

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/know**n 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.

