

Places of Worship

These buildings look different, but what do they have in common?
Who might visit them?
What might happen there?



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Mosques Around the World

Al Haram Mosque – Mecca, Saudi Arabia

This is the largest mosque in the world and is home to one of Islam's holiest places, the Kaaba. Muslims try and make the journey here at least once in their life time.

Wherever they are in the world, Muslims always pray in the direction of this special place.



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Al-Masjid an-Nabawi



Al-Masjid an-Nabawi – Medina, Saudi Arabia

This mosque was built by the Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him). It is another very holy place for this reason.

The green dome is where the tomb of Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) can be found.



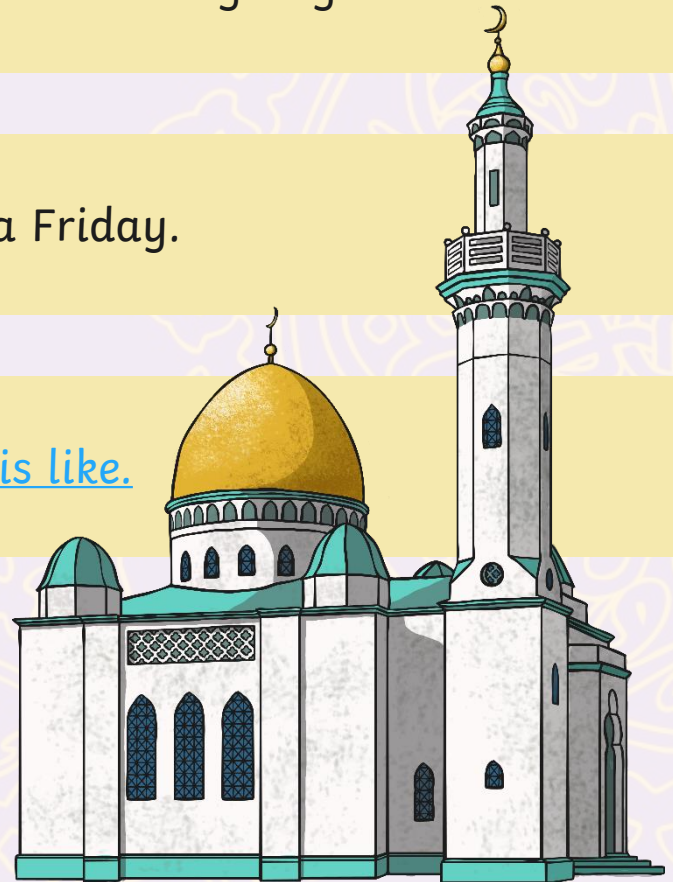
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Why Do People Go to Mosque?

Muslims go to mosque to pray and services are held every day.

The most important weekly service is held on a Friday.

[Watch the video to find out exactly what this is like.](#)



