

# The Month of Ramadan



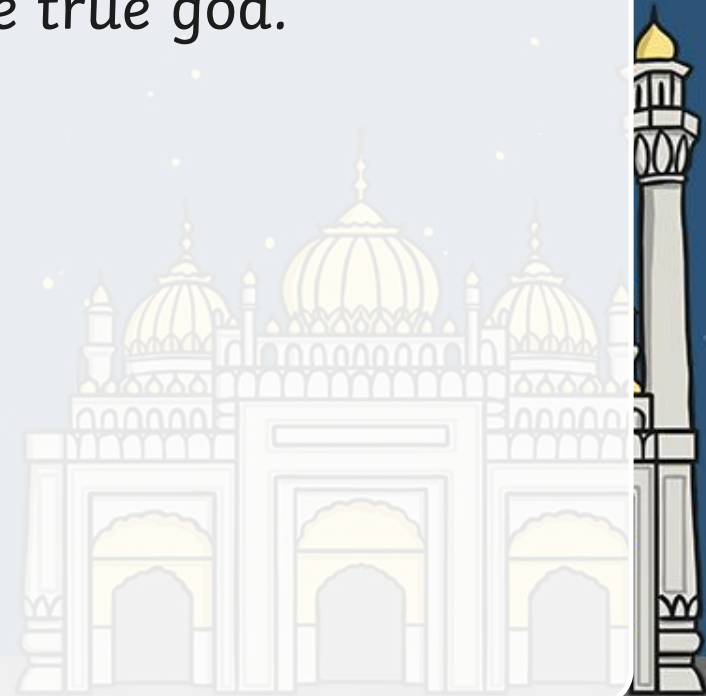
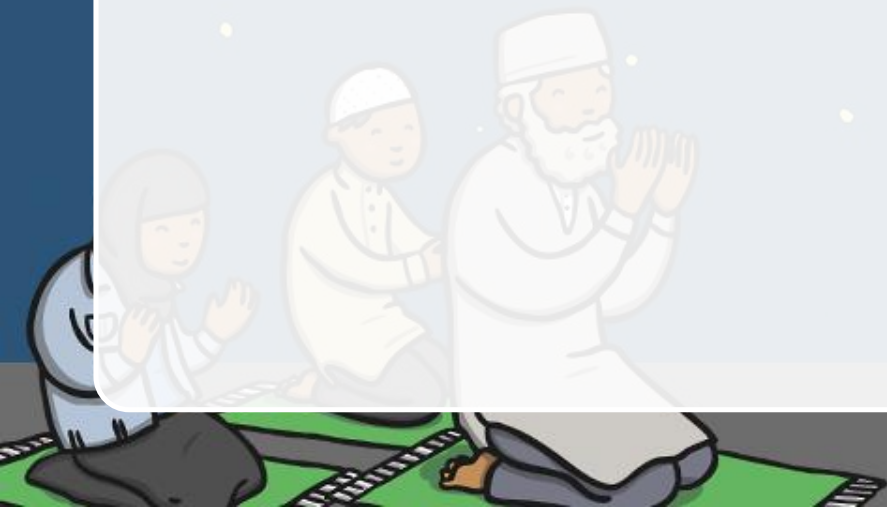
# What Do We Know about Ramadan?

Ramadan is the name of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is celebrated by Muslims around the world.



# Muslims

- Followers of Islam are called Muslims.
- Muslims believe that there is one true god.
- Allah is the name of their god.

