

UAE (culture – past – new) is full of fascinating stories, crafts and traditions. (Honesty – Happiness – Hospitality) is a very important tradition in Emirati culture. The way Emiratis (speak – laugh – greet) each other stems from the religious and cultural make-up of the Gulf region. Long, genuinely warm greetings with handshakes, embraces and generous praise can be expected for male-to-male and female-to-female greetings.

(Majlis – school – house) is an Arabic word for a meeting place. The traditional Majlis was a tented meeting place where businessmen used to meet regularly. The UAE also has many (new – innovative – traditional) games, although some of them are not played any more. An example is Al Boom, which was a (popular – old – new) game where children used to build wooden toy boats and then compete against each other in the sea.

They used to play this game very often. On special (places – view – occasions), such as Eid and for bridal showers, henna is used to decorate women's hands, feet and hair. During Eid holidays, families gather in their (new – old – borrow) clothes, usually starting with a visit to the grandparents' house. Older family members give the children traditional Eid money – known as (charity – Eidiya – give money away) in Arabic.