

**Facts**

Place of Worship - Mosque  
 Name of religion – Islam  
 Followed by – Muslims  
 Holy book – Quran

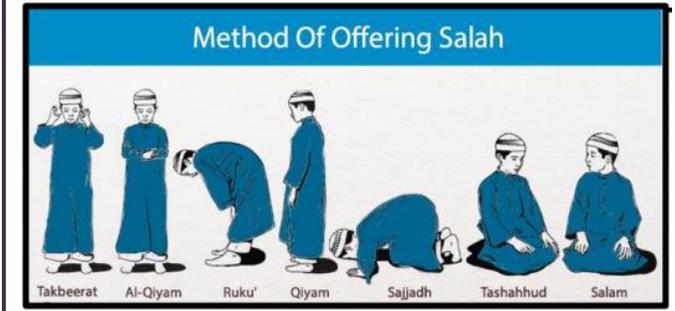
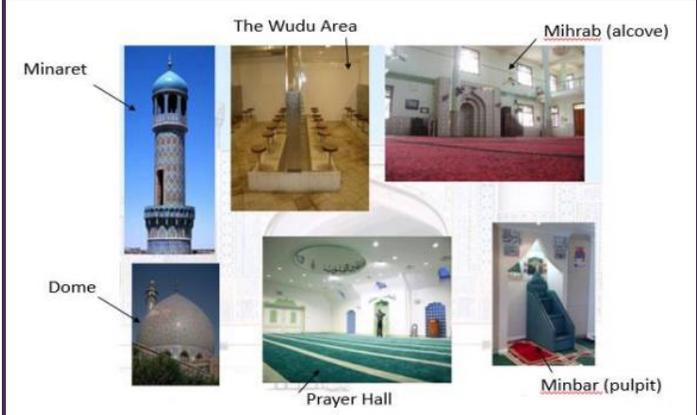


**I can...**

- ☞ Make links between Muslim practice of the five pillars and Muslim beliefs about God
- ☞ Make links between Muslim practice of each of the five pillars and Muslim beliefs about Prophet Muhammad
- ☞ Describe and reflect on how the Qur'an is significant to Muslims
- ☞ Describe and reflect on how other forms of guidance e.g. Hadith are significant to Muslims
- ☞ Compare, noting similarities and differences, the guidance I use to the guidance used by a Muslim
- ☞ Identify and explain connections between the main functions of the Mosque and Muslim beliefs

**Key Vocabulary**

- Pillar – A structure (usually a column) that holds something up.
- Monotheistic – A religion that believes in only one God.
- Adhan – The call to prayer, and the first message whispered into a baby's ear in the Islamic faith.
- Muezzin – The person who sings the call to prayer.
- Prophet – A messenger of God.
- Scripture – A piece of text from a religious book.
- Prayer – A conversation with God.
- Charity – Giving help to those in need.
- Generosity – The quality of helping others.
- Fasting – Choosing to go without food or drink.
- Ramadan – The month in which Muslims fast.
- Sacrifice – Giving up something important to show respect and love
- Pilgrimage – A journey made for a religious reason.
- Mecca/Makkah – Islam's holiest city, where Hajj takes place.
- Kaaba – The black box in the centre of Mecca. Inside is the Holy "Black Stone". Qur'an – The Holy book in Islam.
- Arabic – The language the Qur'an is written in.
- Qiblah – An archway which shows Muslims the direction of Mecca.
- Imam – The leader of worship in a Mosque.



Mecca/Makkah is the holiest site in Islam. The Kaaba sits in the centre, which is the birthplace of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

**Things to Remember**

 <b>The Shahadah</b> The belief that there is no God but Allah, and that Muhammad is His messenger	 <b>Salah</b> Praying 5 times a day.	 <b>Zakat</b> Making a donation once a year (usually 2.5% of earnings).	 <b>Sawm</b> Fasting during the month of Ramadan.	 <b>Hajj</b> Attending the pilgrimage to Mecca/Makkah once in your lifetime.
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**Hajj** – Visiting Makkah once in your lifetime.

Why is following these 5 Pillars important? Carrying out these duties provides the framework of a Muslim's life, and weaves their everyday activities and their beliefs into a single role of religious devotion. No matter how sincerely a person may believe, Islam regards it as pointless to live life without putting that faith into action and practice. Carrying out the Five Pillars demonstrates that the Muslim is putting their faith first, and not just trying to fit it in around their secular lives

The Five Pillars of Islam are the core beliefs and practices that Muslims follow.