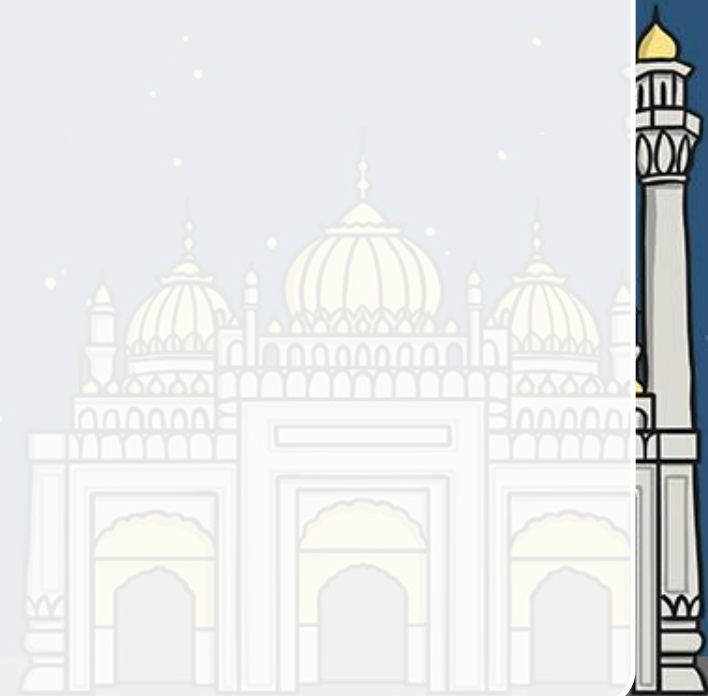
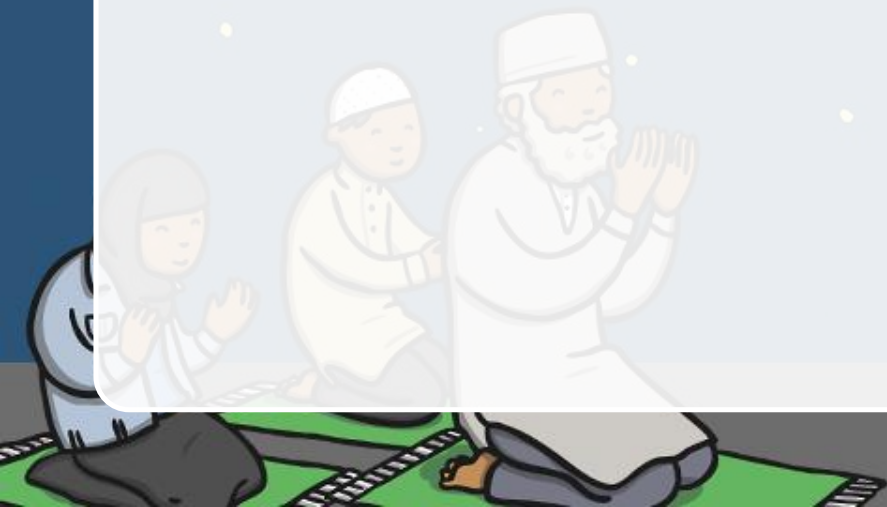


# What Is Ramadan?

- Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.
- Muslims believe that this is the month the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.
- Muslims believe that the Prophet Muhammad received messages from Allah.
- Muslims believe that the Prophet Muhammad received messages from Allah and brought these messages to the people.
- The Qur'an is the important holy book for Muslims.

**Discuss It!**

- Fasting in the month of Ramadan is the fourth of the five pillars of Islam.
- The five pillars of Islam are the five things you must remember to be a good Muslim.



# The Five Pillars of Islam

Shahada:  
Declaration of faith

Salat:  
prayer,  
five times  
a day

Zakat:  
charity

Sawm:  
fasting  
during  
the  
month of  
Ramadan

Hajj:  
pilgrimage  
to Mecca,  
the  
birthplace  
of  
Muhammed

# What Do People 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.

**Discuss It!**

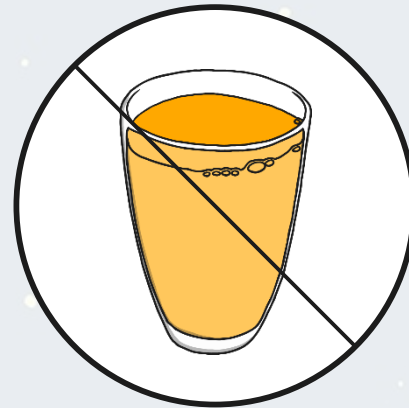
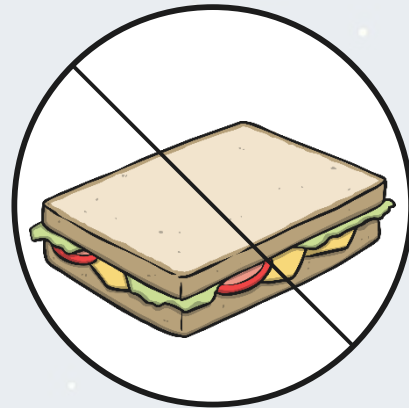
# What Is Fasting?

- Fasting is one of the most important things that happens in Ramadan.
- Muslims do not eat or drink during daylight hours.
- Fasting is difficult, so some Muslims are not expected to join in. Young children, very old people and people who aren't well don't have to fast during Ramadan.

Discuss It!

