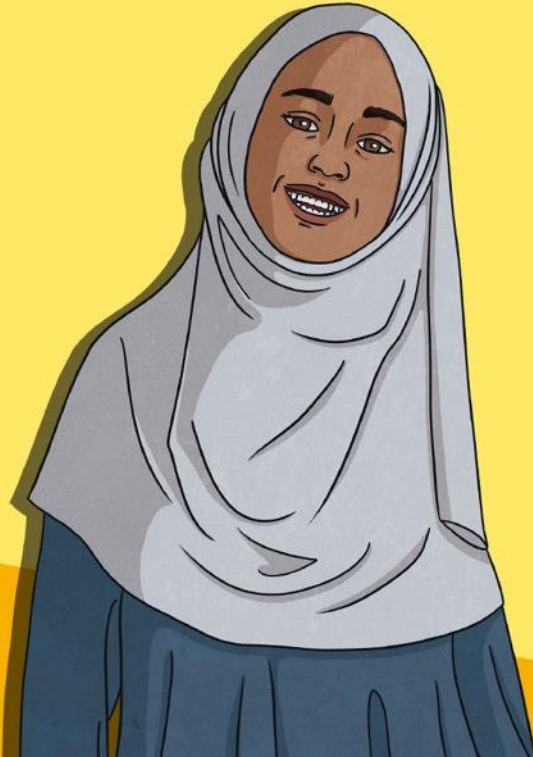




# What Matters Most To Muslims?



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Learning Objective	To know how people's beliefs about God, the world and others impact on their lives	
Deep	Explain the five pillars of Islam in detail	
Advanced	Explain why the first Pillar of Islam is the most important to Muslims.	
Core	Order the Five Pillars of Islam and say which is the most important.	



## Success Criteria

- I can order the Five Pillars of Islam and say which is the most important.
- I can explain why the first Pillar of Islam is the most important to Muslims.
- I can give examples to show why the first Pillar of Islam is most important to Muslims.

## Remember It!

One of the stories that Jesus told is called:

- A. The Bad Sailor
- B. The Good Samaritan
- C. The Joyous Helper



# Key Vocabulary

## Islam

The faith followed by Muslims.

## Muslim

The name given to people who follow Islam.

