

1 Listen and read. Then circle the correct option.

Religious Celebrations

All over the world, religious celebrations are important to billions of people! Here are two religious celebrations: bar and bat mitzvahs and Eid al-Fitr.



Bar and Bat Mitzvahs

In the Jewish community, a boy becomes a bar mitzvah when he turns 13. (A bat mitzvah is a similar ceremony for girls when they turn 12.) This event celebrates the transition to **adulthood**. As a part of the occasion, children **recite** religious texts. After this ceremony, the bar or bat mitzvah receives gifts and money in multiples of 18—a number that symbolises a long life. From this moment on, they can participate as adults in religious activities.

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr (pronounced ed cel fit-Ur) is an important religious holiday for Muslims. Eid al-Fitr, or Eid, is the first day after Ramadan, a month of **fasting**. On this day, Muslims say **prayers** and have a special meal. Children open presents. Many people give to the poor or donate money to charities, an important part of the religion.

1. Bar and bat mitzvahs are **Jewish** / **Muslim** celebrations.
2. A *bar mitzvah* is the name of a celebration and the **boy** / **girl** who participates.
3. In a bat mitzvah, the participant is **12** / **13**.
4. The number **12** / **18** represents long life.
5. Eid al-Fitr is a **Jewish** / **Muslim** celebration.
6. Eid occurs **before** / **after** Ramadan.
7. People celebrate Eid by **fasting** / **eating**.

Be Strategic!

Making a mind map can help you to understand and remember information from a text. Identify the topics and then add details.

2 Read again and complete the mind map in your notebook.



Glossary

adulthood: being an adult
recite: to read a text aloud
fasting: living without food or drink
prayers: requests or expressions of gratitude