

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

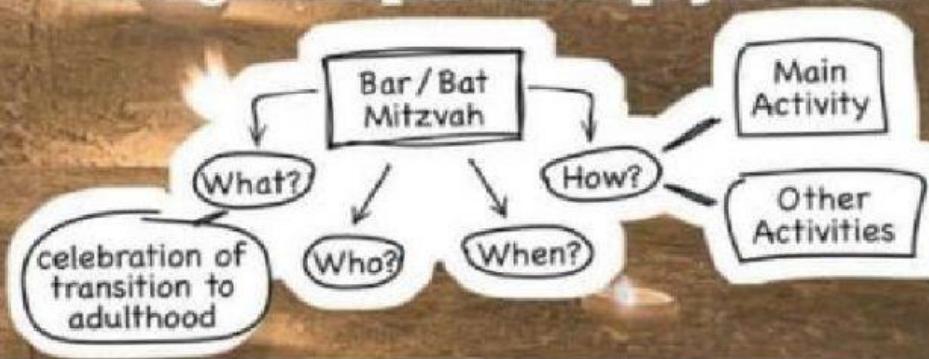
Eid al-Fitr (pronounced ed ael fitr-Ur) is an important religious holiday for Muslims. Eid al-Fitr, or Eid, is the first day after Ramadan, a month of **fasting**. On this day, Muslims say **prayers** and have a special meal. Children open presents. Many people give to the poor or donate money to charities,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