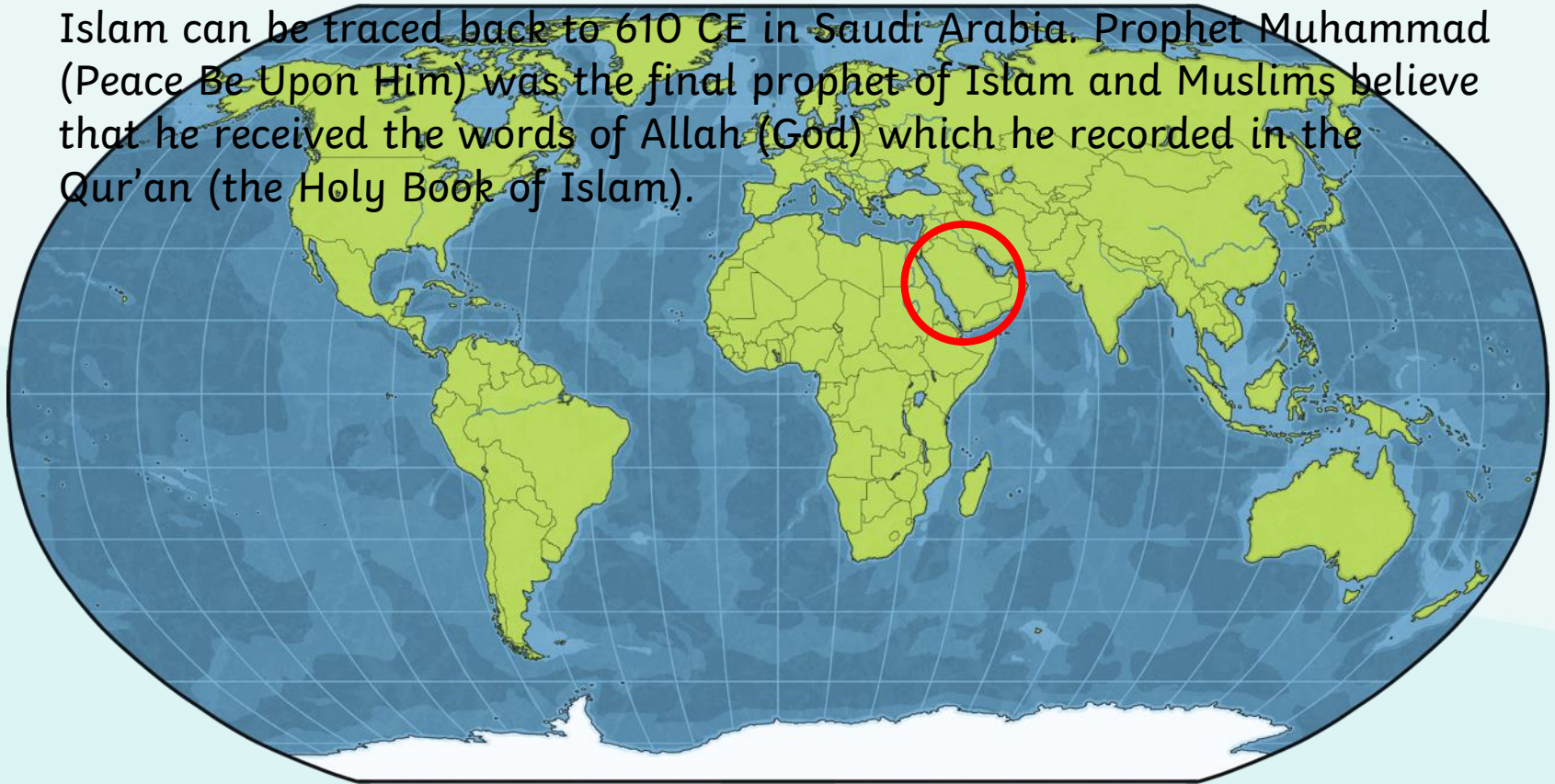
## Pillars of Islam

These are five sets of rules to follow in Islam.

# Islam

People who follow Islam are called Muslims. Islam is an Abrahamic religion, along with Judaism and Christianity.

Islam can be traced back to 610 CE in Saudi Arabia. Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) was the final prophet of Islam and Muslims believe that he received the words of Allah (God) which he recorded in the Qur'an (the Holy Book of Islam).



# The Five Pillars of Islam

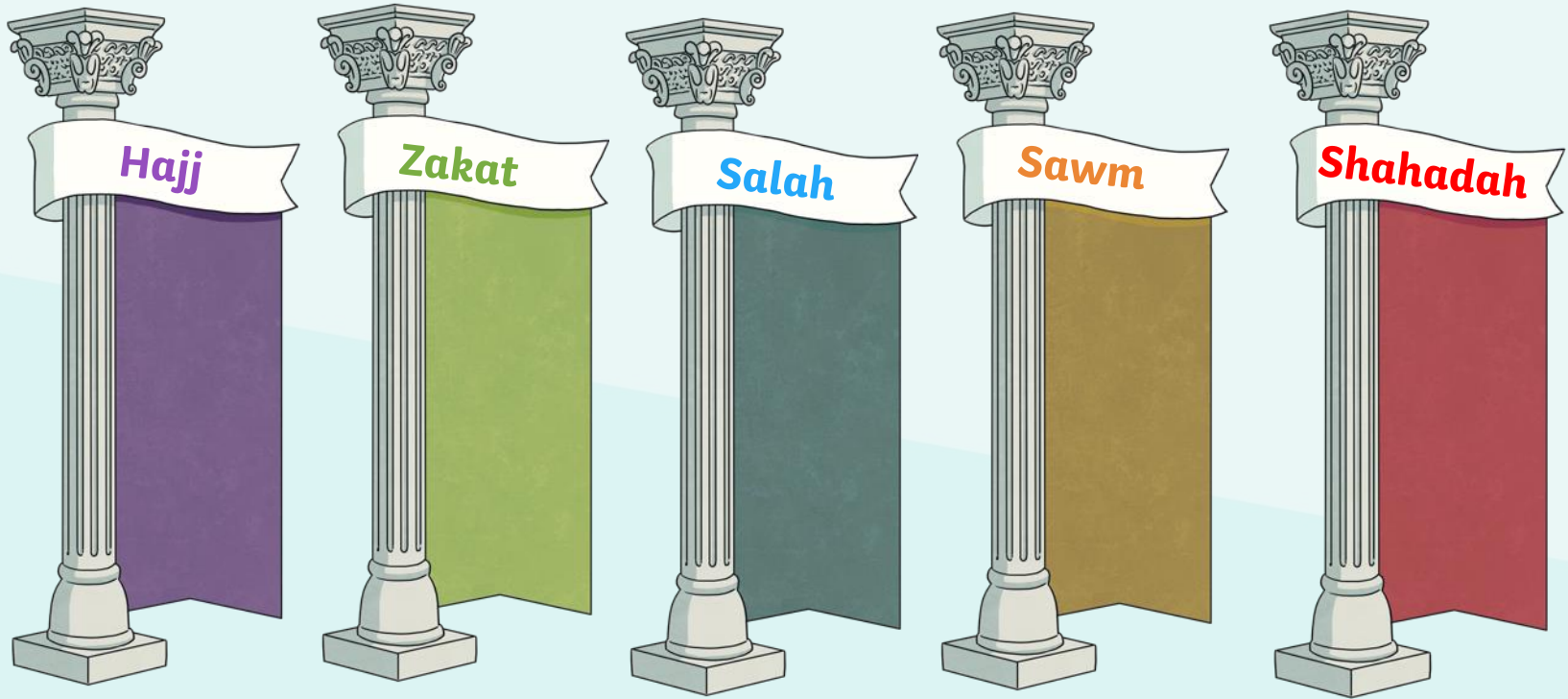
There are many things that matter or are important to Muslims but there are some things that are fundamental to being a Muslim.

