Bayram Traditions in Türkiye

Seviye A2 · Okuma · Konuşma

Warm-up

- What is your favourite part of Bayram?
- Who do you visit during Bayram?
- What sweets do you eat at Bayram?

Reading

Ramazan Bayramı comes after the month of Ramadan and lasts three days. Many people call it Şeker Bayramı, the “Sugar Feast”, because sweets are everywhere! The date changes every year, because it follows the moon calendar. It comes about eleven days earlier each year.

Here is how Zeynep explains Bayram to her English friend Emma:

“Before Bayram, we clean the house and buy new clothes. We call them bayramlık. On the first morning, we put on our new clothes and visit my grandparents. We kiss their hands and touch them to our foreheads. This shows respect. After that, my grandma gives us a little pocket money. It's called bayram harçlığı.

Then we visit our relatives and neighbours. Everybody offers sweets, chocolate and Turkish delight, and my aunt always makes baklava. Children go from door to door, and neighbours give them sweets. In the evening, I'm always tired but very happy!”

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
feast	bayram, şölen	*Şeker Bayramı is also called the Sugar Feast.*
last	sürmek	*The holiday lasts three days.*
relative	akraba	*We visit our relatives at Bayram.*

respect	saygı	*We show respect to older people.*
forehead	alın	*She touched the hand to her forehead.*
pocket money	harçlık	*My grandpa gave me some pocket money.*
offer	ikram etmek, sunmak	*They offered us tea and baklava.*
Turkish delight	lokum	*Turkish delight is soft and sweet.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Present Simple (gelenekler)	We visit our grandparents. / Neighbours give children sweets.
before + isim / after + isim	Before Bayram, we clean the house. / After breakfast, we visit our relatives.
Bayram dilekleri	Happy Bayram! / Have a happy holiday!

Discussion

1. What does your family do on the first day of Bayram?
2. Why do you think people visit older relatives first?
3. How would you explain Bayram to a friend from another country?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. Why do many people call it Şeker Bayramı?

   a) Because it is in summer
   b) Because people eat a lot of sweets
   c) Because it is very long
   d) Because children go to school

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. _____ Bayram, we clean the house and buy new clothes.

3. Neighbours _____ (give) children sweets.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. The date of Bayram is the same every year. ( )

5. Zeynep's grandma gives the children pocket money. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

6. Match the Turkish words with the English explanations.

   1. bayramlık ( )
   2. bayram harçlığı ( )
   3. lokum ( )
   4. el öpmek ( )

   a) Turkish delight
   b) new clothes for Bayram
   c) kissing an older person's hand
   d) pocket money for children

Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

7. Your friend from England asks: “What do you do at Bayram?” Answer in 4–5 sentences.