




Key Vocabulary

Islam	Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam.
Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
Five Pillars of Islam	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
Prophets	Special messengers sent from Allah.
Muhammad	The last prophet and the key prophet in Islam.
Mecca	Mecca is an important place to Muslims. It is where Muhammad was born. Muslims face Mecca to pray and try to visit it sometime during their lives.
	
Hajj	The name Muslims give to the special pilgrimage to Mecca.

What should I already know?

Muslims believe that there is only one God called Allah. They believe Allah is the only ruler of the universe. The word 'Islam' means obedience to Allah.

The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. Muslims believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.

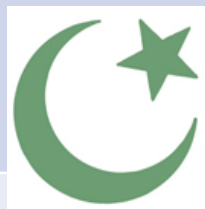
Ramadan - A Muslim festival where Muslims fast during the daylight and only eat after the sun has set.

Mosque - Muslim place of worship.

The main Muslim festivals are: Ramadan, Eid-al-Fitr, Eid-al-Adha, Dhu al-Hijja. During Ramadan, Muslims try to give up bad habits.

What will I learn?

The Five Pillars of Islam



- 1. Shahadah:** Muslims say a declaration of faith.
- 2. Salah:** Muslims pray five times a day. Before prayer, they must wash themselves and then face Mecca whilst praying.
- 3. Zakat:** Muslims must donate to charities.
- 4. Sawm:** Muslims fast for one month during a time called Ramadan.
- 5. Hajj:** Muslims have to travel to Mecca once in their lifetime, if they can afford to.

The Six Main Beliefs



1. Belief in Allah as the one and only God.
2. Belief in angels.
3. Belief in the holy books.
4. Belief in the prophets and that Muhammad was the final prophet.
5. Belief in the Day of Judgement (the day when Allah decides if a person goes to heaven or hell).
6. Belief in predestination (the belief that Allah has already planned out what will happen).

Key Question:

Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?