The Five Pillars of Islam are very important to Muslims as they form a set of duties that all Muslims believe they should follow in order to live a good and respectful life according to the teachings of Islam.

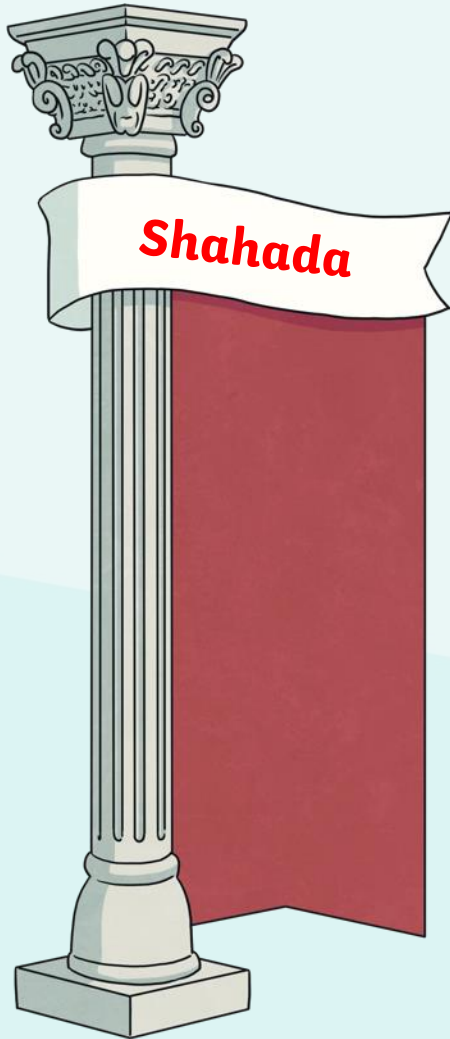


# The Five Pillars of Islam

In your group you have a set of cards showing the Five Pillars of Islam. Each one has a short description alongside it to explain what the pillar is. See if you can order them in order of importance.



# The Five Pillars of Islam



## Shahada

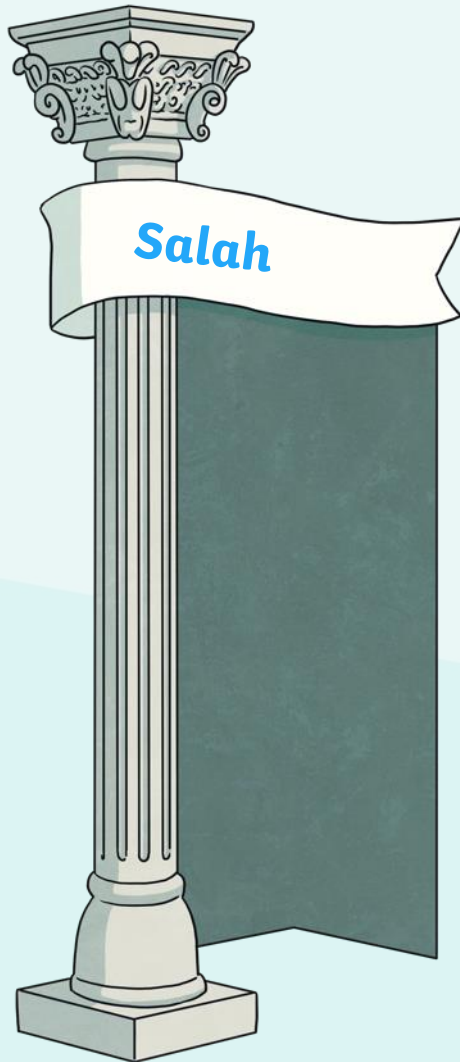
This is the first Pillar of Islam.

Shahada is the main belief of all Muslims and it is a declaration of faith. The English words of Shahada are:

**“There is no god except Allah, Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) is the messenger of Allah.”**

Muslims say this when they pray and at other special times in their lives. They are the first words said to a newborn baby and the last words someone says before they die.

