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Festivals and Celebrations

Reading, Writing, Spelling

You could turn your writing into either a virtual book or documentary. If you've got it, think what technology you could use to bring it to life!



Reading

Daily reading and listening to audio books online - write a review about what you've read!

Reading Comprehension

Read the information about Eid-al-Fitr and answer the questions: there are 3 levels to choose from - look at the



Writing Skills: Using Fronted Adverbials

Look at the pictures of the people celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi. Write sentences using fronted adverbials. Fronted adverbials are phrases found at the beginning of sentence which add detail about when, where, why and how something happened. Fronted adverbials are marked by the use of a comma.



Smiling happily, the revellers threw brightly coloured powder over each other.

In front of the temple, people celebrated.

With a blue sky above, a rainbow of powder was released.

In the early afternoon, people gathered.

Spelling

Learn them and have your own test on Friday!

1. hoist
2. easel
3. restaurant
4. pyjamas
5. bungalow
6. veranda
7. ballet
8. blizzard
9. origin

Writing: Extended Pieces

Narrative

Write a story based on the animation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2fSOq6jxow>

It tells the story of a young girl on the Mexican festival of the Day of the Dead. You could use this story start...



As the sun rose slowly, the town of Loreto awoke from its slumber to prepare for the biggest festival of the year – The Day of the Dead. The town's children played excitedly as the adults decorated the streets with magnificent papel picado which created a rainbow of colour between the buildings. There was one child however who did not share the same excitement as the others. Maria Garcia.

Non-Narrative

Choose a religious festival. Using the reading about Eid-al-Fitr as a model, write a fact file about that festival.

Stuck for ideas?

- Eid-al-Adha
- Hanukkah
- Diwali
- Vaisakhi
- Christmas
- Holi
- Vesak (Buddha Day)
- Easter

The Islamic Celebration: Eid al-Fitr

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a religious Islamic festival that is celebrated by Muslim people. The festival begins at different times for Muslims, depending on when the new moon is first sighted. It lasts from dawn until sunset for 29 or 30 days. Ramadan is a very important time for Muslims and is celebrated all over the world. During Ramadan, Muslims must pray and fast, which are two of the five duties that they must obey.

Why do Muslims fast?

Each day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world do not eat or drink from dawn until sunset. At the end of the day after sunset, Muslim families will often all eat together and celebrate their day of fasting. Fasting is meant to teach Muslims to be self-disciplined. The prophet Muhammad was one of the first Muslims to fast - other Muslims must follow his example.



How do Muslims mark the end of Ramadan?

The end of Ramadan is a big celebration called 'Eid al-Fitr': The Festival of the Breaking of the Fast. Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for helping them to be strong enough to fast. Eid al-Fitr officially begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky.



How is Eid al-Fitr celebrated?

On the first morning of Eid al-Fitr, many Muslims meet for special prayers and have breakfast. They put on their best clothes for what will be their first meal in daylight for a month. At their meal, Muslims will often give gifts and cards to each other. Celebrations continue for up to three days, and usually include gatherings to view the new moon, decorating homes inside and out, family visits, eating special foods, neighbourhood parties and wearing special, new clothes. People wish each other 'Eid Mubarak' (Blessed Eid) or 'Eid Said' (Happy Eid).

Did you know?

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

Questions About Eid al-Fitr

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

1. What is Ramadan?

2. What does the verb 'to fast' mean?

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

4. What do many Muslim families do after sunset during Ramadan?

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

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

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

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



The Islamic Celebration: Eid al-Fitr

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The festival begins at different times for Muslims, depending on when the new moon is first sighted. It lasts from dawn until sunset for 29 or 30 days. Ramadan is a very important time for Muslims and is celebrated all over the world. During Ramadan, Muslims ask for forgiveness, pray regularly, and try to teach themselves self-control. It is a time of fasting for the Islamic people as fasting is one of the five duties (or pillars) that Muslims must obey. The Islamic name for this fasting is 'Saum'.

Why do Muslims fast?

Fasting is meant to teach Muslims to be focused, be self-disciplined and generous. It also reminds them of the suffering of the poor, who may not get to eat well. The prophet Muhammad was one of the first Muslims to fast - other Muslims must follow his example. Each day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world do not eat or drink from dawn until sunset. At the end of the day after sunset, Muslim families will often all eat together and celebrate their day of fasting.



How do Muslims mark the end of Ramadan?

The end of Ramadan is a big celebration called 'Eid al-Fitr': The Festival of the Breaking of the Fast. Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for their strength. 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.



How is Eid al-Fitr celebrated?

On the first morning of the celebration, many Muslims meet for special prayers called Salat al-Eid, and have breakfast. They put on their best clothes for what will be their first meal in daylight for a month. Whilst there, some Muslims will exchange gifts and greeting cards. Celebrations continue for one, two or maybe even three days, and usually include gatherings to view the new moon, decorating homes inside and out, family visits, eating special foods, neighbourhood parties and wearing special, new clothes. People wish each other 'Eid Mubarak' (Blessed Eid) or 'Eid Said' (Happy Eid).

Did you know?

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.

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 is Ramadan?

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Ramadan is in the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. The festival begins at different times for Muslims, depending on when the new moon is first sighted. It lasts from dawn until sunset for 29 or 30 days. Ramadan is a very important time for Muslims and is celebrated all over the world. During Ramadan, Muslims request forgiveness for sins in the past, pray for direction and try to cleanse themselves through self-control and great acts of faith.

It is a time of fasting for the Islamic people as fasting is one of the Five Pillars or duties of Islam. The Islamic name for this fasting is 'Saum'.

Why do Muslims fast?

Fasting is intended to help teach Muslims to focus their attention on God, be self-disciplined and generous. It also reminds them of the suffering of the poor, who may rarely get to eat well. The prophet Muhammad set the example of fasting.

Each day during the month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world abstain from eating and drinking from dawn until sunset. At the end of the day after sunset, Muslim families will often all eat together and celebrate their day of fasting.



How do Muslims mark the end of Ramadan?

The end of Ramadan is a big celebration called 'Eid al-Fitr': The Festival of the Breaking of the Fast. Muslims celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for the strength that he gave them throughout Ramadan. Eid al-Fitr officially begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky. Traditionally, Eid al-Fitr would commence at the first sight of a sliver of a crescent moon.

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How is Eid al-Fitr celebrated?

On the first morning of the celebration, many gather in local mosques or open-air locations for special prayers called Salat al-Eid, and have breakfast. Muslims put on their finest clothes for what will be their first daylight meal in a month. Whilst there, some Muslims will exchange gifts and greeting cards. Celebrations continue for one, two or maybe even three days. People wish each other 'Eid Mubarak' (Blessed Eid) or 'Eid Said' (Happy Eid). Celebrations vary from country to country but usually include gatherings to view the new moon, decorating homes inside and out, family visits, eating special foods, neighbourhood parties and wearing special, new clothes.



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.

