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Australian Muslims pray for rain during Eid

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Tens of thousands of Muslims in Australia have gathered to pray for rain for Australia's drought-afflicted farmers. The prayers were incorporated into the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. Dozens of mosques included prayers for rain in their celebrations for the holy celebration. Eid al-Adha is one of Islam's holiest festivals. It is often referred to as the Festival of Sacrifice and is celebrated by sharing food with family, neighbours, as well as the poor and needy. The biggest gathering was at Sydney's Lakemba Mosque, which was attended by over 30,000 Muslims. An imam of the mosque said: "God will send down rainfall. It is our duty to help Australians, especially the farmers."

Australia is currently undergoing its most devastating drought in living memory. The whole of New South Wales, the country's most populous state, is in drought. A state farmers' spokeswoman, Kathleen Curry, told the ABC news agency how much farmers appreciated the support and thoughts of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it really touched the heart of our farmers during this period." She added: "Every little bit helps." Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull recently committed \$1.3 billion in relief funds for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods. The disturbing thing is that it is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer weather is looming and threatening to worsen the situation.

Sources: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-08-22/muslim-rain-prayer-call-to-end-the-drought-for-farmers/10152076>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-australia-45267434>
<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/muslim-australians-pray-for-drought-breaking-rain-during-eid-celebrations>

WARM-UPS

1. PRAYER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about prayer. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

thousands / pray / rain / festival / celebration / sacrifice / neighbours / mosque / duty
currently / devastating / drought / community / farmers / livelihoods / winter / hot

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PRAYING: Students A **strongly** believe in the power of prayer; Students B **strongly** don't believe in the power of prayer. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FESTIVALS: What do you know about these festivals? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | What I Know | What I Want to Know |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| Eid | | |
| Ramadan | | |
| Diwali | | |
| Hanukkah | | |
| Easter | | |
| Nirvana | | |

5. DROUGHT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "drought". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. NATURAL DISASTERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst natural disasters at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- drought
- earthquake
- wildfire
- flood
- avalanche
- typhoon
- landslide
- volcano

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. gathered | a. Took in or contained something as part of a whole; included. |
| 2. drought | b. Came together; assembled. |
| 3. afflicted | c. About a problem or illness that causes pain or suffering to; affected or troubled. |
| 4. incorporated | d. An act of giving up something valued for something else regarded as more important or worthy. |
| 5. referred to | e. A moral or legal obligation; a responsibility. |
| 6. sacrifice | f. A prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water. |
| 7. duty | g. Mentioned or alluded to. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. devastating | h. Assistance, especially in the form of food, clothing, or money, given to those in special need or difficulty. |
| 9. populous | i. Of an event regarded as ominous or threatening seem about to happen. |
| 10. appreciated | j. Causing anxiety; worrying. |
| 11. relief | k. Be grateful for something. |
| 12. livelihoods | l. Ways of securing the necessities of life. |
| 13. disturbing | m. Highly destructive or damaging. |
| 14. looming | n. Having a large population; densely populated. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. One hundred thousand Muslims prayed for rain. **T / F**
- b. Ten different mosques in Australia took part in the prayers. **T / F**
- c. The article said Muslims share food with the needy during Eid. **T / F**
- d. More than 30,000 Muslims prayed at one temple in Sydney. **T / F**
- e. The article said Australia's drought is the worst in the country's history. **T / F**
- f. New South Wales farmers were appreciative of the Muslims' prayers. **T / F**
- g. Australia has allocated \$1.3 billion in aid for farmers. **T / F**
- h. The article suggested the drought situation will be over soon. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. gathered | a. valued |
| 2. afflicted | b. included |
| 3. incorporated | c. presently |
| 4. duty | d. catastrophic |
| 5. especially | e. on the horizon |
| 6. currently | f. congregated |
| 7. devastating | g. aid |
| 8. appreciated | h. particularly |
| 9. relief | i. troubled |
| 10. looming | j. obligation |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. prayers were incorporated into the | a. living memory |
| 2. one of Islam's holiest | b. bit helps |
| 3. as well as the poor | c. the mosque |
| 4. An imam of | d. of our farmers |
| 5. It is our duty | e. populous state |
| 6. its most devastating drought in | f. Muslim festival |
| 7. the country's most | g. and needy |
| 8. it really touched the heart | h. is looming |
| 9. Every little | i. to help Australians |
| 10. the hot summer weather | j. festivals |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Tens of thousands of Muslims in Australia have (1) _____ to pray for rain for Australia's drought-(2) _____ farmers. The prayers were incorporated into the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. Dozens of mosques (3) _____ prayers for rain in their celebrations for the holy celebration. Eid al-Adha is one of Islam's (4) _____ festivals. It is often (5) _____ to as the Festival of Sacrifice and is celebrated by sharing food with family, neighbours, as well as the poor and (6) _____. The biggest gathering was at Sydney's Lakemba Mosque, which was attended by over 30,000 Muslims. An imam of the mosque said: "God will send down rainfall. It is our (7) _____ to help Australians, (8) _____ the farmers."