# The Five Pillars of Islam



## Salah

This is the second Pillar of Islam and is about prayer. Muslims pray five times a day and follow a special ritual to do so. First they must wash in symbolically clean water. All the prayers are said at the same time every day:

**Fajr – Morning, between dawn and sunrise.**

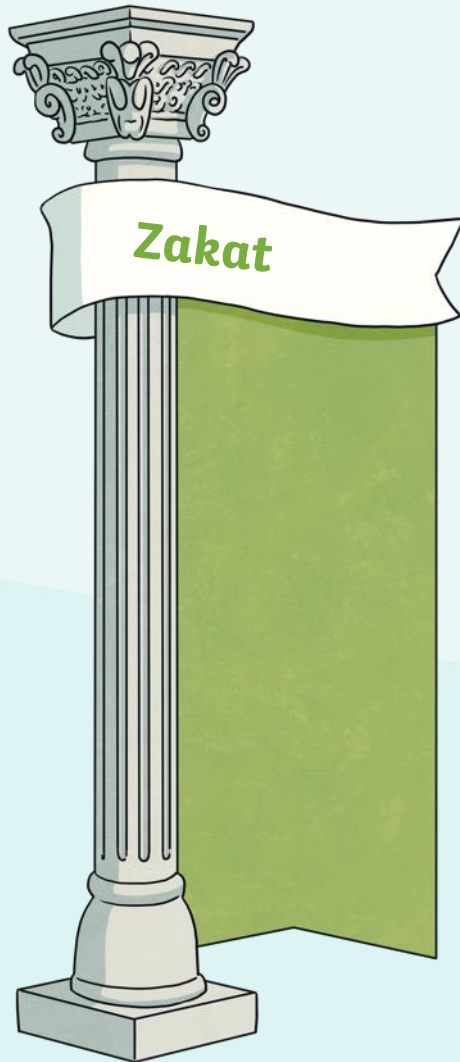
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# The Five Pillars of Islam

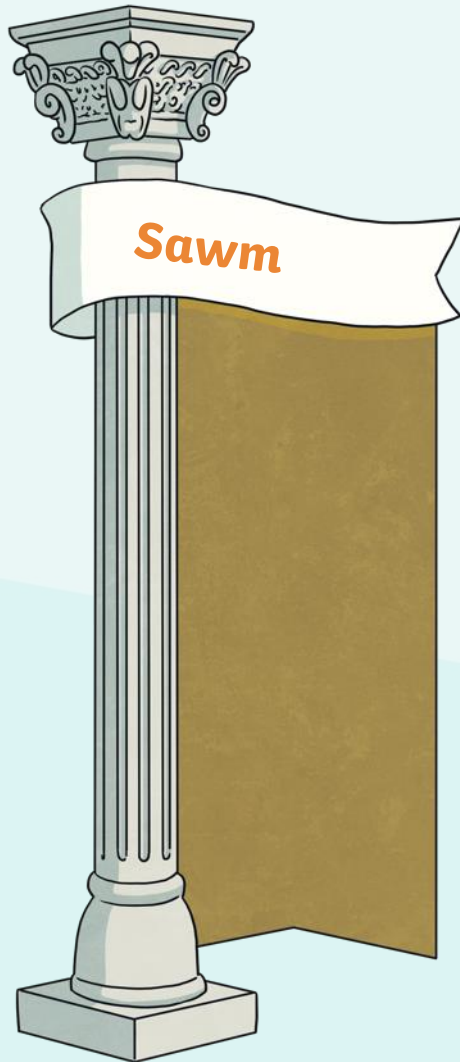


## Zakat

This is the third Pillar of Islam and is about looking after other people. Each Muslim gives up a share of their wealth each year to provide for those less fortunate.

The word zakat means to purify or cleanse. As a person gives away a share of their wealth, they become cleansed from selfishness and greed.

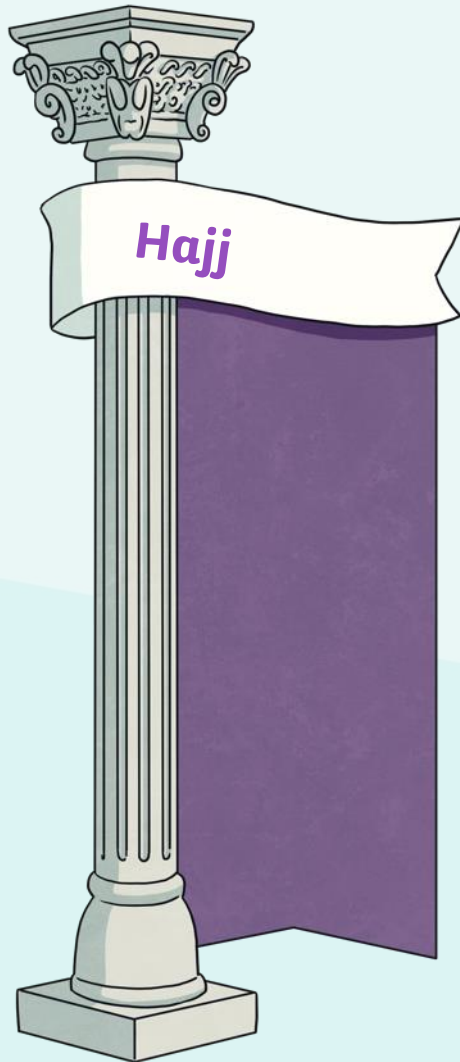
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## Sawm

