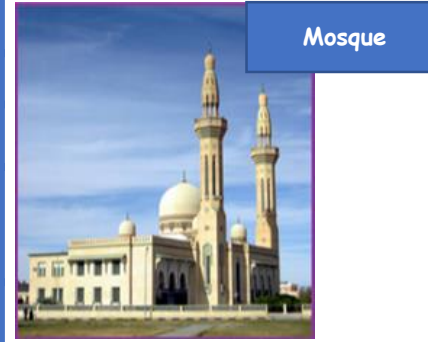




# RE - What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

## Key Vocabulary

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| Muslim   | Are people who follow or practice Islam.   |
| Islam    | Islam is a religion. Followers of Islam are called Muslims.  |
| Allah    | Refers to the Muslim God. It is the Arabic term for God. Allah is the main word for God and is one of the 99 names for God.  |
| Ramadan  | Is the ninth month in the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting.   |
| Mosque   | An Islamic place of worship for people of the Muslim faith.  |
| Mecca    | A place in Saudi Arabia that Muslims go once in their lives on a pilgrimage. It is the most sacred Muslim place in the world.  |
| Salat    | Also known as salah. These are the obligatory prayers performed five times each day. They happen at dawn, midday, late afternoon, just after sunset and between sunset and midnight. |
| Sawm     | Is the fasting during the holy month of Ramadan. During this time, Muslims do not eat between sunrise and sunset.  |
| Hajj     | An annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca. Hajj is a mandatory religious duty for all Muslims which must be carried out at least once in their lifetime.                                 |
| Ummah    | As Islam is a worldwide faith, Muslims use this term for the worldwide community of Islam.   |
| Q'ran    | The Q'ran is the religious text of Islam, believed by Muslims to be a revelation from God. It is organised into 114 chapters which are made up of verses.                            |
| Hadith   | Is the Arabic word for speech, account or narrative.   |
| Shahadah | A declaration of belief in the oneness of God and the acceptance of Muhammad as God's messenger.   |



## Key Knowledge

- Muslims believe in the Five Pillars of Islam - faith, fasting, charity, prayer and pilgrimage.
- Muslims believe that God is One and Prophet Muhammad is his messenger.
- Muslims believe that it is impossible to fully capture what God is like in one word so they use 99 different beautiful names.
- Muslims worship in a Mosque - mosques have a number of important features. A shoe rack, prayer mats, washroom, the Qur'an, tasbih beads, minaret and mihrab.
- Islamic art represents all art created in the Islamic empire. Islamic art rarely contains images of people or animals. The patterns are geometric and consist of repeating, interlaced or overlapped shapes arranged in complex, intricate patterns.

### The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five most important duties for Muslims.

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| <p><b>The Shahadah</b></p> <p>The belief that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is his messenger.</p> | <p><b>Salah</b></p> <p>Praying five times a day.</p> | <p><b>Zakat</b></p> <p>Making an annual charitable donation to help the poor.</p> | <p><b>Sawm</b></p> <p>Fasting during the month of Ramadan.</p> | <p><b>Hajj</b></p> <p>Attending the pilgrimage to Makkah once in your lifetime.</p> |
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