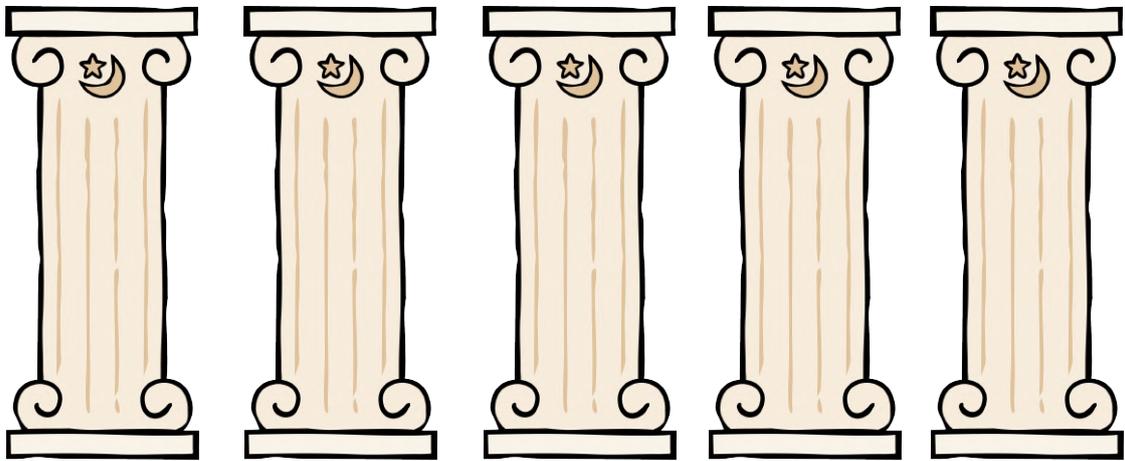


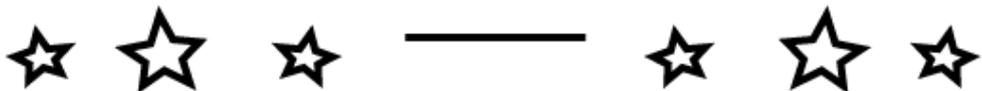
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What does "pillars" mean?



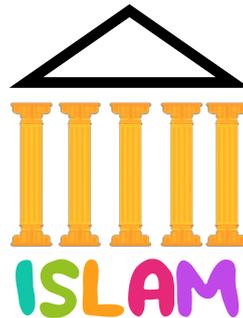
Every **house** built needs a good **foundation**, which is at the bottom. After the foundation is laid and the house is built, it needs **Pillars** to support the shape and structure.

Without a good, solid foundation and pillars, the house cannot stand up, and it will **fall to the ground**.

Now you might be wondering what that has to do with **Islam**?



Well you see, if you imagine that Islam is like a house with many important things inside - then it's the **FIVE PILLARS** of Islam that hold the entire house and keeps it from falling down.



Simply put, the five pillars are what Islam is **is built upon!**

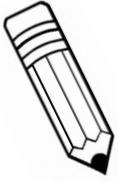
PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ told us that in a hadith:

"Islam is built upon five: The declaration that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; to establish the Prayers; to pay the Zakah; to perform Hajj to the House (Ka'bah) and fasting in the month of Ramadan." (Bukhari and Muslim)

SO, the five PILLARS of Islam are five **important** things
that every muslim is required to do.

They are the bases of ones Islam.

In arabic, the Pillars of Islam are called **ARKAAN UL-ISLAM**. And in this book you will learn more about all five of them, inshaAllah!



Questions: What does "pillars" mean?



1. Which part of a house is the most important part, and why?

2. Circle all the pillars that you can find in the picture below!



3. How many pillars does Islam have?

4. Why do we say that Islam has pillars even though Islam is not a building?

5. Why are the pillars of Islam important?

6. What are the pillars of Islam called in arabic?



The Testimony of Faith

Ash - shahadataan

The first pillar of Islam is called **ASH-SHAHADATAAN** in Arabic, and **the Testimony of Faith** in English. The testimony of faith is a **statement**, which is something that you say. It's about our faith in **ALLAH** and **THE PROPHET ﷺ**. The testimony of faith is:

**“ASH-HADU AN LAA ILAHA ILLA ALLAH,
WA ASH-HADU ANNA MOHAMMADAN RASULALLAH”**



It consists of **2 parts**.