This is the fourth Pillar of Islam and is all about Ramadan. The ninth month of the Islamic calendar is when Muhammad (PBUH) began receiving messages from Allah (God). For 30 days of Ramadan, Muslims fast, meaning they do not eat or drink during daylight hours. The fast is to remind them how difficult it is to be poor, hungry and thirsty. It reminds them to thank Allah for the gift of the Qur'an and not be greedy.

# The Five Pillars of Islam

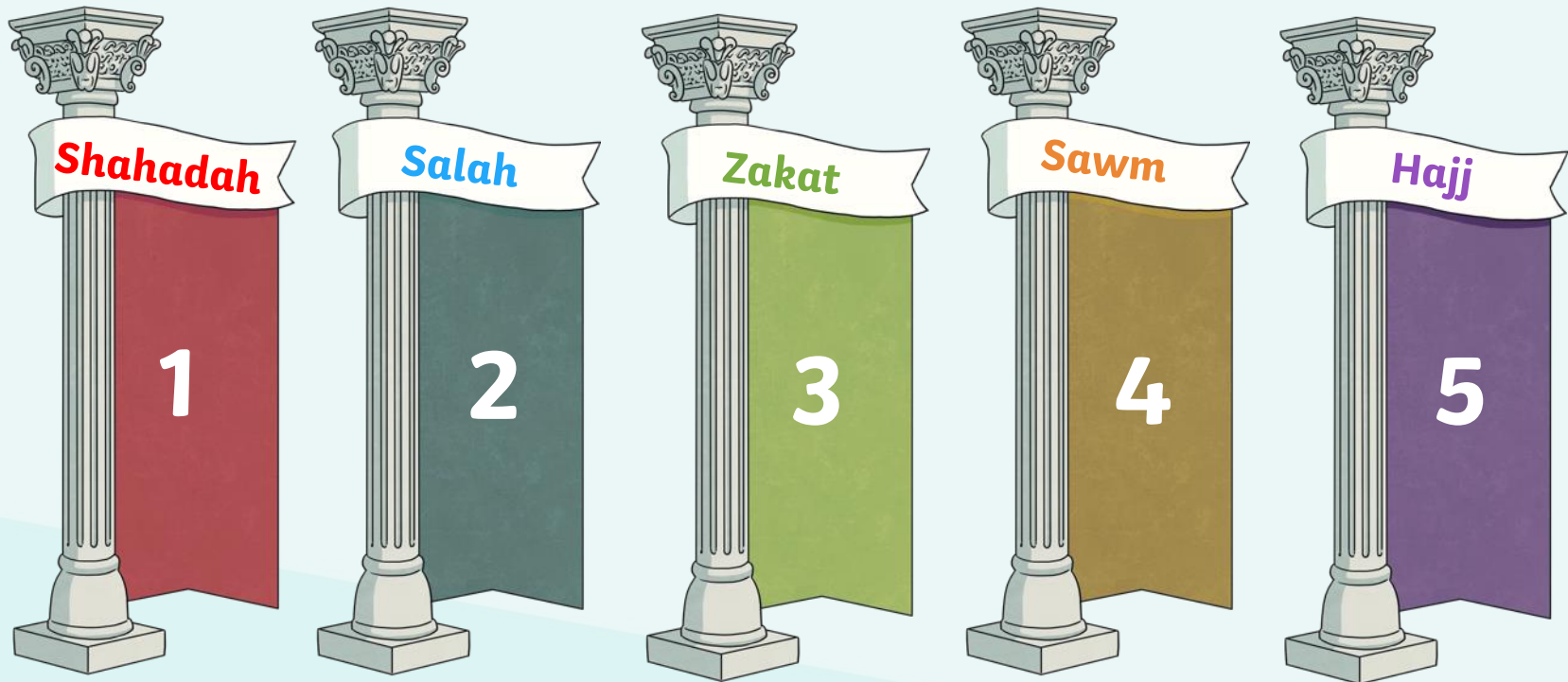


## Hajj

This is the fifth Pillar of Islam. Hajj is an Islamic pilgrimage that all Muslims are expected to complete in their lifetime if they are physically and financially able to. Hajj takes place in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Muslims go on the pilgrimage to bring together their community and strengthen their faith.

# The Five Pillars of Islam



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Which of the Pillars of Islam do you think is the most important to Muslims? Why?

