

Reading comprehension Eid al- Fitr (answers)

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What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a religious Islamic festival that is celebrated by Muslim people.

What does 'Eid al-Fitr' mean?

The end of Ramadan is a big celebration called 'Eid al-Fitr': The Festival of the Breaking of the Fast.

What do many Muslim families do after sunset during ramadan?

At the end of the day after sunset, Muslim families will often all eat together and celebrate their day of fasting.

Who do Muslims thank at the end of Ramadan? Why?

Muslim people give thanks to Allah for giving them the strength to get through the month of fasting.

List three activities that Muslims may take part in during their Eid al-Fitr celebrations. **Pupils must list three activities from:**

- **Meet for special prayers and have breakfast.**
- **Give gifts and cards to each other.**
- **Gather to view the new moon.**
- **Decorate their homes inside and out.**
- **Visit family.**
- **Eat special foods.**
- **Hold neighbourhood parties.**
- **Wear new/special clothes.**

How many estimated people will take part in Eid al-Fitr celebrations this year?

An estimated 2.1 billion Muslims all over the World will celebrate Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan.

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Answers

1. Explain in your own words: What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Falling between June, July and August on the Gregorian calendar and lasting from dawn until sunset for 29 or 30 days. Ramadan is a very important time for Muslims and is celebrated all over the world.

2. Why must Muslims show 'self-restraint' during Ramadan?

Each day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world do not eat or drink from dawn until sunset. This 'fasting' takes great self-restraint.

3. What does 'Eid al-Fitr' mean?

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4. Why is the crescent moon a symbol of Islamic faith?

Eid al-Fitr officially begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky. This is thought to be one of the reasons why a crescent moon symbol is important within Islam.

5. List five activities that Muslims may take part in during their Eid al-Fitr celebrations.

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6. On which continent of the World do most Muslim people live?

An estimated 2.1 billion Muslims across the globe will celebrate Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of the month-long fasting period of Ramadan - a third of that number are from the African continent.

7. Can you think why Ramadan fasting is more challenging to complete when it falls during the summer months?

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7. Can you think of an example of a situation where you have 'exercised self-restraint'?

Pupil's own response.

8. 'Saum' is just one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Research the other four Islamic duties.

Shahadah: declaration of faith./Salah: prayer./Zakat: giving a fixed proportion of their money to charity./Hajj: pilgrimage to Mecca.