needy
included
duty
afflicted
especially
gathered
referred
holiest

Australia is (9) _____ undergoing its most devastating drought in living memory. The whole of New South Wales, the country's most (10) _____ state, is in drought. A state farmers' spokeswoman, Kathleen Curry, told the ABC news agency how much farmers (11) _____ the support and thoughts of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it really (12) _____ the heart of our farmers during this period." She added: "Every little (13) _____ helps." Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull recently committed \$1.3 billion in relief funds for farmers to (14) _____ their livelihoods. The (15) _____ thing is that it is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer weather is (16) _____ and threatening to worsen the situation.

safeguard
populous
touched
disturbing
currently
looming
bit
appreciated

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

- 1) Muslims in Australia have gathered to pray for rain for Australia's _____
 - a. drought-afflicted farmers
 - b. drought-affected farmers
 - c. drought-affliction farmers
 - d. drought-afflict it farmers
- 2) The prayers were incorporated into the Muslim _____ al-Adha
 - a. festive all of Eid
 - b. festival off Eid
 - c. festival of Eid
 - d. festive all off Eid
- 3) mosques included prayers for rain in their celebrations _____ celebration
 - a. for the holly
 - b. four a holy
 - c. fore the holy
 - d. for the holy
- 4) celebrated by sharing food with family, neighbours, as well as the _____
 - a. poor end need he
 - b. paw and needy
 - c. paw end needy
 - d. poor and needy
- 5) It is our duty to help Australians, _____ farmers
 - a. especially a
 - b. especially the
 - c. especially them
 - d. especially they
- 6) Australia is currently undergoing its most devastating _____ memory
 - a. drought in live in
 - b. drought in liven
 - c. drought in living
 - d. drought in live on
- 7) The whole of New South Wales, the country's most _____, is in drought
 - a. populous state
 - b. populace state
 - c. pop you lass state
 - d. pop Yule as state
- 8) Curry told the ABC news agency how much farmers _____ support
 - a. depreciate it the
 - b. appreciated the
 - c. appreciated a
 - d. depreciated the
- 9) I think it really touched the heart of our farmers _____
 - a. during his period
 - b. during this period
 - c. enduring this period
 - d. during these period
- 10) it is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer _____
 - a. weather is looming
 - b. weather is loom in
 - c. weather is blooming
 - d. weather is gloomy

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Tens (1) _____ Muslims in Australia have gathered to pray for rain for Australia's (2) _____. The prayers were incorporated into the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. Dozens of mosques included prayers for rain in their celebrations (3) _____ celebration. Eid al-Adha is one of Islam's holiest festivals. It is often referred to as the Festival of Sacrifice and is celebrated by (4) _____ family, neighbours, as well as the poor and needy. The biggest gathering was at Sydney's Lakemba Mosque, which (5) _____ over 30,000 Muslims. An imam of the mosque said: "God will send down rainfall. It is (6) _____ help Australians, especially the farmers."

Australia is currently undergoing its most devastating drought (7) _____. The whole of New South Wales, the country's most populous state, (8) _____. A state farmers' spokeswoman, Kathleen Curry, told the ABC news agency how much farmers appreciated the (9) _____ of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it really touched the heart of our farmers (10) _____." She added: "Every little bit helps." Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull recently committed \$1.3 billion (11) _____ for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods. The disturbing thing is that it is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer weather (12) _____ threatening to worsen the situation.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

1. How many Muslims gathered in Australia to pray for rain?
2. How many mosques took part in the prayers for rain?
3. What is Eid al-Adha also known as?
4. How many Muslims attended a mosque in Sydney?
5. What did an imam say God would send down?
6. What Australian state was mentioned in the article?
7. What news agency did a farmers' spokesperson talk to?
8. What did a farmers' spokeswoman say the prayers touched in farmers?
9. How much aid money has Australia's government set aside for farmers?
10. What did the article say was looming?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

