

Answers

1. What is the Islamic word for fasting? Tick one.

- ☐ Ramadan
- ☒ **sawm**
- ☐ Suhur
- ☐ Eid

2. In which country might Muslims typically enjoy ghraybeh biscuits during Eid al-Fitr? Tick one.

- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Saudi Arabia
- ☒ **Palestine**
- ☐ Iraq

3. At what time of the day do Muslim families enjoy Suhur?

At the end of the day (after sunset), Muslim families will often enjoy Suhur together.

4. Find and copy a phrase that suggests that Muslims behave in the same way as the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) because they admire him.

follow his example

5. List **two** ways that Muslims might celebrate Eid al-Fitr.

Accept any two of the following: breaking their fast/eating breakfast; exchanging cards or gifts; gatherings to observe the new moon; decorating the interior and exterior of homes; familial visits; preparing and eating special foods and delicacies; neighbourhood parties; adorning themselves with special, new clothes/dressing in their finest clothes.

6. Look at the section called **What Is Ramadan?**

Discuss why you think that this section has been included in the text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think this has been included in the text because Eid al-Fitr is the celebration of the end of the fasting of Ramadan so it is important that the reader understands a little about Ramadan and why it is observed by many followers of Islam.

7. Explain why Ramadan fasting could be more challenging during the summer months.

Pupils' own responses, such as: If Ramadan falls during the summer months, the days will be longer and Muslims would have to wait until later at night to be able to eat so they will be hungrier. The sun also rises much earlier so they would need to wake earlier for their breakfast. They may also be thirstier due to the heat.

8. In some parts of the world, Eid al-Fitr is known as 'sweet Eid' and is synonymous with eating sweet treats...

Explain what the word 'synonymous' means.

Pupils' own responses, such as: 'Synonymous' means when a word or phrase is commonly associated with something else.

9. Based on what you've read in the text, why do you think that the crescent moon is a symbol of the Islamic faith?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the crescent moon is a symbol of the Islamic faith because Muslims use the lunar calendar to determine when important events (such as Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr) fall.

10. How is Eid al-Fitr similar to another religious event or festival that you know of?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Eid al-Fitr is similar to Christmas because it is also a joyous occasion when people decorate their homes and exchange cards and gifts. They may also enjoy special foods and spend time visiting family.