Part 1

الله

It means that there is only One true **GOD**, **not multiple gods**, and That this one God is **ALLAH** and He has no partners in worship. It also includes that **ALLAH** is the only One worthy of **worship**. **ALLAH** is the only One we **pray** to. **ALLAH** is the One who has **created** everything, the one who **maintains** everything and the One with **power** over everything. **ALLAH** is **perfect**, unlike the creation and there is no One like **ALLAH**.

Ash-hadu
I bear witness
an laa ilaaha
that there is no diety worthy of worship
illa Allah
but Allah

Part 2

محمد
رسول الله

Allah has sent many prophets and messengers to humankind to teach us about Him and what we are supposed to do.

The last Messenger sent to all of mankind was **PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ**.

The second part of the Testimony of Faith means that we **obey** **THE PROPHET ﷺ** in whatever he commanded, to **believe** in whatever he said, to **keep away** from whatever he forbade & prohibited, and not to worship Allah except **as he described**.

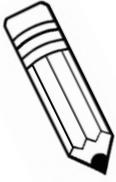
wa ash-hadu
And I bear witness
anna Mohammadan
that Mohammad is
rasolAllah
Allahs messenger

It means that we follow his **SUNNAH**, which is **THE PROPHET'S tradition or way**.

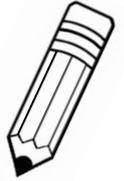
THE PROPHET ﷺ taught us how we are supposed to behave, what we should do and what we shouldn't do, and he is **our best rolemodel**.

The Testimony of Faith is VERY important for us Muslims! It is good to say it often. It is called **THE KEY TO PARADISE**.





Questions: Testimony of Faith



1. What does the Shahadah comprise of?

2. How many parts does the testimony of faith have?

3. What is the first part of the Shahadah about?

4. What is the second part of the Shahadah about?

5. Write under each little piece from the testimony of faith what it means in English!

ASH-HADU

ANLAA ILAAHA

ILLA ALLAH

WA ASH-HADU

ANNA MOHAMMADAN

RASOL ALLAH

6. What do we believe about the Prophet when we say part two of the testimony? What should we do?

TRUE OR FALSE

Circle whether the statements below are true or false

Allah has created us & is All-Powerful **TRUE** **FALSE**

There are more than one god **TRUE** **FALSE**

You should pray to the prophet & other humans **TRUE** **FALSE**

Allah is the only One worthy of worship **TRUE** **FALSE**

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was not the last messenger **TRUE** **FALSE**

There is no one/nothing similar to Allah **TRUE** **FALSE**

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the best rolemodel **TRUE** **FALSE**

2

The prayer

As - Salah



The second pillar of Islam is called **AS-SALAH** in Arabic, and **the prayer** in English. The daily prayers are **very important** in Islam and not something we should skip. It is obligatory. It means that Muslims perform the prayers **5 times** a day. Children start practising performing prayers more seriously once they are **7 years** old, but they can start earlier too.

When we perform the prayer we worship **ALLAH** alone and come closer to Him. Through the prayer, we are reminded of **ALLAH** and the **akhirah**, and we are able to **thank ALLAH** for everything He has given us. When we pray, we can **talk** to **ALLAH** and make **DU'A**, **supplications**. The prayer is also the first thing we will be asked about on **THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT**.

Before performing prayer, we make **WUDU'** (**ablution**).

You are in a state of wudu' until you do something that breaks it.



Wudu' is broken if you:

- Use the toilet
- Pass gas
- Sleep



You wear clean clothes during prayer, and pray on a clean place. You can use a prayer mat.



When we pray we stand facing **QIBLAH**, which means that we stand facing the **Ka'bah** in **MAKKAH**, wherever we might be in the **world**.



THE NAMES OF THE PRAYERS & THEIR TIMING

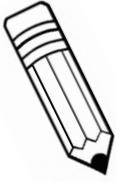
FAJR  **2 rak'ah/units** At dawn.

DHUHR  **4 rak'ah/units** Just after midday.

ASSR  **4 rak'ah/units** In the afternoon.

MAGHRIB  **3 rak'ah/units** Just after the sun has set.

ISHA  **4 rak'ah/units** When it's completely dark outside.



Questions: The prayer



1. Write the missing words! It can be one word or several words.

The prayer is _____ in Islam.

Muslims are supposed to pray _____ times a day.

Children start practising performing the prayer when they are _____

The first thing we will be asked about is _____

Before performing the prayer, we make _____

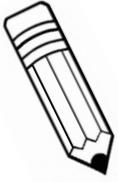
2. Who do we pray to? What happens when we pray?

