The Festival of Lights: A Hanukkah Quiz

1. B) Eight (1 mark)

Working: Hanukkah is known as the eight-day festival.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

2. False (1 mark)

Working: The festival lasts for eight days, not one.

Award 1 mark for identifying it as false.

3. Menorah (1 mark)

Working: The passage identifies the nine-branched holder as a Menorah.

Award 1 mark for the correct spelling.

4. C) To remember the miracle of the oil (1 mark)

Working: The oil represents the miracle mentioned in the history of the Temple.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

5. True (1 mark)

Working: A dreidel is a traditional four-sided spinning top.

Award 1 mark for identifying it as true.

6. Latkes (1 mark)

Working: Latkes are the traditional fried potato pancakes eaten at Hanukkah.

Award 1 mark for the correct spelling.

7. B) To bring light to the home (1 mark)

Working: Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

8. A) Hebrew letters (1 mark)

Working: The sides of a dreidel are marked with Hebrew letters.

Award 1 mark for the correct option.

9. True (1 mark)

Working: The festival celebrates the rededication of the Temple.

Award 1 mark for identifying it as true.

10. Bravery/Courage (1 mark)

Look for: The child identifies a positive trait and links it to the story of the Temple or the miracle.

Good: It shows bravery because the people were strong.

Better: It shows bravery because the people fought to save their Temple.

Best: It shows courage because the people kept the Temple going even when they only had a little bit of oil.

What moves an answer up: Moving from good to best requires connecting the trait specifically to the historical context of the Temple or the miracle.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding that Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration rooted in historical events and the miracle of the oil. Students should be able to link the symbols (menorah, dreidel, latkes) to their specific meanings.

If your child is stuck

Encourage the child to re-read the passage carefully. If they are stuck on the open-ended question, ask them: 'What do you think it felt like to only have a tiny bit of oil left?'

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often confuse the number of days (thinking it is seven) or mistake the purpose of the dreidel for a toy with no historical meaning.