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UAE astronaut sends Ramadan greetings from space

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

An Emirati astronaut has sent an end-of-Ramadan greeting from space. Sultan al-Neyadi, 41, sent an Eid al-Fitr message to the world from the International Space Station. Eid al-Fitr is a short holiday that marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and service to community. Mr al-Neyadi is on a six-month mission in space. He will be the first Arab to complete a spacewalk when he undertakes a six-hour task of maintaining and upgrading equipment on the orbiting space station. In his Eid message, al-Neyadi said: "May this special occasion bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to the whole world."

Mr al-Neyadi has shared a lot of footage of Earth while on his mission. In particular, he has transfixed millions of Muslims with images of the holy site of Mecca glowing in the dark of night. His achievements have ignited an interest in technology among his compatriots in the UAE. He has received many questions about fasting in space. Most adult Muslims are required to fast from dawn to dusk as one of the five Pillars of Islam. Al-Neyadi explained that fasting was different in space. This is because he has to avoid activities "that could jeopardize the mission or put crew members at risk." He said he needed sufficient food "to prevent any escalation of a lack of nutrition or hydration".

Sources: <https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2023/04/21/Emirati-astronaut-Sultan-al-Neyadi-sends-Eid-wishes-from-space-alongside-mascot->
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WARM-UPS

1. RAMADAN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Ramadan. 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?

astronaut / Ramadan / greetings / space / holiday / fasting / prayer / reflection / Eid / Earth / mission / holy / Mecca / dawn / dusk / activities / crew / nutrition / hydration

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

3. PRAYING: Students A **strongly** believe we should all pray every day; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RELIGIOUS EVENTS: What do you know about these religious events? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
Ramadan		
Easter		
Diwali		
Hajj		
Nowruz		
Hanukkah		

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

6. RELIGIOUS ACTIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Praying
- Fasting
- Reflection
- Donating to charity
- Community service
- Gift giving
- Reading holy books
- Attending services

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. greeting | a. Acknowledge or celebrate (an important event) with a particular action. |
| 2. mark | b. Abstaining from all or some kinds of food or drink, especially as a religious observance. |
| 3. observed | c. The state of being wealthy and successful. |
| 4. fasting | d. Celebrated or acknowledge an anniversary. |
| 5. undertake | e. Moving in a circle round a star or planet. |
| 6. orbiting | f. A formal expression of goodwill, said on meeting or in a written message. |
| 7. prosperity | g. Commit oneself to and begin an enterprise or responsibility. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. footage | h. Caused someone to become motionless with wonder or astonishment. |
| 9. transfixed | i. Dedicated or consecrated to God or a religious purpose; sacred. |
| 10. holy | j. An increase in the intensity or seriousness of something. |
| 11. compatriot | k. The first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise. |
| 12. dawn | l. A fellow citizen or national of a country. |
| 13. dusk | m. Part of a cinema, television film or other recording about a particular event. |
| 14. escalation | n. The stage of the day when the sun sets. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

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

1. An astronaut received many Ramadan greetings while in space. **T / F**
2. Ramadan marks the end of Eid-al-Fitr. **T / F**
3. The astronaut will be the first Arab to do a spacewalk. **T / F**
4. The astronaut has to paint the outside of the space station. **T / F**
5. The astronaut sent images of Mecca at night back to Earth. **T / F**
6. People in the UAE are now becoming more interested in technology. **T / F**
7. The astronaut said fasting in space and on Earth was the same. **T / F**
8. The astronaut said he decided to eat enough to do his job properly. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. message | a. fascinated |
| 2. marks | b. tackles |
| 3. reflection | c. wealth |
| 4. undertakes | d. threaten |
| 5. prosperity | e. indicates |
| 6. transfixed | f. insufficiency |
| 7. dusk | g. rise |
| 8. jeopardize | h. note |
| 9. escalation | i. twilight |
| 10. lack | j. contemplation |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. an end-of-Ramadan | a. equipment |
| 2. a month of fasting, prayer, | b. from dawn to dusk |
| 3. maintaining and upgrading | c. hydration |
| 4. on the orbiting | d. greeting from space |
| 5. bring peace, happiness, and prosperity | e. the mission |
| 6. images of the holy | f. space station |
| 7. ignited | g. site of Mecca |
| 8. Muslims are required to fast | h. reflection, and service |
| 9. avoid activities that could jeopardize | i. to the whole world |
| 10. a lack of nutrition or | j. an interest |

