

Festivals of Light and Life: A Grade 3 RE Quiz

Learning objective: To identify key features, symbols, and meanings behind various religious and cultural festivals celebrated within the UK and beyond.

Join Max and Zara on a journey through global celebrations! Read each question carefully and select the best answer or write your response clearly. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Diwali, 4.B, 5.True, 6.False, 7.A, 8.True, 9.The festival of breaking the fast, 10.B.
Greater Depth Explanations: Festivals often use light to symbolise hope overcoming darkness. Comparing celebrations helps us understand shared values like gratitude, family, and reflection.

Word bank: Diwali · Passover · Easter · Eid-al-Fitr · Hanukkah · Vaisakhi · Symbolism · Tradition

1. Which festival is known as the 'Festival of Lights' and involves lighting clay lamps called diyas? A) Vaisakhi B) Easter C) Diwali* D) Passover (1 mark)

2. True or False: Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that lasts for eight nights. (1 mark)

3. Which festival marks the Sikh New Year and the founding of the Khalsa? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. What is the primary purpose of fasting during the month of Ramadan before Eid-al-Fitr? A) To save money B) To practice self-discipline and empathy* C) To sleep more D) To learn to cook (1 mark)

5. True or False: Easter is a festival that celebrates new life and the resurrection of Jesus Christ in Christianity. (1 mark)

6. True or False: Passover is a festival celebrated in Buddhism. (1 mark)

7. What is the special meal eaten during the Jewish festival of Passover called? A) Seder* B) Feast C) Banquet D) Buffet (1 mark)

8. True or False: Most religious festivals involve gathering with family and community members. (1 mark)

9. What does the phrase 'Eid-al-Fitr' translate to in English? (1 mark)

10. Which of these is a common theme across many world festivals? A) Being alone B) Gratitude and reflection* C) Competitive sports D) Working in an office (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how a festival uses light to create a welcoming atmosphere. Include a lantern, a candle, or fairy lights.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why many festivals include the sharing of special food with friends and neighbors. 2. Compare and contrast how two different festivals use light as a symbol. 3. Justify why traditions are important to families today. 4. What might happen if a community stopped celebrating their annual festivals? 5. Design a new festival that celebrates kindness; what symbols would you use and why? 6. If you were planning a festival for your school, how would you ensure it was inclusive for everyone?