- 1) How many Muslims gathered in Australia to pray for rain?
 - a) hundreds of thousands
 - b) millions
 - c) tens of thousands
 - d) thousands
- 2) How many mosques took part in the prayers for rain?
 - a) dozens
 - b) half-a-dozen
 - c) hundreds
 - d) 61
- 3) What is Eid al-Adha also known as?
 - a) Festival of Sacrifice
 - b) Festival of Giving
 - c) Festival of Food
 - d) Festival of the Needy
- 4) How many Muslims attended a mosque in Sydney?
 - a) around 30,000
 - b) over 30,000
 - c) just under 30,000
 - d) exactly 30,000
- 5) What did an imam say God would send down?
 - a) clouds
 - b) good news
 - c) a message
 - d) rainfall
- 6) What Australian state was mentioned in the article?
 - a) Victoria
 - b) New South Wales
 - c) South Australia
 - d) Queensland
- 7) What news agency did a farmers' spokesperson talk to?
 - a) ABC
 - b) BBC
 - c) CBC
 - d) DCB
- 8) What did a farmers' spokeswoman say the prayers touched in farmers?
 - a) their minds
 - b) their land
 - c) their heart
 - d) their wallet
- 9) How much aid money has Australia's government set aside for farmers?
 - a) \$1.1 billion
 - b) \$1.8 billion
 - c) \$1.2 billion
 - d) \$1.3 billion
- 10) What did the article say was looming?
 - a) hot summer weather
 - b) wool
 - c) clouds
 - d) a bumper harvest

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Role A – Droughts

You think droughts are the worst natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disasters aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): earthquakes, floods or typhoons.

Role B – Earthquakes

You think earthquakes are the worst natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disasters aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): droughts, floods or typhoons.

Role C – Floods

You think floods are the worst natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disasters aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): earthquakes, droughts or typhoons.

Role D – Typhoons

You think typhoons are the worst natural disasters. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their disasters aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): earthquakes, floods or droughts.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'pray' and 'rain'.

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| pray | rain |
|-------------|-------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• tens• festival• festivals• poor• over• duty | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• most• state• support• during• relief• hot |
|--|--|

PRAYER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Write five GOOD questions about prayer in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

PRAYER DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'pray'?
3. What do you know about the Muslim festival of Eid?
4. What do you think of prayer?
5. Why do you think drought is affecting Australia so much?
6. What does drought do for a country?
7. What holy festivals do you celebrate?
8. What sacrifices in life do you make?
9. What do you do to help the poor and needy?
10. How great is it tens of thousands of Muslims are praying for rain?

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PRAYER DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'rain'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the drought in Australia?
15. Have any of your prayers ever been answered?
16. What is the worst weather that you have experienced?
17. Who in the world needs our prayers?
18. What are the difficulties of being a farmer?
19. What more can Australia's government do in the drought?
20. What questions would you like to ask Australian farmers?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Australia is currently undergoing its most devastating drought (7) _____ living memory. The whole of New South Wales, the country's most (8) _____ state, is in drought. A state farmers' spokeswoman, Kathleen Curry, told the ABC news agency how much farmers appreciated the support and (9) _____ of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it really touched the heart of our farmers during this period." She added: "Every little (10) _____ helps." Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull recently committed \$1.3 billion in (11) _____ funds for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods. The disturbing thing is that it is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer weather is (12) _____ and threatening to worsen the situation.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) gathering | (b) gathers | (c) gathered | (d) gather |
| 2. | (a) incorporated | (b) incorporate | (c) incorporates | (d) incorporation |
| 3. | (a) holy | (b) wholly | (c) holistic | (d) holing |
| 4. | (a) sharing | (b) shares | (c) shared | (d) share |
| 5. | (a) nerdy | (b) needy | (c) needing | (d) needed |
| 6. | (a) jury | (b) duly | (c) booty | (d) duty |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) as |
| 8. | (a) populace | (b) populate | (c) population | (d) populous |
| 9. | (a) thoughts | (b) things | (c) thoughtless | (d) thoughtful |
| 10. | (a) bit | (b) bite | (c) byte | (d) bits |
| 11. | (a) belief | (b) relief | (c) devil | (d) reef |
| 12. | (a) grooming | (b) looming | (c) blooming | (d) booming |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Paragraph 1