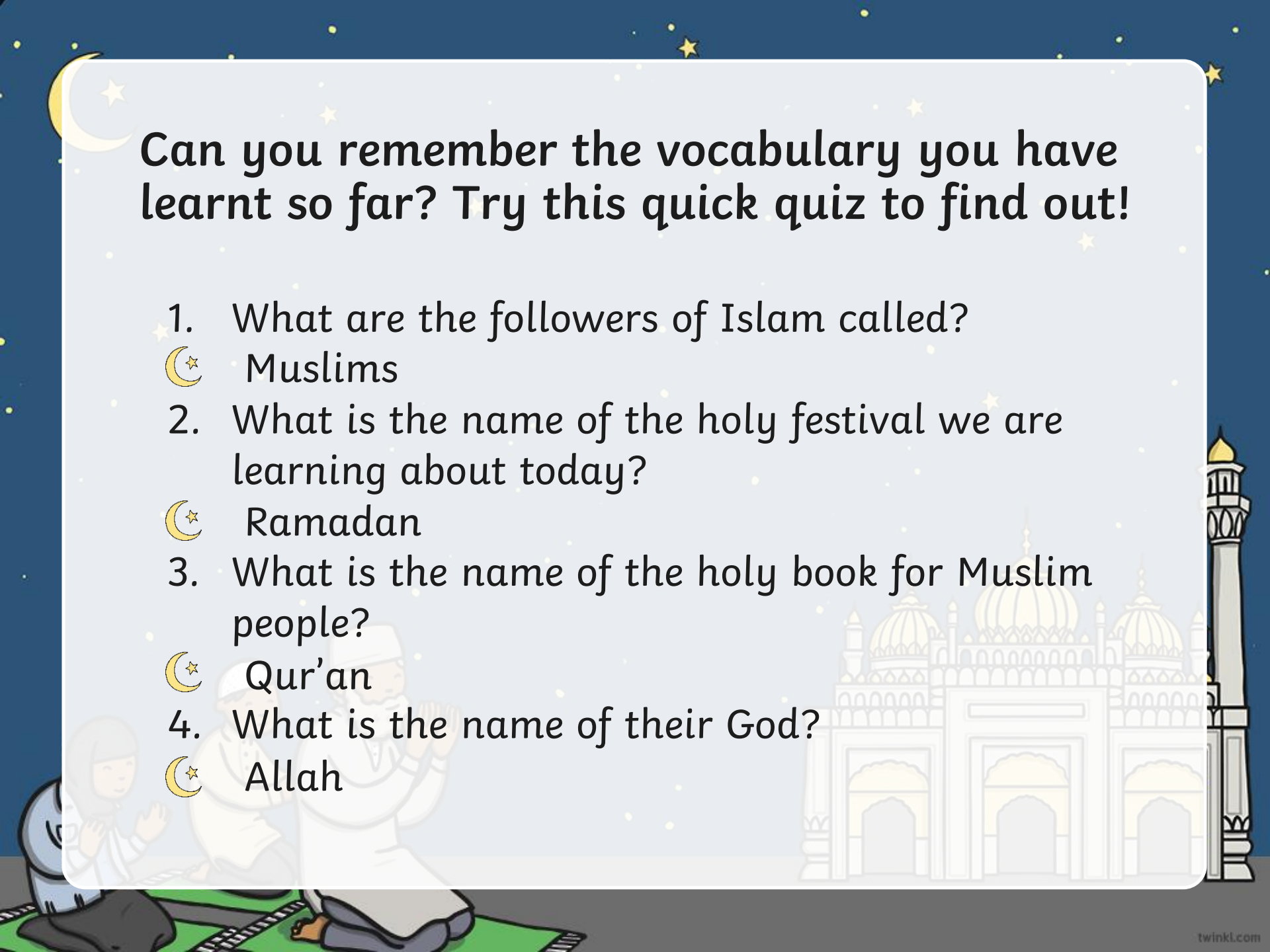


# Why Do Muslims Fast?



- Muslims believe that understanding what it feels like to be hungry, helps them to understand people who are poor and hungry around the world.
- During Ramadan, Muslims give money to the poor.

**Discuss It!**



Can you remember the vocabulary you have learnt so far? Try this quick quiz to find out!

1. What are the followers of Islam called?

☾ Muslims

2. What is the name of the holy festival we are learning about today?

☾ Ramadan

3. What is the name of the holy book for Muslim people?

☾ Qur'an

4. What is the name of their God?

☾ Allah

# Eid al-Fitr

- Eid al-Fitr is the festival at the end of Ramadan.
- It celebrates the end of fasting.
- In some countries, Eid celebrations may only last for one day. In other countries, Eid may be celebrated for up to three days.
- Friends and family gather together to pray and share meals and gifts.
- Food is also given to the poor. This is called 'Zakat', which is the third pillar of Islam.



