

Eid al-Fitr: A Celebration of Reflection and Joy

Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and practices of Eid al-Fitr within Islam.

Join Ellie the Elephant as she discovers how families celebrate Eid al-Fitr. Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of this special festival to answer correctly.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.False, 5.Zakat al-Fitr, 6.B, 7.True, 8.A, 9.Moon, 10.B. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan. Muslims perform special prayers, give charity (Zakat al-Fitr), wear new clothes, and share meals with family and friends. It is a time of gratitude and community.

Word bank: Ramadan · Sawm · Zakat · Eid al-Fitr · Moon sighting · Sadaqah · Prayer

1. 1. What is the name of the festival that marks the end of Ramadan? A) Eid al-Adha B) Diwali C) Eid al-Fitr* D) Hanukkah (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Muslims fast during the daylight hours of the month of Ramadan. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Eid al-Fitr is always celebrated on the exact same date according to the Gregorian calendar every year. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: Eid al-Fitr is primarily a time for solemn mourning and sadness. (1 mark)

5. 5. What is the specific name for the charitable donation given to those in need before the Eid prayer? (1 mark)

6. 6. Which celestial event is used to determine the start of the month of Shawwal? A) A solar eclipse B) A new crescent moon* C) A meteor shower D) The summer solstice (1 mark)

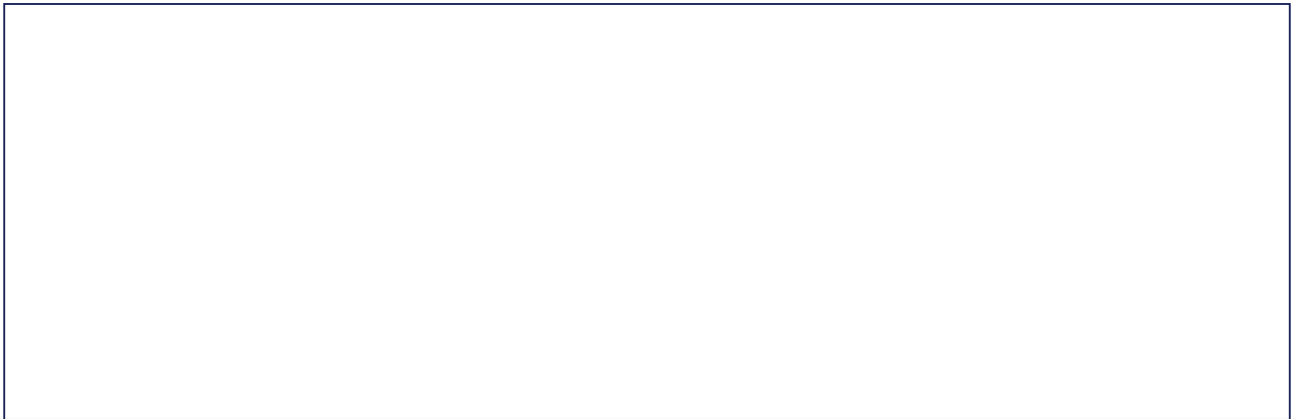
7. 7. True or False: It is a tradition to wear new or best clothes to celebrate Eid al-Fitr. (1 mark)

8. 8. During Eid, what is the traditional greeting often exchanged between friends? A) Eid Mubarak* B) Happy New Year C) Merry Christmas D) Good Morning (1 mark)

9. 9. What natural object do observers look for in the sky to announce the end of Ramadan? (1 mark)

10. 10. Why is Eid al-Fitr known as the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast'? A) Because everyone goes on a diet B) Because it follows the month of fasting* C) Because it is the start of the harvest D) Because the school term ends (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a family celebrating Eid al-Fitr. Include elements of decoration like crescent moons, stars, and a table set with delicious food for a community feast.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why the date of Eid changes annually on the Gregorian calendar. 2. Compare and contrast how Eid al-Fitr promotes community cohesion compared to other festivals you have studied. 3. Justify the importance of Zakat al-Fitr (charity) in the context of the festival; why is it mandatory to give before the prayer? 4. What might happen if a community could not sight the moon due to cloudy weather? 5. If a family budgeted £150 for Eid celebrations, and they spent £45 on new clothes and £65 on food for guests, how much money is left for gifts? 6. Design a menu for an Eid feast that reflects the concept of sharing and generosity.