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Muslims around the world celebrate Eid

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Muslims around the globe are celebrating the Eid al-Fitr holiday. This is the three-day festival at the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Almost a quarter of the world is Muslim and there are celebrations in every corner of the planet. Muslims in the Middle East started their holiday on Tuesday by going to the mosque to pray. In Libya, rebel fighters said they would rest for Eid and then move to Sirte, which is Muammar Gaddafi's hometown. Many Libyans have little food and water this Eid because of the fighting in their country.

Eid al-Fitr is one of the five most important parts of Islam. It celebrates the end of a month of fasting from dawn to sunset. During Ramadan, people also focus on becoming a better person. Eid starts after religious leaders see the new moon at the end of Ramadan. The Khaleej Times newspaper reports why this year's Eid is important for a Tripoli resident. Sheikh Tareq Ahmed Abbas said: "This Eid is a double celebration. We are celebrating Eid al-Fitr and Eid-of Freedom."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Muslims around the globe | a. fighters |
| 2. the end of the holy | b. to pray |
| 3. in every corner of | c. month of Ramadan |
| 4. going to the mosque | d. food and water |
| 5. rebel | e. the planet |
| 6. Many Libyans have little | f. are celebrating |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the five most important | a. sunset |
| 2. the end of a month | b. see the new moon |
| 3. from dawn to | c. parts of Islam |
| 4. focus on becoming | d. celebration |
| 5. religious leaders | e. of fasting |
| 6. This Eid is a double | f. a better person |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Muslims _____ are celebrating the Eid al-Fitr holiday. This is the _____ at the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Almost _____ world is Muslim and there are celebrations in every _____. Muslims in the Middle East started their holiday on Tuesday by going to the mosque to pray. In Libya, _____ they would rest for Eid and then move to Sirte, which is Muammar Gaddafi's hometown. Many Libyans have little food and water this Eid because _____ their country.

Eid al-Fitr is one of the five _____ of Islam. It celebrates the end of a month of fasting _____. During Ramadan, people also focus on becoming a better person. Eid starts after _____ the new _____ of Ramadan. The Khaleej Times newspaper _____ year's Eid is important for a Tripoli resident. Sheikh Tareq Ahmed Abbas said: "This Eid is _____. We are celebrating Eid al-Fitr and Eid-of Freedom."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Muslims around the (1) _____ are celebrating the Eid al-Fitr holiday. This is the three-day festival at the end of the (2) _____ month of Ramadan. Almost a quarter of the world is Muslim and there are celebrations in (3) _____ corner of the planet. Muslims in the Middle East started their holiday on Tuesday by going to the mosque to (4) _____. In Libya, rebel fighters said they would rest for Eid and then (5) _____ to Sirte, which is Muammar Gaddafi's hometown. Many Libyans have (6) _____ food and water this Eid because of the fighting in their country.

Eid al-Fitr is one of the five most important (7) _____ of Islam. It celebrates the end of a month of (8) _____ from dawn to sunset. During Ramadan, people also focus (9) _____ becoming a better person. Eid starts after religious leaders see the new moon (10) _____ the end of Ramadan. The Khaleej Times newspaper reports why this year's Eid is important (11) _____ a Tripoli resident. Sheikh Tareq Ahmed Abbas said: "This Eid is a (12) _____ celebration. We are celebrating Eid al-Fitr and Eid-of Freedom."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) globes | (b) global | (c) globe |
| 2. | (a) holy | (b) holier | (c) hole |
| 3. | (a) all | (b) every | (c) whole |
| 4. | (a) pray | (b) praying | (c) prayed |
| 5. | (a) movement | (b) move | (c) moved |
| 6. | (a) few | (b) small | (c) little |
| 7. | (a) parts | (b) part | (c) partner |
| 8. | (a) lasting | (b) wasting | (c) fasting |
| 9. | (a) on | (b) so | (c) in |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) from |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) for |
| 12. | (a) twice | (b) double | (c) two |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. around the egobl
2. the three-day taesilfv
3. the holy hnotm of Ramadan
4. every corner of the ntalep
5. rebel tsfeirhg
6. Gaddafi's hntomwoe

Paragraph 2

7. five most mrptioant parts
8. a month of tagsnfi
9. from dawn to entsus
10. religious draeesl
11. a Tripoli eietrdsn
12. a eoudbl celebration

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Muslims around the globe are celebrating the Eid al-Fitr holiday. This is the three-
- () celebrating Eid al-Fitr and Eid-of Freedom.”
- () rest for Eid and then move to Sirte, which is Muammar Gaddafi's
- () a better person. Eid starts after religious leaders see the new moon at the end of Ramadan. The Khaleej
- () Tuesday by going to the mosque to pray. In Libya, rebel fighters said they would
- () day festival at the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Almost a quarter of the world is Muslim and there
- () Times newspaper reports why this year’s Eid is important for a Tripoli
- () are celebrations in every corner of the planet. Muslims in the Middle East started their holiday on
- () hometown. Many Libyans have little food and water this Eid because of the fighting in their country.
- () a month of fasting from dawn to sunset. During Ramadan, people also focus on becoming
- () Eid al-Fitr is one of the five most important parts of Islam. It celebrates the end of
- () resident. Sheikh Tareq Ahmed Abbas said: “This Eid is a double celebration. We are

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. globe celebrating Muslims the are around.

2. end holy Ramadan the the of At of month.

3. planet the of corner every in Celebrations.

4. in their the holiday Middle East Muslims started.

5. water and food little have Libyans Many.

6. parts the important Islam of most of One five.

7. from A dawn month to of sunset fasting.

8. on a person Focus becoming better.

9. this Eid important Why year's is.

10. is This celebration a Eid double.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about Eid for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. EID: Search the Internet and find more information about Eid. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Eid. Include imaginary interviews with people in different countries. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a Libyan. Ask him/her three questions about this year's Eid. Give him/her three of your opinions on their new freedom and what to do with it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.