

Scholastic News Zone
Special Online Issue: World of Holidays

It's the Holiday Season

Read the time line to learn when each major winter holiday happens this year. Use the time line to answer the questions.

Time line:

December 1-
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December 9- Hanukkah begins at sundown
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December 17- Eid-al-Fitr (feast marking the end of Ramadan) December 17 Hanukkah
ends
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December 21- Winter Solstice
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December 25- Christmas
December 26- Kwanzaa begins
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January 1- Kwanzaa ends

Questions:

1. This time line covers a period of _____ days.

2. Which holiday lasts longer, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa?

3. Does the Winter Solstice occur during any of the other major winter holidays?

4. Which two holiday events happen on the same day?

5. How long after Eid-al-Fitr does Christmas occur?

6. What holiday event happens on New Year's Day, January 1?

7. Another winter holiday is the Mexican Christmas celebration known as *Las Posadas*. During this time people parade through their neighborhoods and have parties. It lasts for nine days. Christmas Eve, December 24, is the last day of the celebration. On what day does *Las Posadas* begin? _____

Add labels for the beginning and ending of *Las Posadas* to the time line.