

Max and Zara's Festival Exploration Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and compare the significance and traditions of various religious and cultural festivals celebrated within the UK and across the world.

Join Max the monkey and Zara the zebra as they explore the vibrant world of festivals! Read each question carefully and select the best answer or write your response in the space provided.

Answer Key: 1. A (Diwali), 2. True, 3. False (It celebrates the end of Ramadan), 4. Lunar New Year, 5. C (Vaisakhi), 6. False, 7. Hanukkah, 8. True, 9. A (Easter), 10. Springtime. Greater Depth Guidance: Encourage students to connect the themes of light, gratitude, and community across different faiths, focusing on how these events influence the lives of believers.

Word bank: Diwali · Easter · Eid-ul-Fitr · Hanukkah · Lunar New Year · Vaisakhi · Harvest · Pilgrimage

1. Which festival is known as the 'Festival of Lights' and involves the lighting of diyas? A) Diwali* B) Vaisakhi C) Eid-ul-Fitr D) Hanukkah (1 mark)

2. True or False: Harvest festivals are celebrated in many different cultures to give thanks for the food grown on the land. (1 mark)

3. True or False: Eid-ul-Fitr is the festival that marks the beginning of the fasting month of Ramadan. (1 mark)

4. What is the name of the festival that often features a dragon dance and red lanterns to welcome the spring? (1 mark)

5. Vaisakhi is a major festival for which religion? A) Islam B) Judaism C) Sikhism* D) Christianity (1 mark)

6. True or False: Every festival in the world is celebrated on the exact same date every year according to the Gregorian calendar. (1 mark)

7. Which festival, lasting eight days and nights, is also known as the Festival of Dedication? (1 mark)

8. True or False: Many festivals involve special food to share with family and neighbours to show generosity. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which festival commemorates the resurrection of Jesus? A) Easter* B) Christmas C) Pentecost D) Ascension (1 mark)

10. 10. In one word, which season do many festivals around the world celebrate to mark new beginnings? (1 mark)

11. 11. (Greater Depth) Explain why sharing food is a common theme in festivals across many different religions. How does this practice strengthen a community? (2 marks)

12. 12. (Greater Depth) Compare and contrast how light is used as a symbol in both Diwali and Hanukkah. What might happen if these festivals did not have these light-based traditions? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing a community celebration. Include two different items that represent festivals, such as a lantern, a special type of food, or a decorative pattern.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are creating a brand new festival for your school. Justify your choices for the following: What would the festival be called, what season would it happen in, and what specific activity would bring the whole school community together?