

topic: **HOLIDAYS | Ramadan**

*Fill in each blank space with the correct response. If both responses are acceptable, choose the one that sounds **more natural**:*

Ramadan is a very important month for Muslims. It is a time of inner
(1) _____ (reflection/refraction) that is
(2) _____ (meant/mean) to bring one closer to God.

In religious terms, to "fast" means to eat little or (3) _____
(no/none) food. Fasting is an important part of Ramadan.

By fasting, one learns to develop sympathy and compassion for the less
(4) _____ (fortified/fortunate), as well as to
(5) _____ (appreciate/approbate) what one has.

Ramadan is the ninth (9th) month of the Islamic (6) _____
(calendar/schedule).

The daily period of fasting starts at (7) _____ (dawn/down) (= when the sun rises) and ends when the sun sets.

During this period, Muslims must (8) _____ (abstain /absolve) from food, drink, and smoking, among other things.

During the last ten days of Ramadan, Muslims try to come closer to God through displays of devotion and good (9) _____ (doings/deeds).

The 27th night of Ramadan, (known as the Night of Power) is the most important in terms of prayer. Many devout Muslims spend the (10) _____ (entire/all) night praying.

Another way Muslims come closer to God during Ramadan is by reading as much of their (11) _____ (holy/saintly) book, the Qu'ran (Koran) as possible.

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ANSWERS:

1) reflection 2)meant 3)no 4)fortunate 5)appreciate 6)calendar 7)dawn
8)abstain 9)deeds 10)entire 11)holy