

Yesterday you read an article about Eid al-Fitr.

Answer the questions below.

Don't worry if you can't print the question sheet out - write your answers in your book instead!

Questions About Eid al-Fitr

Answer the following questions using full sentences that give as much detail as possible.

1. Explain in your own words what Ramadan is.

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

3. What does 'Eid al-Fitr' mean? Why is it celebrated?

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

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

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

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

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

The answers to the questions are on the next page.

Don't peek at them until you have answered all of the questions!

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Answers

1. Explain in your own words what Ramadan is.

Ramadan is in the ninth month of the Islamic lunar 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? Why is it celebrated?

Eid al-Fitr is literally-translated to 'The Festival of the Breaking of the Fast'. It is celebrated at the end of the month of Ramadan.

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 seven activities that Muslims may take part in during their Eid al-Fitr celebrations.

Pupils must list seven 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.**

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

Ramadan fasting is more challenging during the summer months because the sun rises earlier and sets later. This means the daylight hours time period that Muslim people must fast for each day is much longer.

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.