

Ramadhan

Ramadan is a sacred Islamic tradition observed in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is a significant religious event for Muslims worldwide, marked by fasting, prayers, and spiritual reflection.

Ramadan follows the lunar calendar, meaning its start date shifts by about 11 days each year. The holy month lasts for approximately 30 days and ends with Eid ul-Fitr, a festive celebration marking the completion of fasting.

The main goal of Ramadan is to strengthen faith, encourage self-reflection, and re-evaluate life priorities. Through fasting from sunrise to sunset, Muslims focus on purifying their souls, avoiding negative behaviors, and seeking forgiveness for their sins.

Fasting is obligatory for all Muslims except children, the elderly, pregnant women, and the sick. Those unable to fast must provide food for the needy. The last ten days of Ramadan are especially significant, with Laylat al-Qadr considered the holiest night, when Allah determines people's destinies.

Ramadan is a time of devotion, self-discipline, and spiritual growth. It allows Muslims to reflect on their lives, seek forgiveness, and renew their commitment to faith and righteousness.

B. Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with the most appropriate words based on the text.

1. **But / Although** fasting is obligatory for all Muslims, certain groups like children and the elderly are exempt.
2. Ramadan is a time of self-discipline and spiritual growth, **so / although** Muslims reflect on their lives and seek forgiveness.
3. Fasting during Ramadan is mandatory for all Muslims, **but / so** children, the elderly, pregnant women, and the sick are exempt.
4. Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset during Ramadan **because / although** they want to strengthen their faith and self-discipline.
5. Ramadan follows the lunar calendar, **but / so** its start date shifts by about 11 days each year.

C. Read each statement and mark it as True or False based on the information in the text.

1. Ramadan is always observed on the same date each year. (**True / False**)
2. Laylat al-Qadr is considered an ordinary night without any special significance. (**True / False**)
3. One of the main purposes of Ramadan is to strengthen faith and encourage self-reflection. (**True / False**)
4. Eid ul-Fitr marks the end of the fasting period in Ramadan. (**True / False**)
5. Ramadan always begins on the same date every year according to the solar calendar. (**True / False**)

