

Key Vocabulary

Important Facts

Shahadah - belief in one God and the Prophet of God.

Salat - daily prayer

Sawm - fasting

Zakah - to give charity to help the poor.

Ibadah - worship and belief in action

Pilgrimage - is a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance.

Hajj – a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca made by Muslims.

Ummah - Muslim community

Islam is currently the world’s second largest religion after Christianity. There are two main Muslim groups: Sunni and Shi’a. They chose sides following the death of the Islamic prophet Muhammad in AD 632. It is approximated that 85% of the world’s Muslims are Sunni and 15% are Shia Muslims.

Hajj

Every year, millions of Muslims travel from around the world to Saudi Arabia to complete the Hajj pilgrimage in the holy city of Mecca. Hajj takes place in a ten-day period. It is a spiritual pilgrimage that every adult Muslim must perform at least once in their lives. In order to be closer to God, they wear simple clothes, aren’t allowed to argue and perform rituals such as throwing stones at pillars to symbolise rejecting evil.



Muslims follow and carry out the Five Pillars (duties) in Islam.



The Holy Qur’an is significant to Muslims as it is the final revealed word of God, it includes how it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by the Angel

Jibril. It includes stories of the Prophets (e.g. Ibrahim, Musa, Isa, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)).

Some of these stories are shared with Christian and Jewish people (e.g. Ibrahim/Abraham, Musa/Moses, Isa/Jesus).

Eid-ul-Adha- is a festival that occurs at the end of Hajj, this celebration recalls Ibrahim’s faith being tested when he was asked to sacrifice his son Isma’il.

Sura 1: The opening has verses that are a prayer for God’s guidance and stress the Lordship and Mercy of God (Allah). This chapter has a special role in daily prayers (**Salat**), being recited at the start of each unit of prayer, or rak’ah.

Surah 17 is the **Night Journey** tells us of how the Prophet learns the importance of prayer and how it is how someone can communicate with God and that Muslims should pray 5 times a day.

1:1 In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Bismi Allahi alrrahmani alrraheemi

1:2 Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds;

Alhamdu lillahi rabbi alAAalameena

1:3 Most Gracious, Most Merciful;

Alrrahmani alrraheemi

1:4 Master of the Day of Judgment.

Maliki yawmi alddeeni

1:5 Thee do we worship, and Thine aid we seek.

Iyyaka naAAabudu wa-iybaka nastaAAeenu

1:6 Show us the straight way;

Ihdina alssirata almustaqeema

1:7 The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace, those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray.

Sirata allatheena anAAamta AAalayhim ghayri almaghdoobi AAalayhim walq alddalleena

Key People and Places

Quiz

Mosque – the religious building of Muslims

It's a place to **pray**, **study**, and **learn** how to be a good human being from the **iman** (holy man).

Most purpose-built mosques have a dome and a minaret, but all mosques have somewhere to wash, a **Qibla** wall to show the direction of Mecca, and space to bow and pray.

- 1) **Islam is the _____ largest religion in the world.**
a) first b) second c) third d) forth
- 2) **Hajj is carried out by...**
a) Christians b) Muslims c) Jews d) Hindus
- 3) **How many days do Muslims spend praying during Hajj**
a) 14 days b) 5 days c) 10 days d) 7 days
- 4) **What are the two main groups in Islam?**
a) Sunni and Shi'a b) Roman Catholics and Protestants c) Theravada and Vajrayana d) Orthodox and reform
- 5) **The five pillars of Islam are Shahadah, Salah, Zakat, Swam and....**
a) Holy Quran b) Hajj c) Eid d) Umrah
- 6) **How many times should salah be carried out in a day?**
a) once b) twice c) four d) five
- 7) **Where do Muslims travel to carry out their pilgrimage?**
a) Mecca b) Jerusalem c) River Ganges d) Bethlehem
- 8) **Who revealed the words of God to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)?**
a) Jesus b) Muslims c) Angel Jibril d) Holy Spirit
- 9) **Eid-al-Adha is a festival that remembers the sacrifice made by.....**
a) Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) b) Prophet Isa c) Prophet Ibrahim d) Prophet Musa
- 10) **What is the Shahadah?**
a) belief in Gods b) belief in one God c) belief in Prophet Muhammed d) belief in the Holy city