1. Australia's gdtohru-afflicted farmers
2. rocrtnoadeip into the Muslim festival
3. one of Islam's olishte festivals
4. ecbtraelde by sharing food
5. ttdenead by over 30,000 Muslims
6. elieycapsl the farmers

Paragraph 2

7. its most ivdaasntgte
8. the country's most upupsool state
9. farmers pterdapcaei the support
10. the Muslim ontymimuc
11. safeguard their esidhlviolo
12. threatening to enwors the situation

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Tens of thousands of Muslims in Australia have gathered to pray for rain for Australia's drought-afflicted
- () funds for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods. The disturbing thing is that it is currently winter
- () festivals. It is often referred to as the Festival of Sacrifice and is celebrated by sharing food
- () in Australia and the hot summer weather is looming and threatening to worsen the situation.
- () said: "God will send down rainfall. It is our duty to help Australians, especially the farmers."
- () bit helps." Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull recently committed \$1.3 billion in relief
- () agency how much farmers appreciated the support and thoughts of the Muslim
- () Australia is currently undergoing its most devastating drought in living memory. The whole of New South Wales, the country's most
- () with family, neighbours, as well as the poor and needy. The biggest gathering was at
- () Sydney's Lakemba Mosque, which was attended by over 30,000 Muslims. An imam of the mosque
- () of mosques included prayers for rain in their celebrations for the holy celebration. Eid al-Adha is one of Islam's holiest
- () populous state, is in drought. A state farmers' spokeswoman, Kathleen Curry, told the ABC news
- () farmers. The prayers were incorporated into the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. Dozens
- () community. She said: "I think it really touched the heart of our farmers during this period." She added: "Every little

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. for Australia's drought-afflicted farmers . for Pray rain
2. prayers Muslim into were incorporated the The festival .
3. rain . included of mosques prayers for Dozens
4. to Sacrifice . as the Festival of Referred
5. farmers . It's Australians, help especially to our duty
6. its Undergoing memory . most in living devastating drought
7. is most in drought . country's state The populous
8. community . Farmers support the the of Muslim appreciated
9. our farmers . touched It the heart really of
10. situation . worsen is threatening Summer weather to the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Tens *of / for* thousands of Muslims in Australia have gathered *to / for* pray for rain for Australia's drought-afflicted farmers. The prayers were incorporated *onto / into* the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. Dozens of mosques included prayers *to / for* rain in their celebrations for the holy *celebratory / celebration*. Eid al-Adha is one of Islam's holiest festivals. It is often *referred / refers* to as the Festival of Sacrifice and is celebrated *at / by* sharing food with family, neighbours, as well as the poor and *needy / needed*. The biggest gathering was at Sydney's Lakemba Mosque, which was *attention / attended* by over 30,000 Muslims. An imam of the mosque said: "God will send down rainfall. It is our *duty / duly* to help Australians, especially the farmers."

Australia is *currently / currency* undergoing its most devastating drought in living *memorial / memory*. The whole of New South Wales, the country's most *populous / population* state, is in drought. A state farmers' spokeswoman, Kathleen Curry, told the ABC news agency how much farmers appreciated the *supports / support* and thoughts of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it *real / really* touched the heart of our farmers during this period." She added: "Every little *bit / bite* helps." Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull *recent / recently* committed \$1.3 billion *in / on* relief funds for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods. The *disturbance / disturbing* thing is that it is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer weather is looming and threatening to *worse / worsen* the situation.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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T_n s _f t h__ s_n d s _f M_s l_m s _n A_s t_r_l__
h_v_ g_t h_r_d t_ p_r_y f_r r__ n f_r A_s t_r_l__ 's
d_r__ g_h_t -_f f_l_c_t_d f_r m_r s . T_h_ p_r_y_r s w_r_
_n c_r_p_r_t_d _n t_ t_h_ M_s l_m f_s t_v_l _f E_d _l
- A_d_h_. D_z_n s _f m_s q__ s _n c_l_d_d p_r_y_r s
f_r r__ n _n t_h__ r c_l_b_r_t__ n s f_r t_h_ h_l_y
c_l_b_r_t__ n . E_d _l - A_d_h_ _s _n _f I_s l_m 's
h_l__ s_t f_s t_v_l s . I_t _s _f t_n r_f_r_r_d t__ s t
h_ F_s t_v_l _f S_c_r_f_c__ n_d _s c_l_b_r_t_d b_y s
h_r_n g f__ d w_t h f_m_l_y , n__ g_h_b__ r_s , _s
w_l_l _s t_h_ p__ r _n_d n__ d_y . T_h_ b_g_g_s t
g_t h_r_n g w_s _t S_y_d_n_y 's L_k_m_b_ M_s q__ ,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

