

- 1** Read the text and fill in the gaps (1-8) using words from the list.

Quran, market, celebration, relatives, Islamic, animal, Muslims, prayer

Eid al-Adha

Eid al-Adha or the 'Festival of the Sacrifice' is an important Islamic **1)** _____ that marks the end of 'Hajj', a holy pilgrimage to the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Eid al-Adha usually takes place over four days and is celebrated on the 10th day of 'Dhu-al-Hijjah' the final month in the **2)** _____ calendar.

Eid al-Adha celebrates the story of Ibrahim in the **3)** _____, the holy book of Islam. **4)** _____ believe that Ibrahim saw God in a dream and that God asked him to sacrifice his own son as an act of obedience. As Ibrahim prepared to sacrifice his son to show his devotion to God, God stopped his hand and put a ram or a sheep in his son's place.

Because of this story, an important part of Eid al-Adha is the sacrifice of an **5)** _____, an act called 'udhiyah'. On the first morning of Eid al-Adha, Muslims bathe and go to the Salat al-Eid **6)** _____. Most families buy a lamb, sheep, goat, cow or a camel from a livestock **7)** _____ for the udhiyah. Then the animal is cut into three equal parts and shared with family, friends and the poor.

During the rest of the celebration, Muslim families visit their **8)** _____ and friends. They eat delicious meals together and give Eidi to children. Eidi are gifts such as toys, clothes, books, money and sweets. Eid al-Adha is a big celebration when Muslims can remember the willingness of Ibrahim to give up something he loved for God.



- 2** Use information from the text to solve the clues.

- 1 Eid al-Adha is the Festival of the _____.
- 2 The city destination of the annual pilgrimage: _____.
- 3 Something Muslims do before they go to the mosque: _____.
- 4 A prayer said on the first day of Eid al-Adha: _____.
- 5 A type of market where you can buy sheep: _____.
- 6 The name for the act of sacrificing an animal at Eid al-Adha: _____.
- 7 Gifts received by children during Eid al-Adha: _____.

- 3** **[ICT]** In groups, find out how people in different parts of the world celebrate Eid al-Adha and tell the class.