3. Write 3 things that breaks our Wudu'.

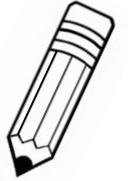
4. What does Qiblah mean?

5. Draw the place we pray towards!





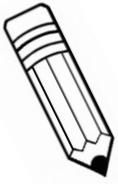
Questions: The prayer



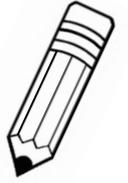
Write the name of the prayers, how many rak'ah/units each prayer consists of, and draw how it looks outside when it's time for each prayer.

Also find out during which of the prayers we are supposed to recite out loud vs. quietly, and exactly what the time of each prayer is today where you live.

Name of the prayer					
What it looks like outside at that time					
Number of rak'ah (units)					
Recite out loud or quietly					
What time the prayer starts today					

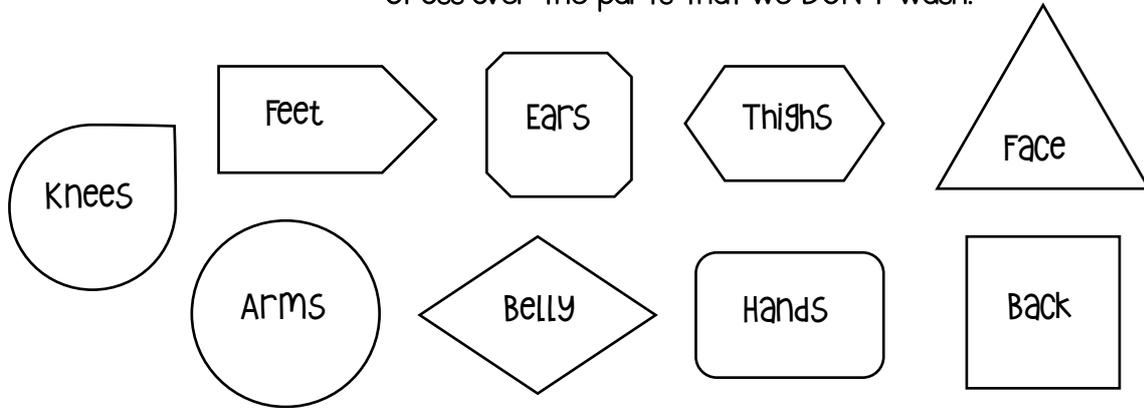


Questions: The prayer



Color the parts that we wash when we make wudu'.

Cross over the parts that we DON'T wash.



Number the different steps when doing wudu' in the right order, from 1 to 8.



___ Mouth & nose

___ Feet

___ Ears

___ Hair



___ Hands

___ Face

___ Intention

___ Arms

Which Du'a do we say when we've finished making wudu'? If you don't know it already, ask someone who knows and write it down here below!

3

Obligatory charity (annual tax/alms)

Az - Zakat



The third pillar in Islam is called **AZ-ZAKAT** in Arabic, and **obligatory charity** in English. It means that wealthier Muslims whose wealth has reached a minimum amount of **money** or **gold** that has been in their possession for **a year**, are required to give Zakat to **the poor and people in need**.

For instance, if a Muslim has collected a certain amount of **money** or **gold**, it becomes obligatory to pay **2.5%** of their assets in Zakat each year.



That means that **the more** money or assets a person has, **The more** they will pay as Zakat every year.

The word **ZAKAT** also means **"to cleanse" or "purify"** in Arabic, so it means that when you give zakat, you are **cleansed & purified** as well as your money.

ZAKAT is not only beneficial for the poor and people in need, but also helps preventing the **rich** from being too **greedy** or **selfish**.

It makes them share what **ALLAH** has given them with others, and makes them realize that all that we have is from **ALLAH**.



As muslims, it's very important to be **generous** and give of what we've got to others.

So we are encouraged to often give money to the **needy people** and help them, not only for zakat. When we give money other than for zakat, it is then called **SADAQAH**.





Questions: Obligatory Charity



TRUE OR FALSE

Circle whether the statements below are true or false

All Muslims have to pay Zakat TRUE FALSE

The poor have to pay Zakat TRUE FALSE

Zakat is calculated to 2,5% of one's assets TRUE FALSE

The more money/assets one has, the more is paid in Zakat TRUE FALSE

As Muslims, we shouldn't be generous TRUE FALSE

1. What does Zakat also mean in Arabic and what effect can it have on one's money?

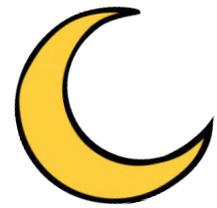
2. Mention 2 things that are good about Zakat.

