

Islam — Ramadan



Newspaper Article — Writing Frame

Imagine you are a journalist reporting for a local newspaper. You have been asked to research and write an article about Ramadan. Your article should:

- Start with an eye-catching headline;
- Describe how Muslim people observe Ramadan;
- Explain the significance of this special month;
- Describe the main events of Eid-ul-Fitr;
- Use lively newspaper language and style.

This writing frame suggests ideas for how each main paragraph could begin and what each section could contain. Remember, in a newspaper article your paragraphs should be very short. You might want to divide sections with mini-headlines.

Food: it's something most of us take for granted. Every day we gobble down mountainous meals, snacks and drinks. However, for Muslims in *[your local area]* and around the world this month is different, because it's Ramadan.

During Ramadan, Muslims...

[Now continue, describing what Muslims do during Ramadan. You could also explain why the dates of Ramadan are different each year. Remember to use short paragraphs!]

This month is special to Muslims because...

[Explain carefully what Muslims celebrate during this month. Then explain some of the reasons for abstinence during Ramadan.]

Ramadan ends with the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr. At this time...

[Now describe the celebrations. Then try to explain how the self-discipline of Ramadan will help people during the rest of the year.]

Whether we are Muslim or not, it's important to remember how fortunate we are, and to help those in need. We wish Muslims everywhere 'Ramadan Mubarak!'

When you have drafted and checked your article, you are ready to copy it out. Remember to use a big, bold headline and to set out your article in columns. Pictures will also make it more eye-catching.

