

## Christmas for non-Christians?

Some people say that only Christians should be allowed time off work and school at Christmas.

Others disagree, saying that anyone should be allowed to celebrate it and have time off.



**Abdul**

"I agree with those who think non-Christians should not celebrate it, because I don't think just anyone should be allowed to celebrate Eid ul-Adha (\*the Islamic holiday) and because I don't celebrate Christmas."

**Miriam**



"There are families where not everyone is of the same faith; some are Christians and others have different faiths or none. It would not be fair to split these families apart during Christmas by giving only some of them time-off."

<p>A. What is Abdul's position? (Choose one)</p>	<p>D. What do you think is Miriam's position? (Choose one)</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> That non-Christians should not be allowed to celebrate Christmas</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> That Muslims should be allowed to celebrate Eid ul-Adha</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> That he does not celebrate Christmas</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> That Christmas should only be for Christians.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> That Christmas should be for anyone.</p>
<p>B. What information does Abdul use to support his position?</p>	<p>E. What information does Miriam use to support her position?</p>
<p>He says, "I don't think just anyone should be allowed to celebrate Eid ul-Adha and because I don't celebrate Christmas."</p>	<p>She says "There are families where not everyone is of the same faith." And says "It wouldn't be fair to split these families apart."</p>
<p>C. Explain why Abdul might think this information supports his position?</p>	<p>F. Explain why Miriam might think this information supports her position?</p>
<p>Because he thinks only Muslims should be allowed to celebrate Eid ul-Adha and why should Christmas be any different</p>	<p>Because she thinks Christmas is a time to get together not split apart</p>
<p>G. Whose argument is better? Why is their argument better?</p>	
<p>I think <del>Miriam's</del> <sup>Abdul's</sup> argument is better as he compares Christmas to another <sup>Abd</sup> festival. <sup>Religious</sup></p>	

## What's Growing?

Olga and Eve found something growing on some wood inside the garden shed (see picture on the right). They wondered "what are these growing things?"



Olga noticed there are stems growing from the wood and she says that they must be plants because she knows plants have stems.

Eve noticed that the shed has no window and so no light. She says these growing things must be fungus because she knows plants need light to grow but fungi do not. Also, it looks a little like the mushrooms she eats. Eve recalled mushrooms are fungi and have stems too.

A. What is Olga's main idea?	D. What is Eve's main idea?
That the <del>thing</del> growing are plants <sup>it's</sup>	That the growing items are fungi
B. What is Olga's evidence?	E. What is Eve's evidence?
They have stems	They are the only can grow without light and they look like the ones she eats.
C. Explain why Olga might think this evidence supports her idea?	F. Explain why Eve might think this evidence supports her idea?
Because plants have stems and she knows that they have stems	Because she has backed her statement up with scientific evidence and she knows plants need light to grow
G. Who do you think is right? Explain why either Olga or Eve's argument is right.	
I think <u>Eve</u> is right because she <del>is</del> has used more scientific evidence but Olga only said it was a plant as it had a stem, which is not enough evidence.	

## A Zoo Near You?

Suppose you heard that the local council is considering opening a zoo. The council would like to know the public's opinion about this. Some people believe that zoos should be banned. Others think that zoos serve a good role in our society. Ahmed and Charlotte are discussing whether a zoo should be developed or not.



Ahmed

Due to the climate change and increased population, it is becoming hard for wild animals to find their own food in the nature.

Every year, millions of wild animals are killed by hunters and poachers.

Zoos save endangered animals and help them to reproduce.

Humans have no right to capture or confine animals. It is cruel.

Animals should be treated the same as people, and we allow people to be free.

Removing animals from the wild further endangers more because there are less left in the wild to mate

Charlotte



A. Which Idea do you think Ahmed supports?	B. Which idea do you think Charlotte Supports?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> That a zoo should be built. <input type="checkbox"/> That a zoo should NOT be built.	<input type="checkbox"/> That a zoo should be built. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> That a zoo should NOT be built.

C. The following information could support...	Ahmed	Charlotte	Both	Neither
1. Many religions suggest that humans should be stewards of all life.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Explain why you think this information supports them?

Because Ahmed says that it is "hard for <sup>wild</sup> animals to find their own food," suggesting if a zoo was open they could help animals live. And Charlotte says, "It's cruel," suggesting she wants to help wild!

E. The following information could support...	Ahmed	Charlotte	Both	Neither
2. Zoos give educational experiences to the public and encourage them to help conservation efforts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

F. Explain why you think this information supports them?

Because Ahmed one of them mention education

G. Who do you agree with? Why do you agree with them?

I agree with Ahmed because zoos help endangered animals still be seen and children can see animals that may be extinct in the wild.

DIFFERENT EXAMPLES: STUDENT 2 (Science)

G. Who do you think is right? Explain why either Olga or Eve's argument is right.

I think Eve is right ~~because~~...  
 Although in my opinion I think both of them are right, Eve was able to justify her answer specifically for the plant where the fungi is grown while Olga only gives general information about plants only stating that they have stems but plants with stems can be grown anywhere.

STUDENT 3 (RE)

B. What information does Abdul use to support his position?	E. What information does Miriam use to support her position?
If only Muslims celebrate Eid, then only Christians should celebrate Christmas	There are families with people of different faiths
C. Explain why Abdul might think this information supports his position?	F. Explain why Miriam might think this information supports her position?
This information shows that it is one rule for one religion and another rule for another religion.	It would not be fair to only give some family members time off, thus splitting the family at Christmas
G. Whose argument is better? Why is their argument better?	
I think Miriam's argument is better, because it would be unfair to give some people time off when others are at work. On the other hand, I agree with Abdul that only Christians should celebrate Christmas, but non-Christians should still get time off like Miriam says.	

STUDENT 4 (Both)

E. The following information could support...	Ahmed	Charlotte	Both	Neither
2. Zoos give educational experiences to the public and encourage them to help conservation efforts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Explain why you think this information supports them?				
Ahmed is in favour for zoo's and think they would be good.				