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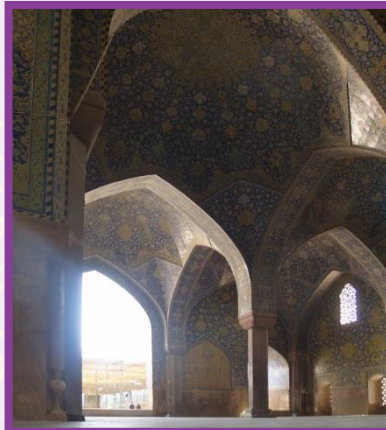
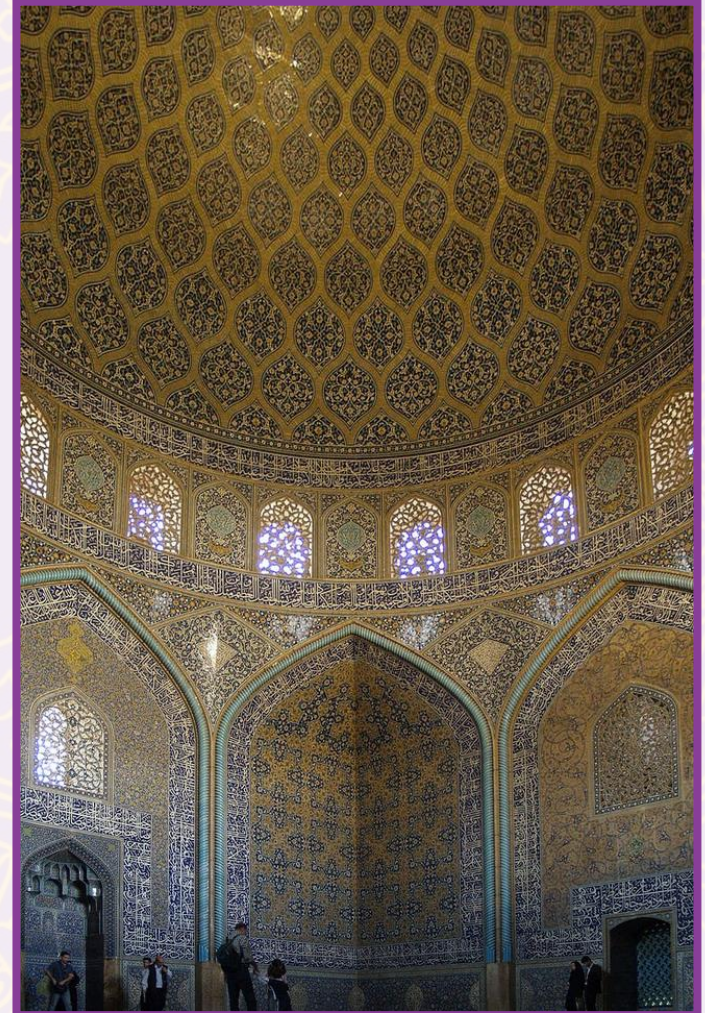
Many Muslims believe that praying with other Muslims can make you feel part of a family.

Inside a mosque there is often a school where people can learn the Arabic language.

This is the language that the Muslim holy book is written in, the Qur'an.



What Does a Mosque Look Like Inside?



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The Dome



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Mihrab



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Minbar



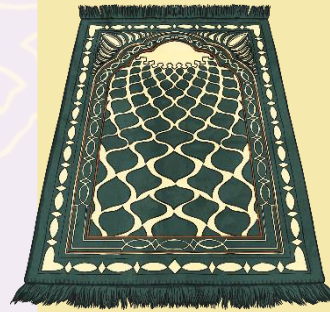
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Important Features of a Mosque



Shoe rack

A place to leave your shoes before entering.



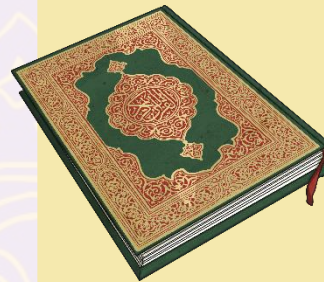
Prayer mats

Mosques either have carpet with individual prayer mats or Muslims take their own prayer mat to worship upon.



Washroom

Muslims must wash before entering the main hall.



Qur'an

The Muslim holy book which is the word of God. It is treated with great respect and placed on a special wooden stand to be read.

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Tasbih Beads

Beads hanging around the mosque for worshippers to help think about Allah.

Mihrab

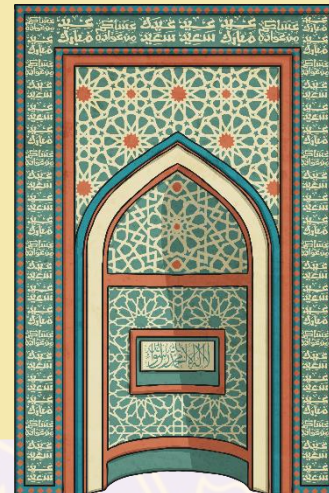
An alcove in the wall shows the direction the worshippers need to face.

This is the direction of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, the most sacred Muslim place in the world.



Minaret

Most mosques have at least one minaret which is a tall thin tower. A man stands at the top and calls Muslims to prayer.



Plenary

Why do you think Muslims believe it is important to attend mosque?



Do you have any other questions about this place of worship?