

# What else?

## Objectives

- Give extra information using Relative Clauses.

## Copy & Write

Copy this table in your notebook and fill in the first two columns about the celebration called Ramadan. Compare with a partner.

What I Know	What I Would Like to Know	What I Learned
it's a islamic celebration	when it's celebrate and what people do during the celebration	

## Read & Complete

Read the article and complete the third column in your notebook. If there are words you don't know, try to guess them from the context before using a dictionary.

### Ramadan

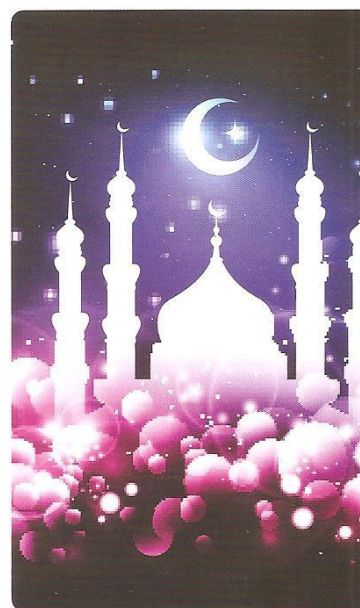
Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. This month lasts 29 or 30 days and occurs during different seasons, depending on the cycle of the calendar. It is believed that, during this month, the Koran was given to Mohammed by the angel Gabriel.

The fast of Ramadan lasts the entire month. During Ramadan, Muslims around the world are not allowed to eat or drink during daylight hours. All those who have reached the age of puberty (usually 12) are expected to observe the fast.

Each day a special effort is made to say the five daily prayers. Muslims are also expected to feed a poor person during this month. Ramadan is also a time for Muslims to concentrate on the practice of their faith. Time is spent praying, worshipping, contemplating, and receiving religious instruction. Muslims give thanks for the gift of the Koran.

The fast is broken at sunset and begins again the next morning, when there is enough light to distinguish a black thread from a white thread. The Morning Prayer is said after *suhur*, the pre-dawn meal. During Ramadan, there is a festival-type atmosphere after sunset. In many cities, Muslims go out after they have broken the fast to visit family and friends or to simply take a walk. Shopping areas and restaurants are open and busy and alive with conversation. On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Ramadan, fireworks are often set off to celebrate the night of power - the night that Muhammad first received revelation of the Koran in 610.

The end of Ramadan is a joyous occasion known as *Eid-el-Fitr*, typically lasting three days. It is known as the Festival of Ever-Recurring Happiness and is celebrated with special prayers, feasts, candies and gift giving.



## Read & Choose

Read again and answer the questions.

1. Ramadan is celebrated only in the Middle East.
2. Underage children don't fast during Ramadan.
3. The fast is broken at midnight.
4. Restaurants and shops are open during Ramadan.
5. The night of power is celebrated with fireworks.

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**Focus on Grammar** | Non-defining Relative Clauses

Information in these clauses is not essential. They give us extra information, but the idea still makes sense without them. These clauses are always separated from the rest of the sentence by commas, and always use a relative pronoun, e.g. *Jane has just bought an awesome car. Jane is my neighbor.* = *Jane, who is my neighbor, has just bought an awesome car.* In non-defining clauses, you cannot use **that** instead of **who**, **whom** or **which**.

Person	Thing	Place	Possession
who	which	where	whose

**Note this!**

Non-defining relative clauses are quite formal and are typical of written English. In spoken English less formal structures are preferred.

**Written English:** My father, who is 75 now, still works out.

**Spoken English:** My father is 75 and still works out.

**Write It Right**

Complete these sentences with information from the text.

- Gabriel, who gave the koran to mohamed, is an angel.
- Ramadan, which is celebrated depending the lunar calendar, lasts for 29 to 30 days.
- The end of Ramadan, which is a joyous occasion, lasts three days.

Combine the two sentences using the non-defining relative pronoun given in brackets.

**Example:** *The Dancer is a great pub! I met Julia there. [where] = The Dancer, where I met Julia, is a great pub!*

Lady Diana was a princess. She died in 1997. [who]

Lady diana, who died in 1997, was the princess

Sarah is beautiful. Her birthday is next Saturday. [whose]

Sarah, whose her birthday is next satuday, is beautiful

This school is very old. It used to be a factory. [which]

This school, which it used to be a factory, is very old

**DIY**

Practice this grammar point in an interactive site. Visit <http://www.better-english.com/grammar/nondef.htm> and tell your teacher how you did!



I BELIEVE IN YOU!



Form teams. Write 6 questions you would like the answers to about Ramadan. Visit <http://www.theweek.co.uk/religion/54029/what-ramadan-six-questions-about-muslim-fasting-month> See if your questions are answered here. If they aren't, find the answers and share your questions and answers with your group.

**Speak up!**

**Say a sentence about your family, friends or favorite places. Your partner adds information to it, using a non-defining relative clause. See how well your partner knows you and if the information is correct!**