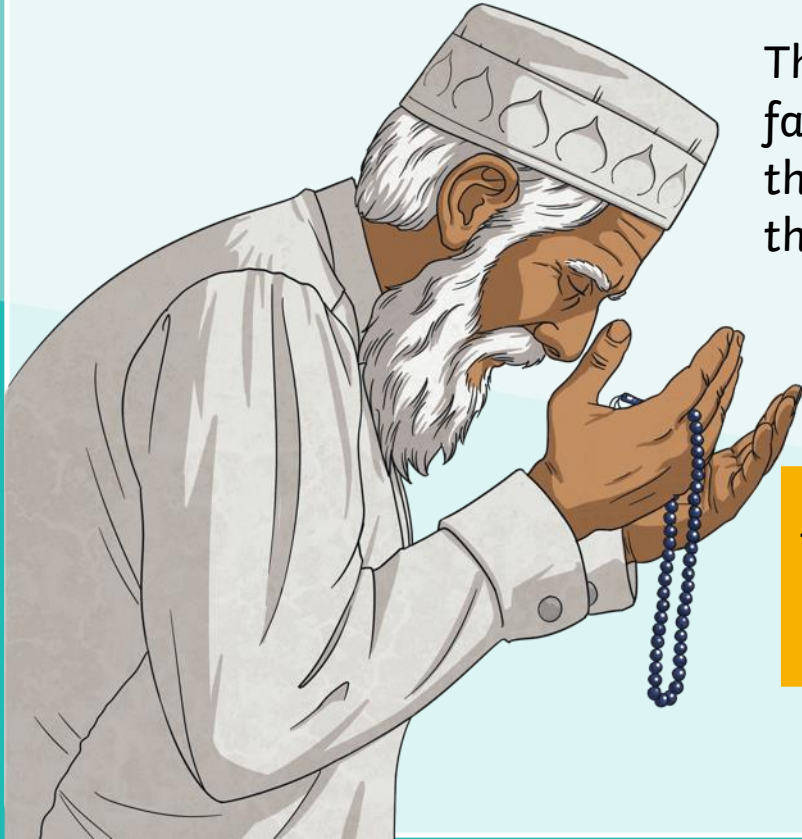


# What Matters Most to Muslims?

The first and most important Pillar of Islam is Shahada. The Shahada states a Muslim's belief in the one Allah. The belief that there is one Allah is central to the Islamic faith and it is around this belief that the rest of Islam grows.

The Shahada is a Muslim's statement of faith. By saying these words every day in their prayers, Muslims are reminded that there is only one God, Allah.

There is no god, but Allah and Muhammad (PBUH) is His messenger.



# The Shahada

**“There is no god except Allah, Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger of Allah.”**

There are two parts to the Shahada.

The first part states the Islamic belief in one God, Allah.

The second part involves Muslims stating their belief that Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger of Allah. It also reminds Muslims that although Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is important, he does not come before Allah, the one true God.



# The Shahada

The Shahada is not just reserved for Salah (prayers), it is also said at other important times in a Muslim's life. The Shahada is the first thing said into a Muslim newborn baby's ears.



X

Why do you think these are the first words a baby hears?



# The Shahada



The Shahada is said during the Muslim call to prayer, the adhan. The muezzin is a person who conducts the call to prayer. They stand in the side door of the mosque or if it is a large mosque, they will stand in the mosque's minaret (tower). From here, the adhan is called out.

The Shahada is also said as part of the Nikah. This is the name for a Muslim wedding ceremony.

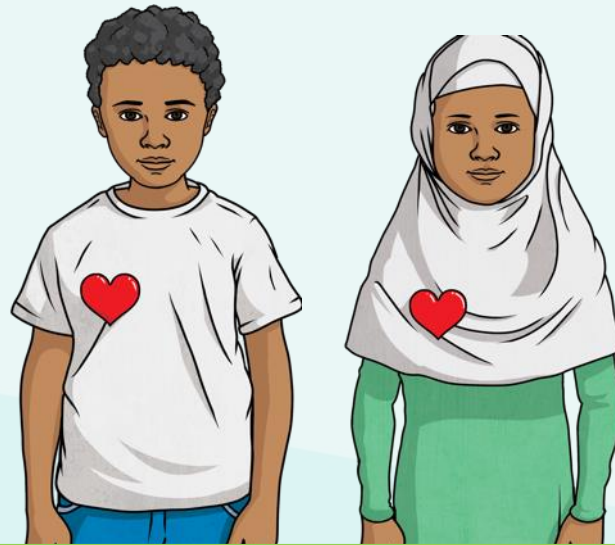
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Do you think there is any significance to the Shahada being part of the adhan? Why?



# The Shahada

The Shahada must be said by someone who wishes to join Islam. When saying the Shahada they must truly believe what they are saying and say it from their heart.



