

# 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.**