tens of thousands of muslims in australia have gathered to pray for rain for australias drought afflicted farmers the prayers were incorporated into the muslim festival of eid al adha dozens of mosques included prayers for rain in their celebrations for the holy celebration eid al adha is one of islams holiest festivals it is often referred to as the festival of sacrifice and is celebrated by sharing food with family neighbours as well as the poor and needy the biggest gathering was at sydneys lakemba mosque which was attended by over 30000 muslims an imam of the mosque said god will send down rainfall it is our duty to help australians especially the farmers

australia is currently undergoing its most devastating drought in living memory the whole of new south wales the countrys most populous state is in drought a state farmers spokeswoman kathleen curry told the abc news agency how much farmers appreciated the support and thoughts of the muslim community she said i think it really touched the heart of our farmers during this period she added every little bit helps australian prime minister malcolm turnbull recently committed 13 billion in relief funds for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods the disturbing thing is that it is currently winter in australia and the hot summer weather is looming and threatening to worsen the situation.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TensofthousandsofMuslimsinAustraliahavegatheredtoprayforrainforAustralia'sdrought-afflictedfarmers.TheprayerswereincorporatedintotheMuslimfestivalofEidal-Adha.Dozensofmosquesincludedprayersforrainintheircelebrationsfortheholycelibration.Eidal-AdhaisoneofIslam'sholiestfestivals.ItisoftenerferredtoastheFestivalofSacrificeandiscelebratedbysharingfoodwithfamily,neighbours,aswellasthepoorandneedy.ThebiggestgatheringwasatSydney'sLakembaMosque,whichwasattendedbyover30,000Muslims.Animamofthemosquesaid:"Godwillsenddownrainfall.ItisourdutytohelpAustralians,especiallythefarmers."Australiaiscurrentlyundergoingitsmostdevastatingdroughtinlivingmemory.ThewholeofNewSouthWales,the country'smostpopulousstate, isindrought.Astatefarmers'spokeswoman,KathleenCurry,toldtheABCnewsagencyhowmuchfarmersappreciatedthesupportandthoughtsoftheMuslimcommunity.Shesaid:"Ithinkitreallytouchedtheheartoffourfarmersduringthisperiod."Sheadded:"Everylittlebithelps."AustralianPrimeMinisterMalcolmTurnbullrecentlycommitted\$1.3billioninrelieffundsforfarmerstosafeguardtheirlivelihoodsThedisturbingthingisthatitiscurrentlywinterinAustraliaandthehotsummerweatherisloomingandthreateningtoworsenthese situation.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha.html>

Does the power of prayer work? What have you prayed for?

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DROUGHTS: Make a poster about droughts. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PRAYER: Write a magazine article about the power of prayer. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on droughts. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to survive droughts. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. gathered | a. congregated |
| 2. afflicted | b. troubled |
| 3. incorporated | c. included |
| 4. duty | d. obligation |
| 5. especially | e. particularly |
| 6. currently | f. presently |
| 7. devastating | g. catastrophic |
| 8. appreciated | h. valued |
| 9. relief | i. aid |
| 10. looming | j. on the horizon |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tens of thousands
2. Dozens
3. The Festival of Sacrifice
4. Over 30,000
5. Rainfall
6. New South Wales
7. ABC
8. Their heart
9. \$1.3 billion
10. Hot summer weather

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Pray for rain for Australia's drought-afflicted farmers.
2. The prayers were incorporated into the Muslim festival.
3. Dozens of mosques included prayers for rain.
4. Referred to as the Festival of Sacrifice.
5. It's our duty to help Australians, especially farmers.
6. Undergoing its most devastating drought in living memory.
7. The country's most populous state is in drought.
8. Farmers appreciated the support of the Muslim community.
9. It really touched the heart of our farmers.
10. Summer weather is threatening to worsen the situation.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)