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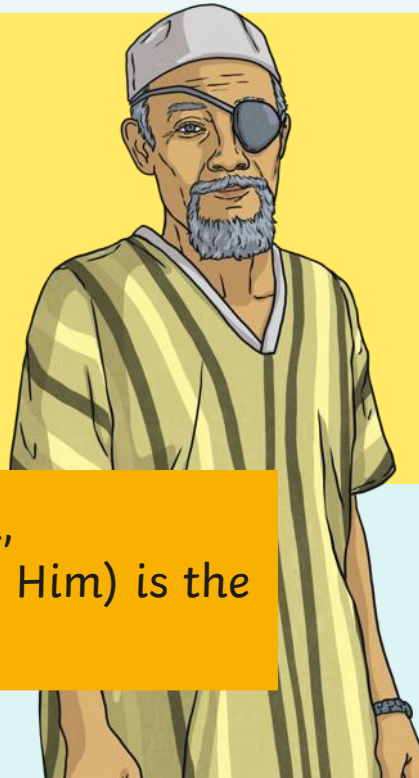
Why do you think that someone new to the Islamic faith must say the Shahada? What is the purpose of the Shahada?



# The Shahada

The Shahada are the last words that a Muslim will hope to speak or have spoken on their behalf before they die. After death, Muslims believe that two angels called Munkar and Nahir will appear and ask the deceased person questions. They should respond by saying the Shahada.

**Nahir**



**Munkar**

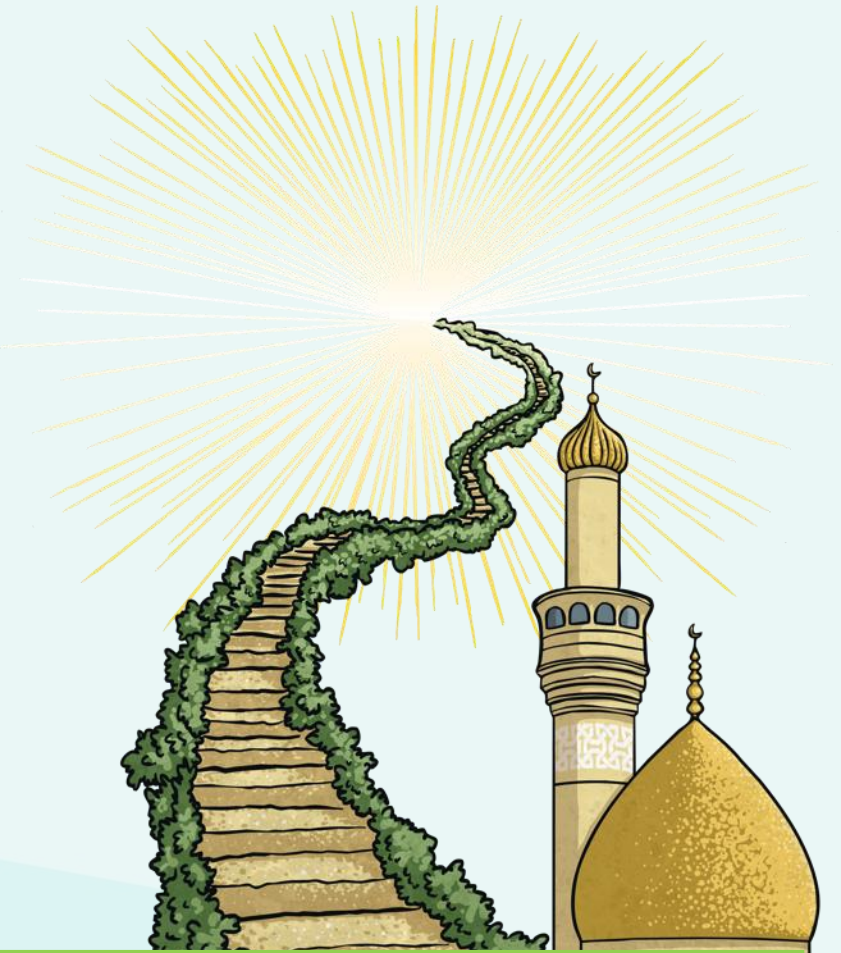
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# The Shahada

Muslims believe that when approaching the gates of paradise after death, they should say the Shahada to enter.

**The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “He whose last words are ‘there is no god but Allah,’ will enter Paradise.”**

**Sunan Abu Dāwūd 3116**



X

Why do you think that Muslims believe that the Shahada should be said in order to enter the gates of paradise?



# The Shahada Infographic



The Shahada are the first words said to a Muslim newborn baby. These are the first words that a Muslim will hear in their life.



A Muslim will say the Shahada every day as part of their daily prayers (Salah).



The Shahada is included in the adhan which is the call to prayer.



