

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the verb phrases with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... to fast | a. to stop doing or having something |
| 2..... to break your fast | b. to do something extra or later to compensate for something that has not been done |
| 3..... to give something up | c. to end your fast by eating something |
| 4..... to make up for something | d. to have to do something difficult |
| 5..... to face something | e. to follow or stick to (the fast) |
| 6..... to observe (the fast) | f. to go without food for a period, especially for religious reasons |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Islam is the second biggest religion in the UK. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | During Ramadan, Muslims who are fasting do not eat or drink anything at all during daylight hours. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Iftar is the early morning meal eaten before sunrise during Ramadan. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | The number of hours of fasting per day during Ramadan always stays the same. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Children from the age of 8 are expected to fast for Ramadan. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | In special circumstances, a person can delay the days of fasting until a later date. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | During the London Olympics, 3,000 Muslims took part while fasting. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | Food was available in the Olympic Village at all times of day, and special Ramadan foods were available. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your grammar: gap fill – word formation

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Islam is the second _____ (**big**) religion in Britain.
2. London alone has Muslims who _____ (**origin**) from over 30 different countries.
3. Fasting Muslims do not eat or drink anything between sunrise and _____ (**sun**).
4. 'Ramadan is about thinking about and giving to people who are less _____ (**fortune**).'
5. Amz agrees about the _____ (**important**) of Ramadan as a time to think.
6. 'Ramadan is about asking for _____ (**forgive**).'
7. The start date of Ramadan is based on the _____ (**appear**) of the crescent moon.
8. 'In the school holidays it's harder. It's actually _____ (**easy**) when you've got school.'

Discussion

Do your family celebrate Ramadan?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.