

## Reading Comprehension

Read the information below to learn a little more about the Jewish celebration of Shavuot.  
Have a go at answering the quick questions below.

# Shavuot

### What Is Shavuot?

Shavuot is a Jewish celebration, which happens every year. The celebration lasts for two days, except for in Israel, where it only lasts for one day. It is usually celebrated in May but the date is different every year.

### Why Is it Celebrated?

Shavuot is celebrated for two reasons. Firstly, it is a celebration of the grain harvest. Many years ago, Shavuot represented the end of the grain harvest and the beginning of the fruit harvest. An important part of the celebration was the taking of the first fruits to the temple. Once at the temple, the priest would bless the fruit.

Secondly, it is the celebration of the Torah. Shavuot marks the day when the Torah was shared with the Jewish people.

### How Is it Celebrated by Jewish People?

by eating dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yoghurt



by reading the Torah to try and learn it



by eating fruit, in particular grapes, pomegranate and figs



by going on a pilgrimage to the Western Wall



The Star of David is a Jewish symbol. It is named after King David.

# Questions

1. How often is Shavuot celebrated?

once a year ☐

twice a year ☐

once a month ☐

2. Shavuot is celebrated for two days worldwide.

true ☐

false ☐

3. Who would bless the fruit at the temple?

God ☐

King David ☐

A priest ☐

4. Find and copy one word which means journey or visit.

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5. Name two types of fruit eaten at Shavuot.

grapes ☐

oranges ☐

apple ☐

pomegranates ☐