The Shahada is said as part of the Nikah, this is the name for a Muslim wedding ceremony.



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# What Matters Most to Muslims?

You will now complete your activity sheet. Use the Five Pillars of Islam Fact Cards and the Shahada Fact File to help you. Remember that you must **not** draw any images of Allah, the prophets (Peace Be Upon Them), or angels as this is not allowed in Islam.

## The First Pillar of Islam – Shahada

There is no god but Allah and Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) is his messenger.

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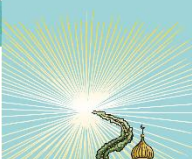

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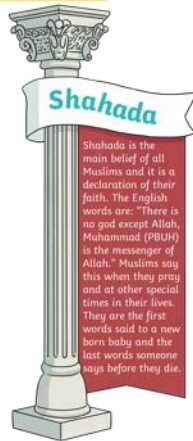
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### The Five Pillars of Islam

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## What Matters Most to Muslims?

To understand why the First of the Five Pillars of Islam is especially important to Muslims.

Label the Five Pillars of Islam. Make sure that you label them in the correct order. One has been completed for you.



Which of the Five Pillars of Islam is the most important to Muslims?

Why? Give reasons for your answer.

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# What Have You Learnt?

Which of the Five Pillars of Islam is the most important to Muslims?

A. The Shahada

B. Hajj

C. Salah



## What Have You Learnt?

What are the prayers called that the Shahada are said in each day by Muslims?

A. The Shahada

B. Hajj

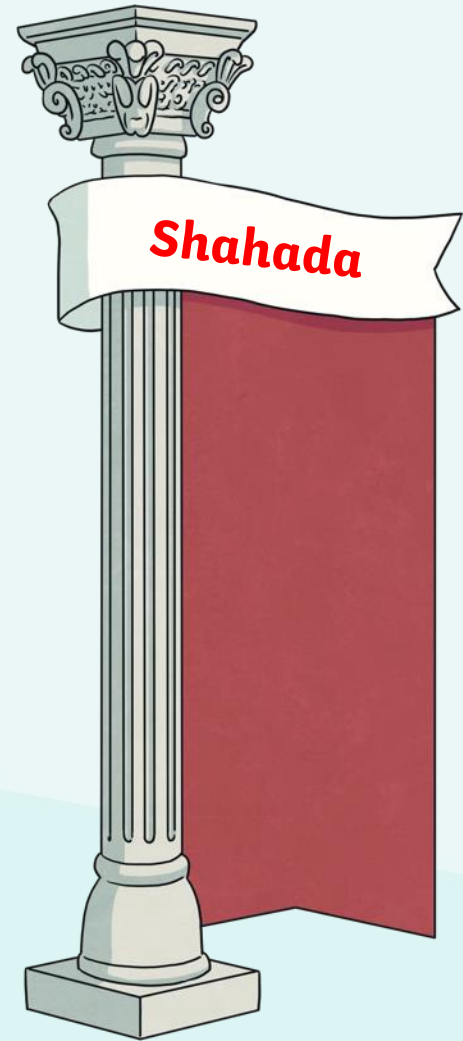
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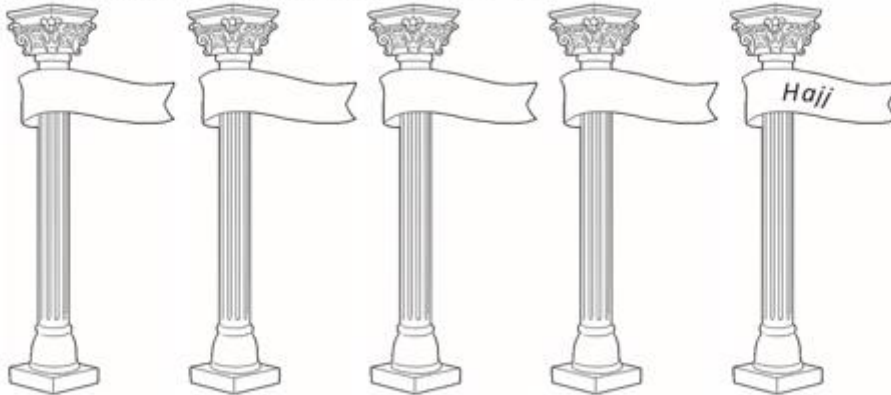
### Why does the Shahada matter the most to Muslims?

- A.** They say it every day in their prayers.
  
- B.** It is a statement of their belief and faith in Islam.
  
- C.** It is said at their wedding.



You do

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Which of the Five Pillars of Islam is the most important to Muslims?



- Complete the pillars of Islam diagram
- Answer the question underneath.

## What Matters Most to Muslims?

Using the information from the fact file, create an infographic that shows how the First Pillar of Islam is the most important to Muslims. Think about the times that it features in a Muslim's life.

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