



Who is Muslim and how do they live?

Key Vocabulary	
Islam	Islam is the second most popular religion in the world.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam .
Allah	The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.
Five Pillars of Islam	The five things that Muslims are expected to do.
Prophets	Special messengers sent from Allah .
Muhammad	The last prophet and the key prophet in Islam .






Key Beliefs

Muslims believe that there is only one God called **Allah**. They believe **Allah** is the only ruler of the universe. The word '**Islam**' means submission and obedience to **Allah**.

Muhammad is so highly respected by **Muslims** that they will say "peace be upon him" after his name is spoken.

The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five most important duties for Muslims.

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





A Mosque

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Place of Worship

The **Muslim** place of worship is called a **mosque**. Services are held in **mosques** every day. The most important service for **Muslims** is on a Friday.

Mosques often have a domed roof. There are no images of people or animals in **mosques**. They are decorated with patterns and words from **the Qur'an**.

Muslims take off their shoes before going into the **mosque** and wash before they pray. **Muslims** pray kneeling on the floor on a prayer mat. The wall of the **mosque** which faces **Mecca** is called the qibla wall. It has an empty arch to show the direction of Mecca.

Symbol of Islam

There is no official symbol of **Islam**, but the star and crescent symbol is the symbol most commonly associated with Islam.



Key Vocabulary

Mecca	Mecca is an important place to Muslims . It is where Muhammad was born. Muslims face Mecca to pray and try to visit it sometime during their lives.
mosque	Muslim place of worship.
The Qur'an	The holy book of Islam .

The Qur'an

The **Muslim** holy book is called **the Qur'an**. **Muslims** believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah said.

