

A Festival of Lights: Hanukkah Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the origins, customs, and significance of Hanukkah within the Jewish faith.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey to learn about Hanukkah! Read the facts carefully and choose the correct answers to test your knowledge.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Menorah, 4.B, 5.True, 6.Oil, 7.A, 8.False, 9.Eight, 10.B. Background: Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of the oil in the Temple, which lasted for eight days instead of one. Families light the Menorah, play with the dreidel, and eat foods cooked in oil to remember the miracle.

Word bank: Menorah · Oil · Dreidel · Maccabees · Festival of Lights · Eight

1. 1. What is another common name for Hanukkah? A) The Festival of Spring B) The Day of Rest C) The Festival of Lights* D) The Great Feast (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the special nine-branched candelabrum used during Hanukkah? (1 mark)

4. 4. Who were the heroes of the Hanukkah story? A) The Romans B) The Maccabees* C) The Greeks D) The Ancient Explorers (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A dreidel is a four-sided spinning top used to play games during the festival. (1 mark)

6. 6. In the story of Hanukkah, what substance lasted for eight days when it was only expected to last for one? (1 mark)

7. 7. Why do people eat foods fried in oil, like latkes? A) To remember the miracle of the oil* B) Because they are healthier C) Because it is the cheapest way to cook D) To celebrate the harvest (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Hanukkah is a festival that lasts for exactly one month. (1 mark)

9. 9. How many candles are lit on the final night of Hanukkah? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these is a traditional Hanukkah activity? A) Decorating a pine tree B) Playing with a dreidel* C) Painting eggs D) Singing carols (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Menorah with all nine candles lit, surrounded by patterns that Zara the zebra might have designed.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a Hanukkah party. If a box of 8 candles costs £2.40 and a bag of chocolate coins costs £1.60, calculate the total cost if you need to buy 3 boxes of candles and 5 bags of coins.