

All about Ramadan

What Is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a very important time for Muslims. Muslims remember the time when the Qur'an was given to Muhammad.

What Do Muslims Do During Ramadan?



• They give up bad habits.



• They pray five times a day.



• They read the Qur'an.



• They fast during daylight.



• They do good deeds.

What Is Eid al-Fitr?

Eid al-Fitr is:

- a festival at the end of Ramadan;
- a celebration of the end of the 29 or 30 days of fasting;
- a time to share special food with your family.

Did You Know?

Fasting means that you do not have any food or drink. Muslims fast during the day for Ramadan.

Questions

1. What does the text say Muslims do during Ramadan? Tick two.

- eat special meals
- give up bad habits
- do good deeds
- wear special clothes

2. When do Muslims fast during Ramadan? Tick one.

- at night
- in the day
- at the weekend

3. How long does Ramadan last? Tick one.

- 14 or 15 days
- 29 or 30 days
- 9 or 9 days

4. What is the name of the celebration at the end of Ramadan? Tick one.

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- Eid al-Fitr
- Qur'an

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- a religious festival celebrated by muslims which lasts for 29 or 30 days;
- a time to remember when the Qur'an was given to Muhammad.

What Do Muslims Do During Ramadan?

- They go to the mosque.
- They read the Qur'an.
- They give up bad habits.
- They give money to charity.
- They fast during daylight hours.
This means they won't eat or drink between sunrise and sunset.

What Happens at the End of Ramadan?

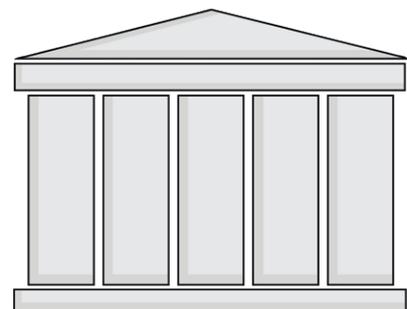
Eid al-Fitr is the festival at the end of Ramadan. It lasts for 3 days. People celebrate with their families by praying, sharing special meals and giving gifts.

Key Words

- **Muslims** - a follower of Islam who believes that there is one true God called Allah
- **pilgrimage** - a religious journey
- **Qur'an** - the holy book for Muslim people

The Five Pillars of Islam

1. Faith
2. Prayer, five times a day
3. Charity
4. Fasting
5. Pilgrimage to Mecca



These are the five things you must remember to be a good Muslim.

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- 2 days
- 3 days
- 4 days

4. How do Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr? Select one.

- by going for a walk
- by sharing special meals
- by going swimming

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six

five

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What Do Muslims Do During Ramadan?



They go to the mosque more often.



They read the Qur'an more regularly.



They try to give up bad habits.



They give money to charity.



They fast during daylight hours.
This means they won't eat or drink between sunrise and sunset.

Why Do People Fast During Ramadan?