GAP FILL

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observed
undertakes
greeting
occasion
fasting
prosperity
marks
orbiting

Mr al-Neyadi has shared a lot of (9) _____ of Earth while on his mission. In particular, he has (10) _____ millions of Muslims with images of the holy site of Mecca (11) _____ in the dark of night. His achievements have ignited an interest in technology among his (12) _____ in the UAE. He has received many questions about fasting in space. Most adult Muslims are required to fast from dawn to (13) _____ as one of the five Pillars of Islam. Al-Neyadi explained that fasting was different in space. This is because he has to avoid activities "that could (14) _____ the mission or put crew members at risk." He said he needed (15) _____ food "to prevent any escalation of a lack of nutrition or (16) _____".

dusk
hydration
transfixed
glowing
sufficient
footage
jeopardize
compatriots

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

- 1) Eid al-Fitr is a short holiday that marks the end of _____
 - a. the holly month
 - b. the holy months
 - c. the holy month
 - d. a holy month
- 2) a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and _____
 - a. service too community
 - b. service took community
 - c. service two communities
 - d. service to community
- 3) He will be the first Arab to _____
 - a. compete a spacewalk
 - b. complete a spacewalk
 - c. compete in a spacewalk
 - d. compete inner spacewalk
- 4) a six-hour task of maintaining and upgrading equipment on the _____
 - a. orbit in space station
 - b. orbit tin space station
 - c. orbiting space station
 - d. orbit thing space station
- 5) May this special occasion bring peace, _____
 - a. happiness, and prosperity
 - b. happiness, end prosperity
 - c. happiness, an prosperity
 - d. happiness, add prosperity
- 6) footage of Earth while on his mission. In particular, he _____
 - a. has transfixed million
 - b. had transfixed millions
 - c. had transfixed million
 - d. has transfixed millions
- 7) His achievements have ignited an interest in technology _____
 - a. among this compatriots
 - b. among his compatriots
 - c. among his compatriot
 - d. among his con patriots
- 8) Most adult Muslims are required to fast from _____
 - a. dusk to dawn
 - b. born to busk
 - c. dawn to dusk
 - d. down to dark
- 9) This is because he has to avoid activities _____
 - a. that could jeopardy
 - b. that should jeopardize
 - c. that could jeopardize
 - d. that would jeopardize
- 10) prevent any escalation of a lack of _____
 - a. nutritional or hydrated
 - b. nutrition or hydrating
 - c. nutritious or hydration
 - d. nutrition or hydration

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr al-Neyadi has shared a lot (7) _____ Earth while on his mission. In particular, he has transfixed millions of Muslims with images of the holy site of Mecca (8) _____ dark of night. His achievements have ignited an interest in technology among (9) _____ the UAE. He has received many questions about fasting in space. Most adult Muslims are required to (10) _____ to dusk as one of the five Pillars of Islam. Al-Neyadi explained that fasting was different in space. This is because he has to avoid activities "that (11) _____ mission or put crew members at risk." He said he needed sufficient food "to prevent any escalation of (12) _____ or hydration".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

1. How old is the astronaut?
2. What does Eid-al-Fitr mark the end of?
3. How long will the astronaut stay in space?
4. How many Arabs before Mr al-Neyadi have done a spacewalk?
5. What does Mr al-Neyadi have to upgrade?
6. What has Mr al-Neyadi shared?
7. Who is more interested in technology because of Mr al-Neyadi's work?
8. How many Pillars of Islam are there?
9. What does Mr al-Neyadi want to avoid jeopardizing?
10. What does Mr al-Neyadi need to keep up besides nutrition?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

