

# The Month of Ramadan



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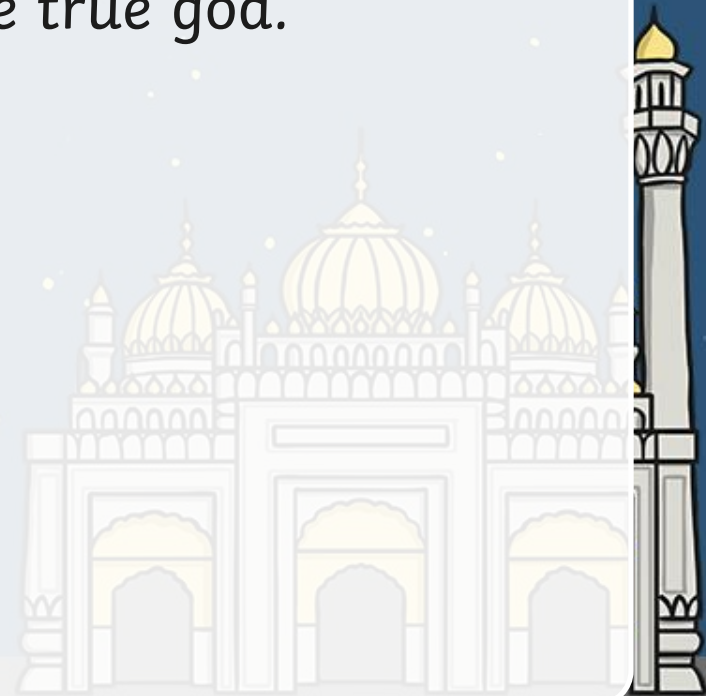
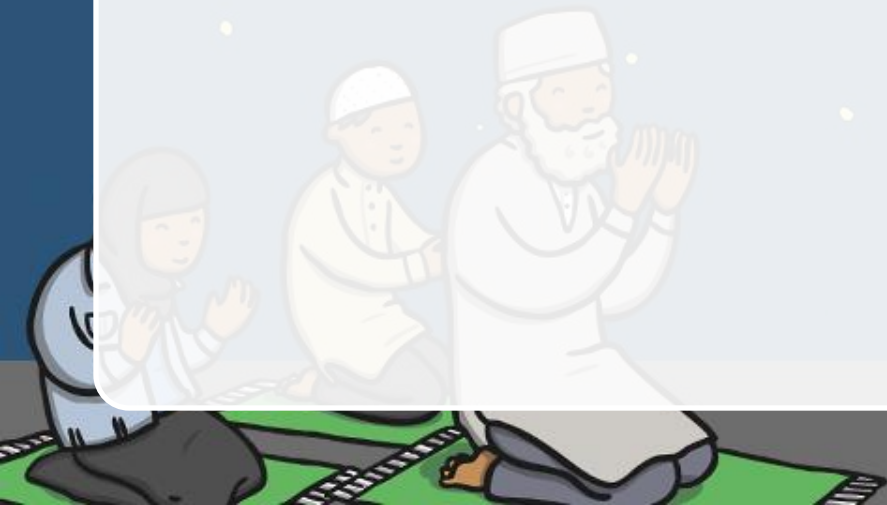
# What Do We Know about Ramadan?

Ramadan is the name of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is celebrated by Muslims around the world.



# Muslims

- Followers of Islam are called Muslims.
- Muslims believe that there is one true god.
- Allah is the name of their god.