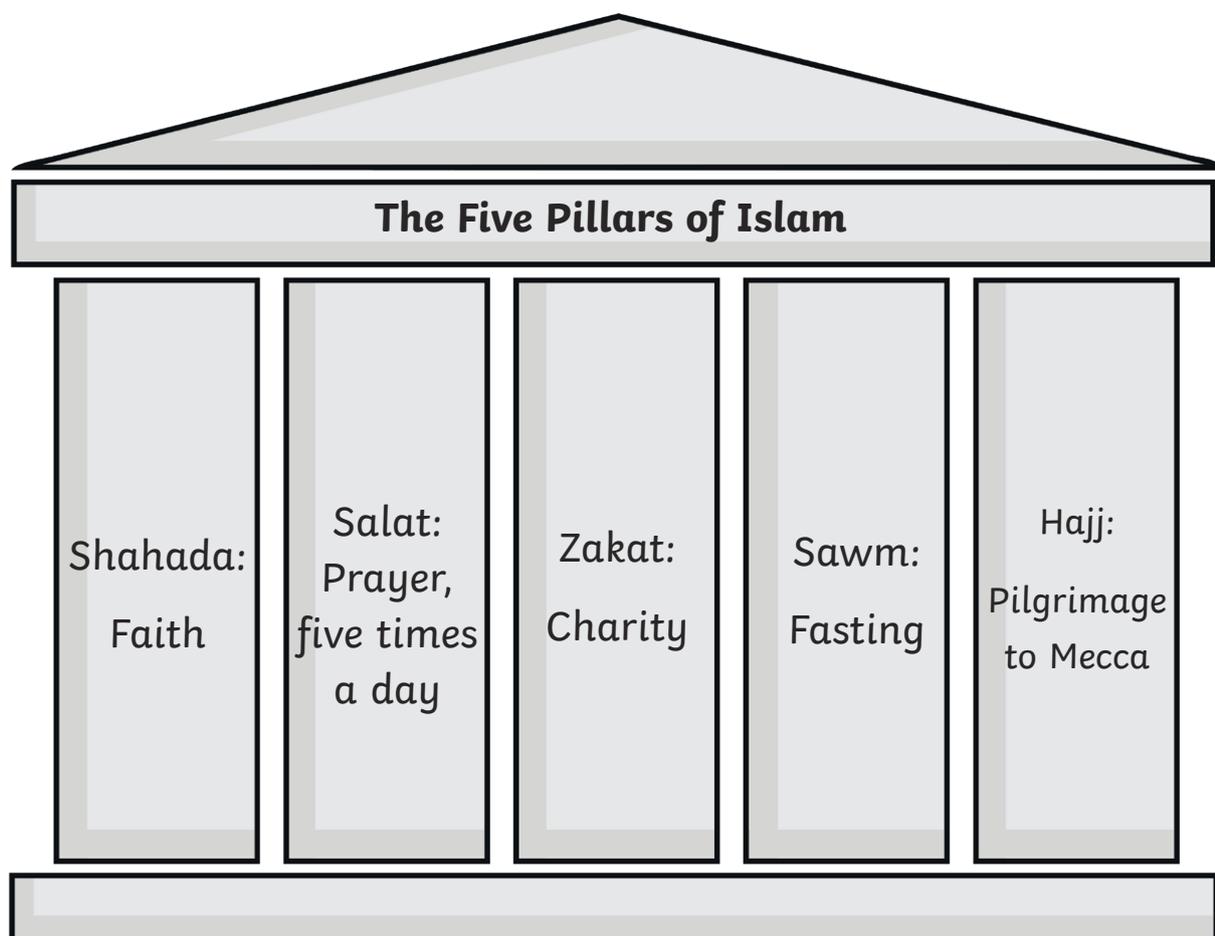
People fast during Ramadan as a way of learning to wait for things and to have empathy and understanding for people who do not have as much as themselves. Fasting is difficult and young, old or unwell people do not have to fast.

What Happens at the End of Ramadan?

At the end of Ramadan, there is a 3-day celebration called Eid al-Fitr. Friends and family gather together to pray and share meals and gifts. Food is also given to the poor.

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2. Match the names of the five pillars of Islam with their meaning.

Shahada	prayer
Salat	faith
Zakat	fasting
Sawm	charity
Hajj	pilgrimage

3. Name two things that Muslims do during Ramadan.

4. What is a pilgrimage?

5. What is the name of the Muslim holy book?

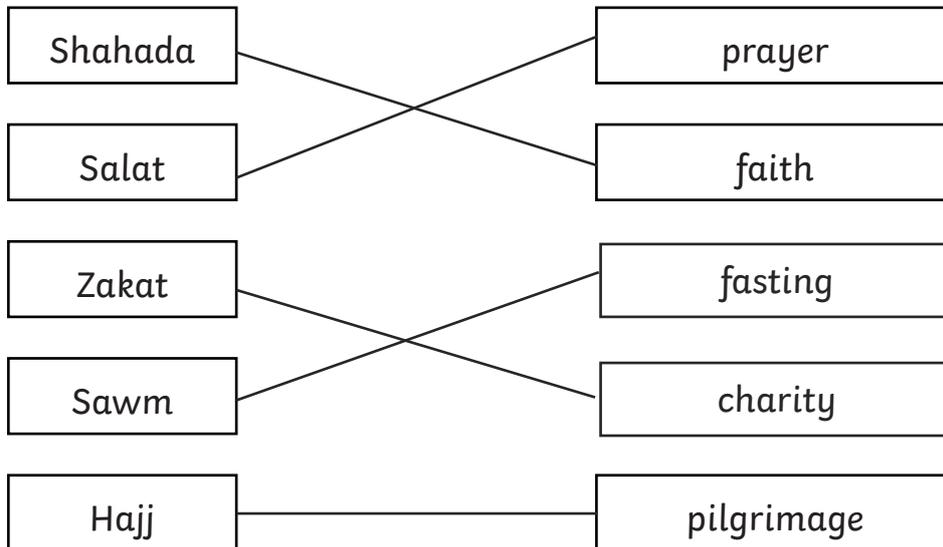
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Expect varied answers, including: going to the mosque, reading the Qur'an, giving up bad habits, giving money to charity, fasting during daylight hours.

4. What is a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a religious journey.

5. What is the name of the Muslim holy book?

The Muslim holy book is called the Qur'an.

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Children's own answers.