**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Ramadan**

**Voor de docent**

Omstreeks deze tijd begint ramadan. Een bijzondere tijd voor moslims, overal in de wereld.

**ERK-niveau – Lezen B2**

Lezen om informatie op te doen: 3c Kan **informatie**, ideeën en meningen ophalen uit zeer gespecialiseerde bronnen binnen zijn of haar vakgebied. (LEB2-3c)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

*The holy month of Ramadan is an important time in the Islamic calendar.*

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Name 5 or more religions.

b Name 5 or more religious festivals.

**Ramadan**

Muslims all over the world are preparing to take part in the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

[Read the text to find out more about what Muslims traditionally do during this month, and why it is so important to them](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/23286976).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*holy – fasting – faith – charity – pilgrimage – to reach out – community – lunar – solar – pregnant – the elderly – to break fast*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

a belief in the existence of God

b to eat food for the first time after fasting, or for the first time in the day

c eating no food for a period of time

d expecting a baby

e a group of people who have the same interests, religion, race, etc.

f helpfulness and support for people who are poor or suffering

g a journey to a holy place

h to offer help or support

i the people who are old

j relating to the moon

k relating to the sun

l special because it is connected with God or a particular religion

Assignment 3

a True or false?

1 At the end of Ramadan people celebrate Eid al-Fitr.

2 In the UK, everyone celebrates Ramadan.

3 People who are ill and children do not have to fast during Ramadan.

4 Ramadan begins on the same day every year.

5 Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.

6 The iftar is the meal directly after sunset.

7 The suhoor is the meal just before sunset.

b What are the five pillars of Islam? Choose all correct answers.

1 charity

2 community work

3 faith

4 fasting

5 good deeds

6 pilgrimage to Mecca

7 prayer

8 spiritual reflection

c What is the lunar calendar?

1 A calendar that counts the moon nights instead of the sun days.

2 A calendar that everyone in the world uses.

3 A calendar that is based on the monthly cycles of the moon.

4 An unfixed date in the Western calendar.