nova the owl is curious about how different cultures celebrate the end of a long period of reflection. Compare and contrast the traditions of Eid al-Fitr with another festival you know. What might happen to a community if they did not share their celebrations with others? Write a short paragraph explaining the importance of generosity in your own community.