- 1) How old is the astronaut?
 - a) 39
 - b) 40
 - c) 41
 - d) 42
- 2) What does Eid-al-Fitr mark the end of?
 - a) Ramadan
 - b) Eid
 - c) spring
 - d) praying
- 3) How long will the astronaut stay in space?
 - a) a year
 - b) 6 months
 - c) 8 months
 - d) 10 months
- 4) How many Arabs before Mr al-Neyadi have done a spacewalk?
 - a) 3
 - b) 2
 - c) 1
 - d) none
- 5) What does Mr al-Neyadi have to upgrade?
 - a) qualifications
 - b) fitness
 - c) equipment
 - d) his phone OS
- 6) What has Mr al-Neyadi shared?
 - a) his opinions and ideas
 - b) footage of Earth
 - c) food
 - d) his email address
- 7) Who is more interested in technology because of Mr al-Neyadi's work?
 - a) people in Saudi Arabia
 - b) children
 - c) his crew members
 - d) Emiratis
- 8) How many Pillars of Islam are there?
 - a) 4
 - b) 5
 - c) 6
 - d) 7
- 9) What does Mr al-Neyadi want to avoid jeopardizing?
 - a) the ISS
 - b) the mission
 - c) Earth
 - d) space
- 10) What does Mr al-Neyadi need to keep up besides nutrition?
 - a) hydration
 - b) his fitness
 - c) his motivation
 - d) his knowledge

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Praying

You think praying is the best religious act. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their acts aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): fasting, reading holy books or gift giving.

Role B – Fasting

You think fasting is the best religious act. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their acts aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): praying, reading holy books or gift giving.

Role C – Reading Holy Books

You think reading holy books is the best religious act. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their acts aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): fasting, praying or gift giving.

Role D – Gift Giving

You think gift giving is the best religious act. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their acts aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): fasting, reading holy books or praying.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

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

space	Ramadan

- 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">• sent• short• worldwide• six• task• special	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• footage• holy• interest• dawn• avoid• lack
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RAMADAN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Ramadan 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.

RAMADAN 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 'Ramadan'?
3. What do you know about Ramadan?
4. What greeting would you give to the world?
5. What do you think of going into space?
6. How spiritual is fasting from dawn to dusk?
7. Should we all pray every day?
8. How often do you reflect on your life?
9. What service do you do for your community?
10. What would bring peace and prosperity to the world?

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RAMADAN 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 'astronaut'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to be an astronaut?
15. What do you know about the holy site of Mecca?
16. What do you know about the five Pillars of Islam?
17. Is a month a good length of time for Ramadan?
18. Should all countries make the Eids national holidays?
19. How important is the moon in your culture?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr al-Neyadi?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) greet | (b) grating | (c) greeting | (d) gloating |
| 2. | (a) marks | (b) parks | (c) harks | (d) larks |
| 3. | (a) reflection | (b) rejection | (c) refraction | (d) ratification |
| 4. | (a) undertakes | (b) retakes | (c) overtakes | (d) intakes |
| 5. | (a) orbits | (b) orbiting | (c) orbit | (d) orbital |
| 6. | (a) severity | (b) verity | (c) sincerity | (d) prosperity |
| 7. | (a) backing | (b) kneeling | (c) footage | (d) brainwaves |
| 8. | (a) growling | (b) growth | (c) glowering | (d) glowing |
| 9. | (a) dusk | (b) rusk | (c) husk | (d) busk |
| 10. | (a) evade | (b) avoid | (c) void | (d) avid |
| 11. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) gradation | (b) placation | (c) hydration | (d) inflation |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. An amriEit astronaut
2. derbvseo by Muslims worldwide
3. fasting, prayer, fclenoteri and service
4. maintaining and upgrading ngemptiue
5. on the iritnbgo space station
6. happiness and tspiperryo