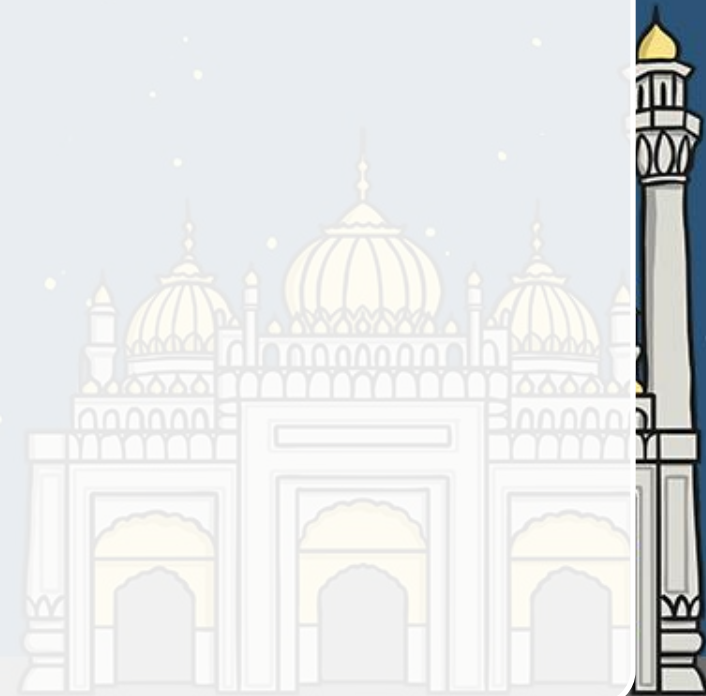
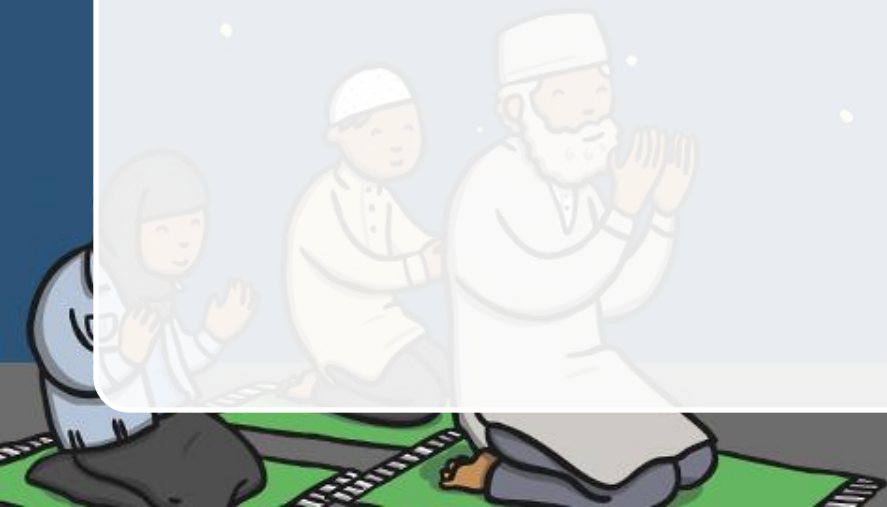
# What Is Ramadan?

- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.
- Muslims believe that this is the month the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.
- Muslims believe that the Prophet Muhammad received messages from Allah.
- Muslims believe that the Prophet Muhammad received messages from Allah and brought these messages to the people.
- The Qur'an is the important holy book for Muslims.

**Discuss It!**



- Fasting in the month of Ramadan is the fourth of the five pillars of Islam.
- The five pillars of Islam are the five things you must remember to be a good Muslim.



# The Five Pillars of Islam

Shahada:  
Declaration of faith

Salat:  
prayer,  
five times  
a day

Zakat:  
charity

Sawm:  
fasting  
during  
the  
month of  
Ramadan

Hajj:  
pilgrimage  
to Mecca,  
the  
birthplace  
of  
Muhammed

# What Do People Do during Ramadan?



• They go to the mosque more often.



• They read the Qur'an more regularly.



• They try to give up bad habits.



• They give money to charity.



• They fast during daylight hours.

**Discuss It!**

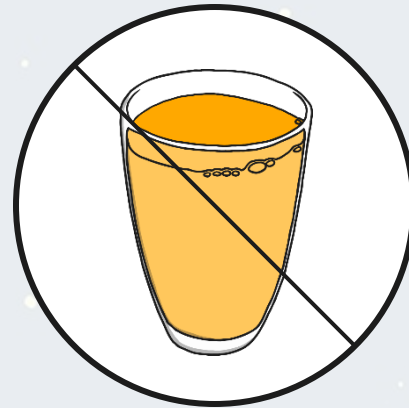
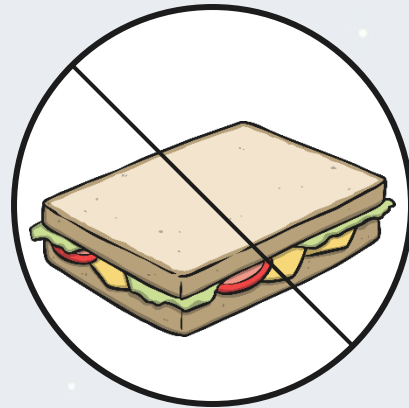
# What Is Fasting?

- Fasting is one of the most important things that happens in Ramadan.
- Muslims do not eat or drink during daylight hours.
- Fasting is difficult, so some Muslims are not expected to join in. Young children, very old people and people who aren't well don't have to fast during Ramadan.

Discuss It!

