

A Bright Celebration: A Quiz about Hanukkah

Learning objective: To understand the key facts and traditions of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Read the short text below. Then, answer the questions. You can use the word bank to help you spell the answers.

Hanukkah is a special Jewish festival. It lasts for eight days. Families light a special candle holder called a Menorah. They do this to remember a miracle. A long time ago, a small amount of oil lasted for eight days instead of one. During Hanukkah, people eat tasty food fried in oil, like potato pancakes called latkes. It is a time for joy and giving.

Word bank: Menorah · Eight · Oil · Miracle · Latkes

1. How many days does the festival of Hanukkah last? (A: Five, B: Eight*, C: Ten) (1 mark)

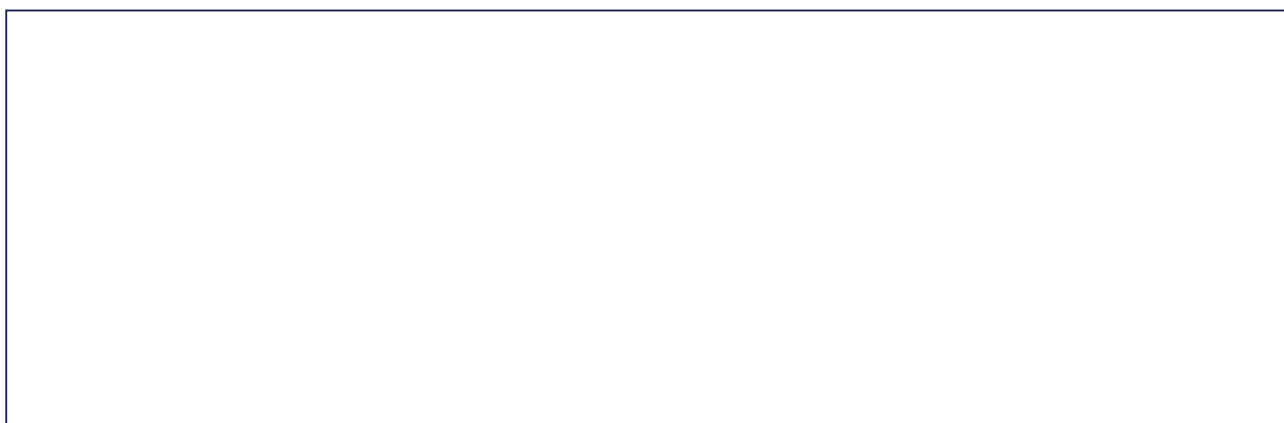
2. What is the name of the special candle holder? (Answer: _____) (1 mark)

3. True or False: Hanukkah is a time for sadness. (Answer: _____) (1 mark)

4. What did the small amount of oil do? (A: It vanished, B: It lasted for eight days*, C: It turned into water) (1 mark)

5. What is the name of the potato pancakes fried in oil? (Answer: _____) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Menorah with eight candles lit to celebrate the festival. _____



Extension challenge: Max the monkey is counting out coins for a game called a dreidel. If he has £2.50 and spends £1.20 on a treat, how much money does he have left?