

# Hinduism

## Key Vocabulary

<b>Hindu</b>	Someone who follows Hinduism.	<b>mandir</b>	A special place for <b>Hindus</b> to worship.
<b>Vishnu</b>	<b>Hindu</b> god who protects the universe.	<b>puja</b>	Act of worship for <b>Hindus</b> .
<b>Brahma</b>	<b>Hindu</b> god of creation.	<b>murti</b>	Special statues or images of <b>Hindu</b> gods and goddesses.
<b>Trimurti</b>	The three aspects of the universal supreme God.	<b>shrine</b>	A holy place to pray.
<b>Tridevi</b>	The three great goddesses of Hinduism.	<b>Shruti</b>	<b>Hindu</b> holy scriptures which contain the four <b>Vedas</b> .
<b>Brahman</b>	<b>Hindus</b> recognise one God, <b>Brahman</b> .	<b>Smriti</b>	<b>Hindu</b> holy scriptures which contain legends, myths and history.
		<b>Vedas</b>	Ancient <b>Hindu</b> text.



## Hindu Gods and Goddesses

**Hindus** recognise one God, **Brahman**. The gods of Hinduism are different aspects of **Brahman**.

The main three aspects (**Trimurti**) are:

**Vishnu**, **Brahma** and Shiva

The three great goddesses (**Tridevi**) are:

Saraswati, Lakshmi and Shakti

**Hindus** can pray to different gods and goddesses for help with different needs.

Truth Is Eternal	Dharma	Reincarnation	Moksha
<b>Hindus</b> are encouraged to learn.	Dharma means to do the right thing with good behaviour.	<b>Hindus</b> believe a soul cannot be destroyed, so when a <b>Hindu</b> dies, their soul enters a new living being.	Moksha is the ultimate goal. It happens when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with <b>Brahman</b> .

## Special Places for Hindus

**Hindus** can worship at home or in a **mandir**.  
In a **mandir**, **Hindus** can perform **puja**.

Some **mandirs** are very tall buildings. **Hindus** believe it brings them closer to heaven.

In a **mandir**, there are **shrines** and lots of **murtis** for different gods. Offerings of flowers are brought to the **murtis**.



There are holy scriptures in Hinduism. The scriptures support **Hindus** in their life and guide prayer.

**Shruti** texts are knowledge from gods. **Smriti** were written by **Hindu** spiritual leaders.