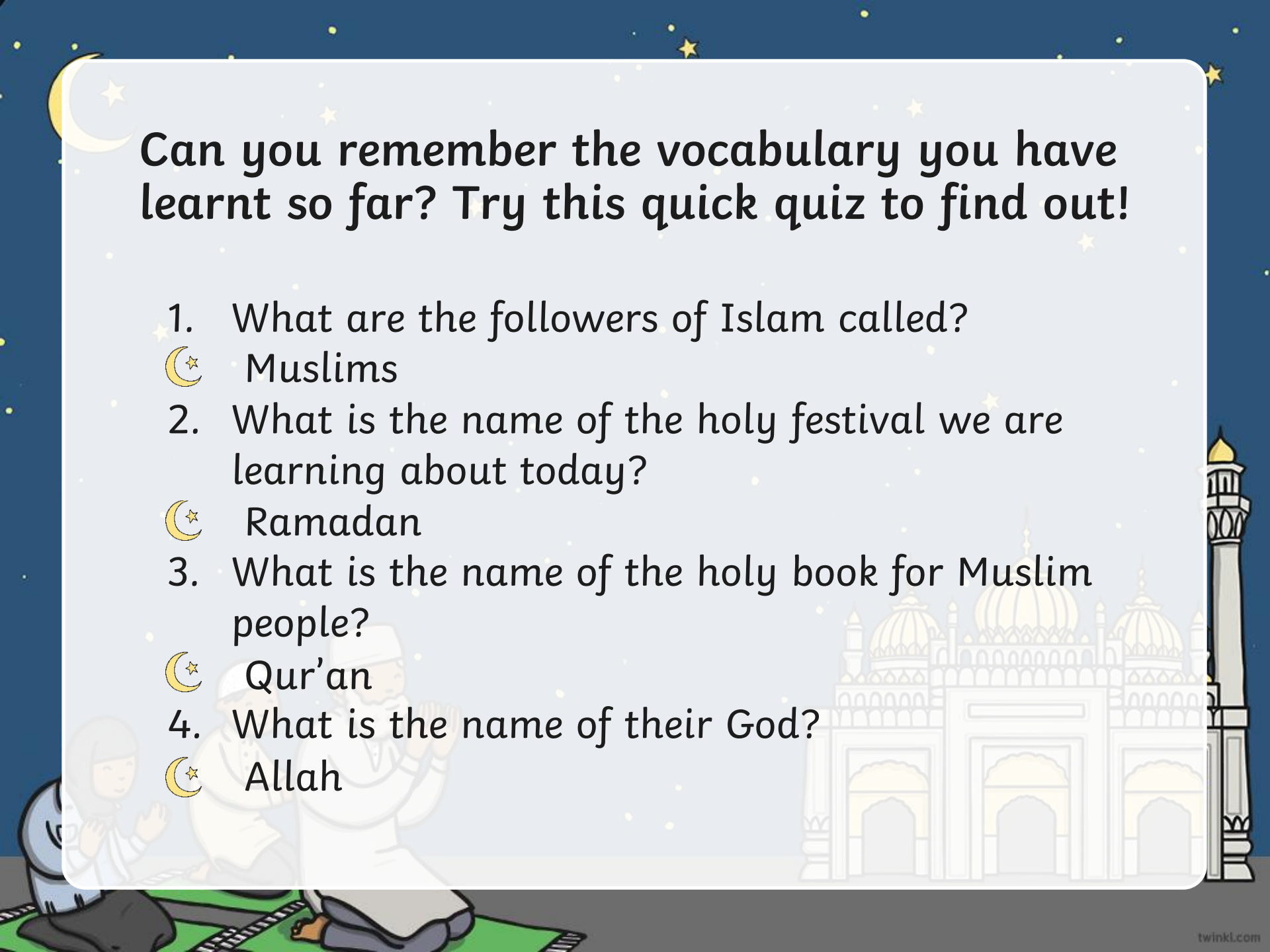


# Why Do Muslims Fast?



- Muslims believe that understanding what it feels like to be hungry, helps them to understand people who are poor and hungry around the world.
- During Ramadan, Muslims give money to the poor.

Discuss It!



Can you remember the vocabulary you have learnt so far? Try this quick quiz to find out!

1. What are the followers of Islam called?

☾ Muslims

2. What is the name of the holy festival we are learning about today?

☾ Ramadan

3. What is the name of the holy book for Muslim people?

☾ Qur'an

4. What is the name of their God?

☾ Allah

# Eid al-Fitr

- Eid al-Fitr is the festival at the end of Ramadan.
- It celebrates the end of fasting.
- In some countries, Eid celebrations may only last for one day. In other countries, Eid may be celebrated for up to three days.
- Friends and family gather together to pray and share meals and gifts.
- Food is also given to the poor. This is called 'Zakat', which is the third pillar of Islam.



