

Festivals

Reading about Eid al-Fitr

The purpose of all festivals is to let the people celebrate an occasion together, to share its joys and to feel united. Religious festivals unite us in our love of God as much as of each other. Most of our festivals are religious and all religions have festivals.

One of the most important Islamic festivals and one of the five most important parts of Islam is Eid al-Fitr. It means "reward" that is given to believers in the form of joy, satisfaction and hope after they have fasted for one full month. It celebrates the end of a holy month of fasting from dawn to sunset.

During Ramadan, people also focus on becoming a better person. Muslims have the satisfaction of having purified themselves, bodily and spiritually. They feel happy in their kindness and help to others.

Eid al-Fitr starts after religious leaders see the new moon at the end of Ramadan. The date when it takes place changes every year. Muslims attend special services and meals. Muslims thank Allah for giving them the strength to complete the fast.

The Eid al-Fitr day begins by giving "Fitrana", grains or money to the poor and by saying Eid prayers together. Muslims embrace and greet each other giving the "Eidi" to children and the loved ones. Children and grownups wear colourful and fancy new dresses. Families go for picnics together. People visit their relatives and have fun. Presents and good wishes are exchanged throughout the day.

➤ Write five or more sentences about a festival or special occasion in your culture.

Use correct **punctuation**. Use joining words (conjunctions) **and**, **but**, **because**.

Use 5 or more **adjectives** to make your writing interesting and more descriptive.

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BECAUSE, SO**
**DON'T START
SENTENCES WITH
THESE.**

