

**1** Read the text and choose the correct word.

# Eid al-Fitr

## Traditions



Eid al-Fitr is a(n) **1) vital/important** celebration at the end of the holy month of Ramadan. After a month of fasting, Eid al-Fitr means 'The Breaking of the Fast Festival' and is a **2) time/period** for people to be with family and friends. The holiday aims to remind Muslims how grateful they should be for what they have.

### SHAWWAL

Eid al-Fitr begins at the start of Shawwal, the 10th month of the Islamic calendar. Eid al-Fitr celebrations can only begin when the new moon for the month of Shawwal can be **3) seen/watched** in the sky. Sometimes, this means that different countries celebrate Eid al-Fitr on different days **4) basing/depending** on when the Moon is visible in the sky.

### EID AL-FITR SALAT

On the first day of Eid al-Fitr, there is a special communal prayer that **5) holds/takes** place at large open spaces. This is called the Eid al-Fitr salat. Before people **6) attend/go** the salat, they bathe and put on new clothes or their best outfits.

### SWEET EID

After salat, many families return home to eat a big meal. They greet their family and friends with 'Eid Mubarak', which means 'Happy Eid'. They eat meat and rice **7) dishes/plates** such as biryani, curries and tagines. However, what the Eid al-Fitr feast is really **8) noticed/known** for is the selection of delicious sweet dishes made with fruit and nuts such as maamoul, baklava pastries, lokum sweets and sheer khurma milk pudding with dates.

### EIDI

At Eid al-Fitr, most Muslims spend time with their families and give them gifts. These gifts are called Eidi. Children often **9) pick/receive** sweets, money or toys from their relatives. Some families may also give gifts to their neighbours and to less fortunate children.

### ZAKAT AL-FITR

Every year during Ramadan, all Muslims who can **10) afford/spare** it give money to poor Muslim families and those in need so that they can celebrate Eid al-Fitr, too. This is called Zakat al-Fitr. Zakat is an important part of the Islamic faith.

**2** Read the clues and find the word that replaces the words in bold in the text. Then, use these words to find the secret message.

- 1 Eid al-Fitr is also known as **this** Eid.
- 2 **This** is the name for Eid al-Fitr gifts.
- 3 Muslims fast during **this** month.
- 4 **This** is where Muslims go to pray.
- 5 Eid Salat is **this kind of** prayer.
- 6 **This** is a sweet pastry with nuts.
- 7 The 10th month of the Islamic calendar is **this**.
- 8 **This** is a type of milk pudding.
- 9 **This** is the religion Muslims belong to.
- 10 **This** is something Muslims give to help others.

**3** **ICT** In groups, find out more information about Eid al-Fitr. Use the information to give a class presentation.

