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**Level 5 – 25th August**

## **Australian Muslims pray for rain during Eid**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha-5.html>

Tens of thousands of Muslims in Australia prayed for rain for Australia's farmers who are suffering in droughts. The prayers were part of the Muslim festival Eid al-Adha - one of Islam's holiest festivals. It is often referred to as the Festival of Sacrifice. It is celebrated by sharing food with family, neighbours, the poor and needy. The biggest gathering was at a mosque in Sydney, which was attended by over 30,000 Muslims. An imam at the mosque said: "God will send down rainfall. It is our duty to help Australians, especially the farmers."

Australia is having its most devastating drought in living memory. The whole of the state of New South Wales is in drought. A farmers' spokeswoman told the ABC news agency that 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. Every little bit helps." Australia's Prime Minister recently promised \$1.3 billion in relief funds for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods. It is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer weather is coming 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>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. farmers who are suffering   | a. 30,000 Muslims |
| 2. one of Islam's holiest      | b. in droughts    |
| 3. It is celebrated by sharing | c. duty to help   |
| 4. the poor and                | d. festivals      |
| 5. The biggest gathering was   | e. down rainfall  |
| 6. attended by over            | f. needy          |
| 7. God will send               | g. at a mosque    |
| 8. It is our                   | h. food           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Australia is having its most devastating | a. funds                |
| 2. in living                                | b. winter in Australia  |
| 3. farmers appreciated the                  | c. memory               |
| 4. Every little bit                         | d. support              |
| 5. promised \$1.3 billion in relief         | e. worsen the situation |
| 6. for farmers to safeguard                 | f. drought              |
| 7. It is currently                          | g. helps                |
| 8. threatening to                           | h. their livelihoods    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha-5.html>

Tens (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Muslims in Australia prayed for rain for Australia's farmers (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in droughts. The prayers were part of the Muslim festival Eid al-Adha - one of Islam's holiest festivals. It is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as the Festival of Sacrifice. It is celebrated by sharing food with family, neighbours, the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The biggest gathering was at a mosque in Sydney, which (5) \_\_\_\_\_ over 30,000 Muslims. An imam at the mosque said: "God will send down rainfall. It is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ help Australians, especially the farmers."

Australia (7) \_\_\_\_\_ most devastating drought in living memory. The whole (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of New South Wales is in drought. A farmers' spokeswoman told the ABC news agency that farmers appreciated (9) \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts of the Muslim community. She said: "I think it really (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of our farmers during this period. Every little bit helps." Australia's Prime Minister recently promised \$1.3 billion (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for farmers to safeguard their livelihoods. It is currently winter in Australia and the hot summer weather is coming and threatening to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PRAYER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1808/180825-eid-al-adha-4.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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

