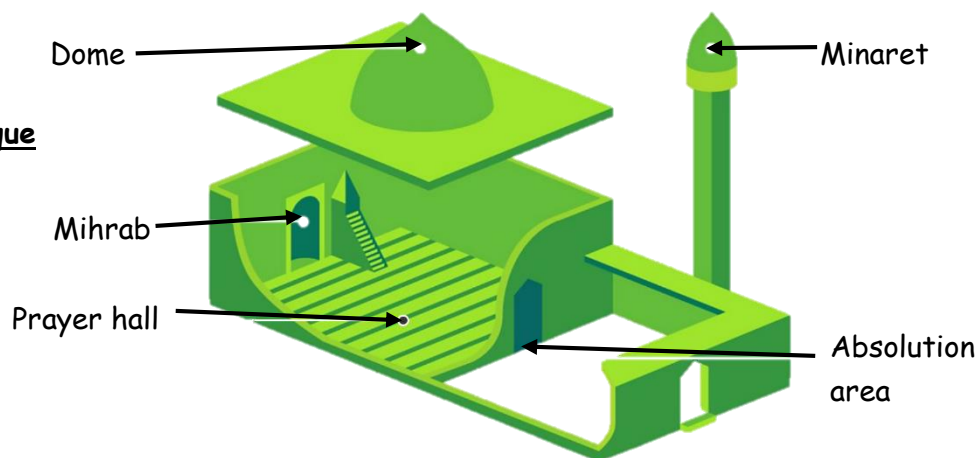


What should I already know?

- Islam is the religion and Muslims are the followers.
- Muslims believe in one God - Allah.
- The Muslim holy book is called a Quran.
- Muslims fast during Ramadan for 30 days and break their fast during the celebration of Eid.

Mosque



The Quran

Muslims believe that God shares his word through:

- The Prophet Muhammad as the Messenger
- The Holy Quran as the message

Muslims will read the Quran for guidance and teachings on how to live. The Prophet Muhammad taught people the Qur'an and that there is only one God, Allah, who created everything.

Key Vocabulary and definitions

Minaret	The word "minaret" comes from the Arabic "manarah", which means lighthouse. It's the tallest part of the mosque.
Ablution area	Before prayer, Muslims perform ritual washing, or 'wudu' in the ablutions area.
Mihrab	A semi-circle in the wall of a mosque that indicates the direction of Mecca.
Recompense	To make amends for loss or harm

The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five most important duties for Muslims.

<p>The Shahada</p> <p>The belief that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad (PBUH) is his messenger.</p>	<p>Salah</p> <p>Praying five times a day.</p>	<p>Zakat</p> <p>Making an annual charitable donation to help the poor.</p>	<p>Sawm</p> <p>Fasting during the month of Ramadan.</p>	<p>Hajj</p> <p>Attending the pilgrimage to Mecca once in your lifetime.</p>
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The Quran says this about Zakat;

"Those who give to charity night and day, secretly and publicly, receive their recompense from their Lord; they will have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve".