

What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? 3

We have looked at each of the five pillars. We are now going to look at the practise of Islam, including where Muslims go to seek advice and where their sacred places are. Information and tasks which go together are shaded in the same colour.

Where to people get advice from?

Muslims get their advice from a variety of sources including:

The Qur'an – Muslims believe the words came directly from Allah and that they should follow the words and instructions exactly.

Hadiths – these are the words, actions and instructions of Muhammad (pbuh) as reported by the people around him during his life.

You could watch these clips to find out more about the Qur'an and how it is used / affects the lives of Muslims:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mwjsw>

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/holy-books-quran>

You could start to think about how this compares to Christianity.



The Night of Power

On the night that the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad (pbuh), the Night of Power (Laylat-al-Qadr), prayer is said to be worth 1,000 months of worship (Surah 97). Watch this clip about the Night of Power:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zv6sb9q>

The following 'commandments' are from Surah (similar to chapter) 17 of the Qur'an.

- Be kind to your parents, particularly in their old age
- Always keep your promises
- In daily life, be honest
- Avoid gossip and slander

Think: Why do you think these rules are included in the Qur'an? Are they relevant today?

YOUR TASK

- Choose one of the commandments from Surah 17.
- Write a description of what the world would be like if everyone followed this commandment.

EXT: Think about where you go to get advice. You could use these sentence starters to help you.

A book that has given me guidance is... The advice it gave me was... This advice was useful because...

The most helpful advice I have received was from... The advice they gave me was... This advice was useful because...

What is a special place from Muslims?

- A **mosque** is an Islamic place of worship
- It comes from the Arabic word *masjid*, which roughly translates as 'place of prostration'
- To prostrate means to stretch on the floor in a position of submission

Other than being a clean place to pray, there is no set design that a mosque must follow. Some mosques are houses that have been converted into places of worship. However, there are several key features that purpose-built mosques usually have.

Dome and Minaret



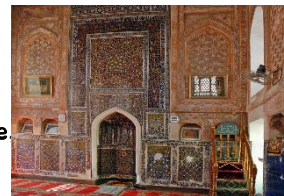
Washroom



Minbar



Qiblah and Mihrab



Watch these videos that take you on a tour of a mosque. Listen out for the importance / function of: the **minaret**, **dome**, **washroom**, **prayer hall**, **mihrab** and **minbar**.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mwjhx>

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/holy-cribs-mosque>

YOUR TASK

Using the information you have found out from the videos, we would like you to make a model or illustration of a mosque. You will need to label / annotate each of the key areas in bold above and their function or purpose. We have provided some ideas and models you could cut out or copy on the pages below.

Using what you have learnt, annotate the diagram to explain the purpose of each of these features of a mosque:

• Minaret

• Dome

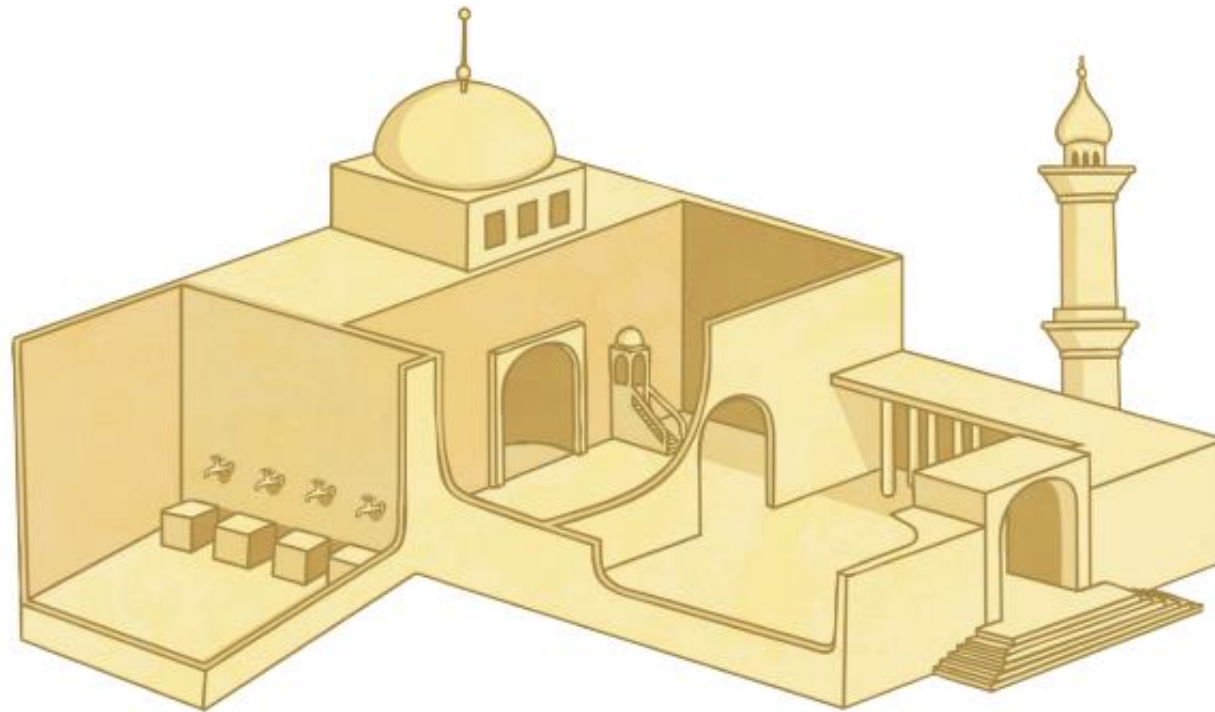
• Wash rooms

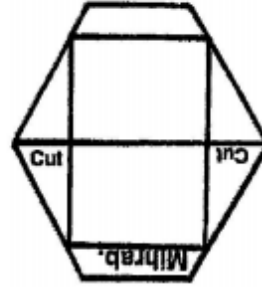
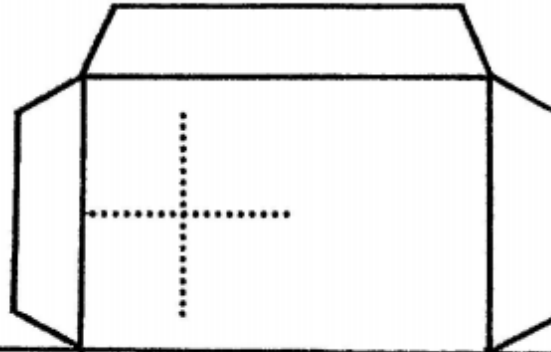
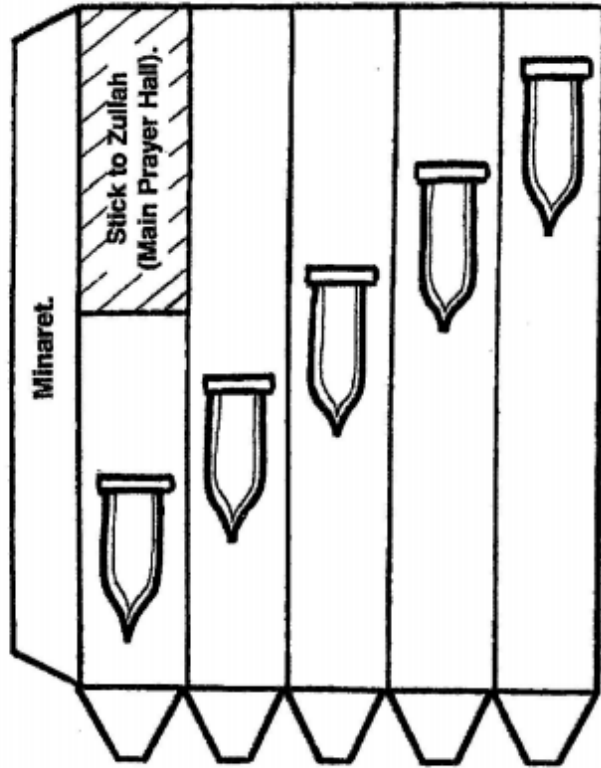
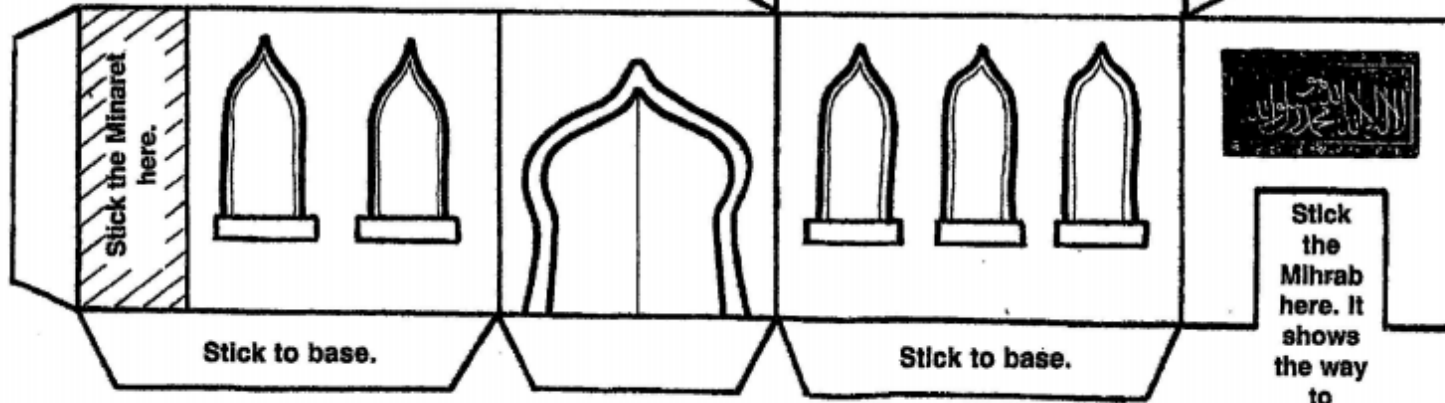
• Prayer hall

• Mihrab

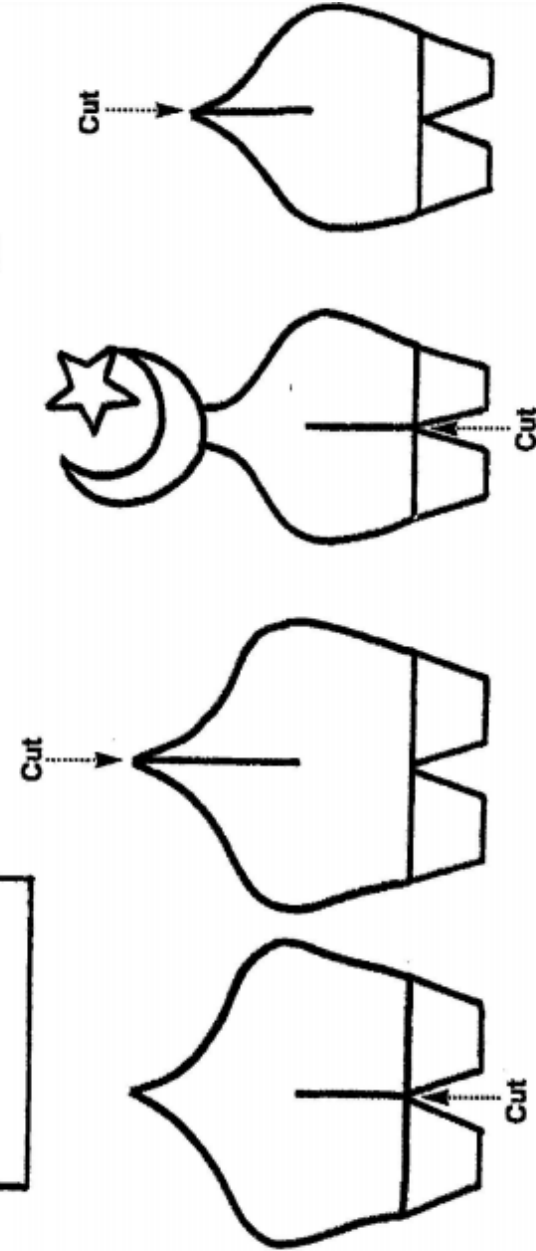
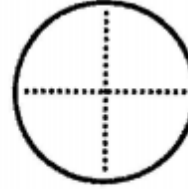
• Minbar

The best answers will not just say what these are for but also what their significance is





Stick circle on the top of the Minaret and add the smaller dome.



Colour the domes on both sides and decorate windows and walls.