Paragraph 2

7. shared a lot of etfoago of Earth
8. among his tsctroiaomp
9. iajozepder the mission
10. He said he needed ifuiensftc food
11. prevent any etclasoani
12. a lack of ounttniir or hydration

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () mission in space. He will be the first Arab to complete a spacewalk when he undertakes a six-hour task of maintaining
- () members at risk." He said he needed sufficient food "to prevent any escalation of a lack of nutrition or hydration".
- (**1**) An Emirati astronaut has sent an end-of-Ramadan greeting from space. Sultan al-Neyadi, 41, sent
- () and upgrading equipment on the orbiting space station. In his Eid message, al-Neyadi said: "May this
- () special occasion bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to the whole world."
- () compatriots in the UAE. He has received many questions about fasting in space. Most adult Muslims are
- () worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and service to community. Mr al-Neyadi is on a six-month
- () of night. His achievements have ignited an interest in technology among his
- () holiday that marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is observed by Muslims
- () millions of Muslims with images of the holy site of Mecca glowing in the dark
- () was different in space. This is because he has to avoid activities "that could jeopardize the mission or put crew
- () an Eid al-Fitr message to the world from the International Space Station. Eid al-Fitr is a short
- () Mr al-Neyadi has shared a lot of footage of Earth while on his mission. In particular, he has transfixed
- () required to fast from dawn to dusk as one of the five Pillars of Islam. Al-Neyadi explained that fasting

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. end of the Ramadan . of month holy The
2. mission six-month in is Al-Neyadi space . on a
3. spacewalk . first to He's complete the a Arab
4. equipment orbiting Upgrading the on space station .
5. special and occasion prosperity . May this peace bring
6. an in His ignited interest technology . achievements have
7. to dawn required dusk . fast to They're from
8. was in space . that different explained fasting Al-Neyadi
9. activities the could that jeopardize Avoid mission .
10. nutrition . lack of Prevent of escalation a any

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

An Emirati astronaut has sent an end-of-Ramadan *greet / greeting* from space. Sultan al-Neyadi, 41, *mailed / sent* an Eid al-Fitr message to the world from the International Space Station. Eid al-Fitr is a short holiday that *marks / harks* the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is *observant / observed* by Muslims worldwide as a month of *fast / fasting*, prayer, reflection, and service to community. Mr al-Neyadi is on a six-month mission *in / on* space. He will be the first Arab to complete a spacewalk when he *overtakes / undertakes* a six-hour task of maintaining and upgrading equipment on the *orbiting / orbit* space station. In his Eid message, al-Neyadi said: "May this *specialy / special* occasion bring peace, happiness, and *prosperity / prosper* to the whole world."

Mr al-Neyadi has shared a lot of *footage / heading* of Earth while on his mission. In *peculiar / particular*, he has transfixed millions of Muslims with *images / imaginings* of the holy site of Mecca glowing *on / in* the dark of night. His achievements have *ignited / enflamed* an interest in technology among *those / his* compatriots in the UAE. He has received many questions about fasting in space. Most adult Muslims are required to fast from dawn to *rusk / dusk* as one of the five Pillars of Islam. Al-Neyadi explained that fasting was different in space. This is because he has to *evade / avoid* activities "that could jeopardize the mission or put crew members *at / for* risk." He said he needed sufficient food "to prevent any *escalation / escalator* of a lack of nutrition or hydration".

