Celebrating Eid: Traditions and Reflection

Learning objective: I can explain the significance of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha and how they are celebrated by Muslim communities in the UK.

About 45 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child to describe how these festivals encourage kindness to others.

Read each question carefully. For short answers, be concise. For extended responses, provide clear evidence or explanations. Example: When asked about a tradition, name the practice and explain why it is done (e.g., 'Giving Zakat is important because it supports those in need').

In the UK, Muslim families celebrate two main festivals: Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting and prayer. Families attend special prayers at the mosque and enjoy a celebratory meal. Eid al-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice, occurs during the Hajj pilgrimage. It remembers the willingness of Ibrahim to follow God’s command. Both festivals are times for charity, visiting family, and wearing new clothes.

Word bank: Sawm · Zakat · Moon-sighting · Community · Gratitude

1. Identify the two main festivals celebrated by Muslims in the UK and state what each one marks. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. Why is the moon-sighting important for the start of Eid? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. List three ways that Muslims typically celebrate Eid with their families and community. (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Explain the concept of Zakat and why it is particularly emphasised during times of celebration. Give a reason. (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. How might a young person in London or Manchester prepare for Eid? Describe the atmosphere of the day. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Compare and contrast the significance of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. Use evidence from the passage and your own knowledge to show why both are meaningful. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. Why is 'community' a central theme during Eid? Explain your answer using examples of shared activities. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: A peaceful, illustrative scene showing a diverse group of children sharing food and gifts in a community centre, with decorations reflecting a festive atmosphere.

Extension challenge: Research a specific food or traditional dish eaten during Eid in a specific culture (e.g., South Asian, Middle Eastern, or North African). Write a short paragraph explaining its history or why it is popular on this day.



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