3. What is Sadaqah?



Ramadan

Sawmu Ramadan



The fourth pillar of Islam is **fasting** during **RAMADAN**.



Ramadan is a month in the Islamic calendar called **HIJRI**.

It is the best month in the entire year and the months in which the **QUR'AN** was first revealed.

Muslims fast during Ramadan. Fasting means that you **neither eat nor drink** anything during the day, from **fajr**, just before sunrise, until **maghrib**, sunset.



When we fast we perform an act of worship that draws us closer to Allah. We train ourselves to become better and **stronger** Muslims, with more **TAQWA**, **God-consciousness** and with a stronger **IMMAN**, **faith**. During Ramadan, you should make an effort to become a **better** person. You should try to do more **good deeds** and more acts of **IBADAH**, **worship**, for example praying more and read more Qur'an.



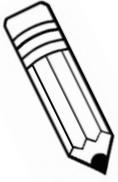
During Ramadan you get much more in **reward** for each good deed, compared to during other months!

When we fast, we should **not only** abstain from food and drink, but also from **bad behavior** such as being angry, lying, swearing or being mean..



There are some people who are exempt from fasting during Ramadan, for example:

- Those who are sick
- Old and unable to fast
- Travelers
- Pregnant & breastfeeding women
- Young children (children start fasting **seriously** when they've reached something called **puberty**. Before that, children can **try** fasting a couple of hours a the day or so!)



Questions: Ramadan



1. What is Ramadan, and what is special about Ramadan?

2. What do Muslims do during Ramadan?

3. Between which prayers of the day do we fast?

4. What happens when you fast?

5. What is extra good to do during Ramadan?

6. What should you abstain from during Ramadan, other than food & drink?

7. Who don't need to fast?

5

The pilgrimage Hajj - ul - Bayt

The fifth and last pillar of Islam is **HAJJ**, the pilgrimage to **Mecca**. Each adult Muslim is required to perform the pilgrimage at least once in his/her life, if he/she is able to **afford it** and is in **good health**.



When you've finished making the pilgrimage, you are **purified & cleaned** from all your sins. You become as free of sin just as you just like a newborn baby. When you are on hajj, you perform different rituals that prophets performed earlier on the same places.



Mecca is a very special place, it is the House of Allah, and the **best** and **holiest** place on earth, where you can earn so much reward. A single prayer in the mosque in Mecca where the Ka'bah is located is worth as much as a **hundred thousand** regular prayers!

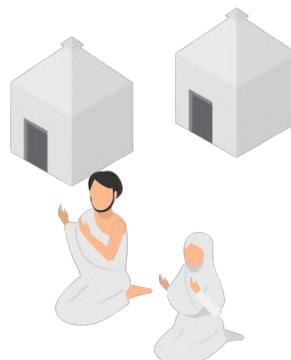
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During hajj, you perform different rituals and do different things, for example:

- **Tawaf** around the Ka'bah. Walk around the Ka'bah 7 times.
- Wearing ihram-clothes. Drinking **zamzam-water**.
- **Sa'ee** - walk 7 times between two hills called Safa and Marwa.
- Stand in the plain of **Arafah** and make du'a.



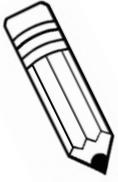
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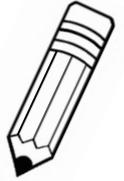
Tents in Mina



Ihram-clothes



Questions: The pilgrimage



1. Who is obligated to perform the pilgrimage/hajj?

2. What happens after you've performed the Pilgrimage/Hajj?

3. How is the city of Mecca?

4. How much is a prayer there worth?

What is it called?

THE CLOTHES YOU WERE WHEN PERFORMING HAJJ?

THE WATER YOU DRINK THERE?

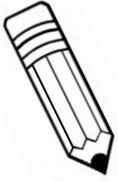
THE RITUAL WHEN YOU CIRCLE KA'BAH 7 TIMES?

THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAY IN TENTS?

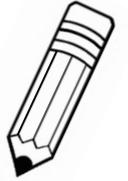
THE PLAIN WHERE YOU MAKE DU'A?

THE HILLS THAT YOU WALK BETWEEN?





Questions:



The Five Pillars of Islam

Now you've learned a bit about the five pillars of Islam!

So now it's time to sum up what you've learned.

Down below, there are 5 pillars. Write above each pillar which pillar of Islam it stands for, and underneath each pillar, write briefly about each pillar.