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

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

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_n _m_r_t_ _str_n__t h_s s_nt _n _nd-f-R_m_d_n
gr_t_ng fr_m sp_c_. S_lt_n _l-N_y_d_, 41, s_nt _n
__d _l-F_tr m_ss_g_ t_ th_ w_rld fr_m th_
_nt_rn_t__n_l Sp_c_ St_t__n. __d _l-F_tr _s _ sh_rt
h_l_d_y th_t m_rks th_ _nd _f th_ h_ly m_nth _f
R_m_d_n. R_m_d_n _s _bs_rv_d by M_sl_ms w_rldw_d_
_s _ m_nth _f f_st_ng, pr_y_r, r_fl_ct__n, _nd s_rv_c_
t_ c_mm_n_ty. Mr _l-N_y_d_ _s _n _ s_x-m_nth
m_ss__n _n sp_c_. H_ w_ll b_ th_ f_rst _r_b t_
c_mpl_t_ _ sp_c_w_lk wh_n h_ _nd_rtk_s _ s_x-h__r
t_sk _f m__nt__n_ng _nd _pgr_d_ng _q__pm_nt _n th_
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h_pp_n_ss, _nd pr_sp_r_ty t_ th_ wh_l_ w_rld."

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h_ h_s t_ _v__d _ct_v_t__s "th_t c__ld j__p_rdz_ th_
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_l_ck _f n_tr_t__n _r hydr_t__n".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

an emirati astronaut has sent an endoframadan greeting from space sultan alneyadi 41 sent an eid alfitr message to the world from the international space station eid alfitr is a short holiday that marks the end of the holy month of ramadan ramadan is observed by muslims worldwide as a month of fasting prayer reflection and service to community mr alneyadi is on a sixmonth mission in space he will be the first arab to complete a spacewalk when he undertakes a sixhour task of maintaining and upgrading equipment on the orbiting space station in his eid message alneyadi said may this special occasion bring peace happiness and prosperity to the whole world

mr alneyadi has shared a lot of footage of earth while on his mission in particular he has transfixed millions of muslims with images of the holy site of mecca glowing in the dark of night his achievements have ignited an interest in technology among his compatriots in the uae he has received many questions about fasting in space most adult muslims are required to fast from dawn to dusk as one of the five pillars of islam alneyadi explained that fasting was different in space this is because he has to avoid activities that could jeopardize the mission or put crew members at risk he said he needed sufficient food to prevent any escalation of a lack of nutrition or hydration

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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An Emirati astronaut has sent an end-of-Ramadan greeting from space. Sultan al-Neyadi, 41, sent an Eid al-Fitr message to the world from the International Space Station. Eid al-Fitr is a short holiday that marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and service to community. Mr al-Neyadi is on a six-month mission in space. He will be the first Arab to complete a spacewalk when he undertakes a six-hour task of maintaining and upgrading equipment on the orbiting space station. In his Eid message, al-Neyadi said: "May this special occasion bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to the whole world." Mr al-Neyadi has shared a lot of footage of Earth while on his mission. In particular, he has transfixed millions of Muslims with images of the holy site of Mecca glowing in the dark of night. His achievements have ignited an interest in technology among his compatriots in the UAE. He has received many questions about fasting in space. Most adult Muslims are required to fast from dawn to dusk as one of the five Pillars of Islam. Al-Neyadi explained that fasting was different in space. This is because he has to avoid activities "that could jeopardize the mission or put crew members at risk." He said he needed sufficient food "to prevent any escalation of a lack of nutrition or hydration".

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

Write about **Ramadan** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230424-eid-al-fitr.html>

Everyone should pray at, celebrate and observe religious events. Discuss.

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

4. PRAYER: Write a magazine article about all of us praying, especially during religious events. 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 Ramadan. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can observe religious events. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. e	3. j	4. b	5. c
6. a	7. I	8. d	9. g	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 41
- Ramadan
- Six months
- None
- Equipment
- Footage of Earth
- Emiratis
- Five
- The mission
- Hydration

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The end of the holy month of Ramadan.
- Al-Neyadi is on a six-month mission in space.
- He's the first Arab to complete a spacewalk.
- Upgrading equipment on the orbiting space station.
- May this special occasion bring peace and prosperity.
- His achievements have ignited an interest in technology.
- They're required to fast from dawn to dusk.
- Al-Neyadi explained that fasting was different in space.
- Avoid activities that could jeopardize the mission.
- Prevent any escalation of a lack of nutrition.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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