

Celebrating Eid al-Fitr

What Is Eid al-Fitr?

Eid al-Fitr is an important celebration that happens at the end of Ramadan. Eid al-Fitr means 'The Festival of Breaking of the Fast'.

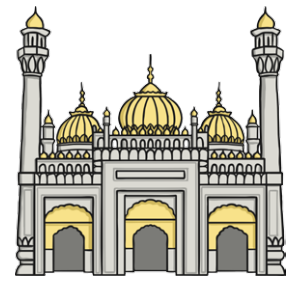
Muslim people celebrate the end of fasting and thank Allah for helping them to be strong enough to fast.

What Is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a religious festival celebrated by Muslim people, which lasts for 29 or 30 days. Muslim people believe that Ramadan is a time to remember when the Qur'an was given to Muhammad.

It is a time when Muslim people:

- go to the mosque more often to pray;
- read the Qur'an more regularly;
- do good deeds, such as giving money to charity;
- fast during daylight hours.



During Ramadan, fasting means that Muslim people do not eat between sunrise and sunset. Fasting is difficult: young, old or unwell people do not have to fast.

The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five things you must remember to be a good Muslim:

1. Shahada: Faith
2. Salat: Prayer, five times a day
3. Zakat: Charity
4. Sawm: Fasting
5. Hajj: Pilgrimage to Mecca



How Do Muslim People Celebrate Eid al-Fitr?

Eid al-Fitr lasts for three days. People celebrate with their families by decorating their homes inside and out, praying, sharing special meals and giving gifts.

Eid Said!
Happy Eid

Eid Mubarak!
Have a blessed eid!



Key Words

Muslim – a follower of Islam who believes that there is one true God, called Allah

Pilgrimage – a holy journey

Qur'an – the Muslim holy book

Questions

1. What does Eid al-Fitr mean?

2. How long does Ramadan last?

3. During Ramadan, what does fasting mean?

4. Write two ways Muslim people celebrate Eid al-Fitr.

5. Match the word with its meaning.

Muslim

a holy journey

Qur'an

the Muslim holy book

Pilgrimage

a follower of Islam who believes that there is one true god, called Allah

6. During Ramadan and Eid, Muslim people make donations to charity. Do you think it's a good thing to give money to charity? Why?
