

Islam Knowledge Organiser

Key Term	Definition
Allah	The Arabic word for God, the one and only God in Islam
Muhammad	Muhammad is the founder of Islam and the messenger and prophet of Allah.
Qur'an	This is the holy book of Islam, it has rules and laws written in it about believing in one God
Hadith	A collection of traditions containing sayings of the prophet Muhammad
Five Pillars of Islam	Form the foundation of the faith and are the five key practices that a Muslim is obligated to fulfil throughout their lifetime.
Mosque	A place of Prayer for Muslims
Sunni and Shia Muslims	The two main branches of Islam that have conflicting views on who was Muhammad's successor.

1. Where did Islam come from?

- Muhammad used to go and pray and meditate in the **Cave of Hira** in the mountains near Mecca.
- When he was 40 years old, **Angel Jibril** appeared to him when he was praying and gave him his **first message from Allah**.
- This is known as the **Night of Power**.
- Muhammad received messages from Allah over the next **23 years**.
- **What do Muslims think about Muhammad?**
- They believe he is an “excellent role model” – he must have been special for Allah to choose him as the final prophet.
- He received Allah’s greatest gift to the world – the Quran.

2. What is the Hadith?

These are a collection of teachings, actions and sayings of the prophet Muhammad. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most important book for Muslims. It comes from Muhammad and not Allah and so is not considered a holy book.

3. What is the Quran?

- **Muslim holy text** given to **Muhammad** by the **Angel Jibril**.
- Muhammad repeated these words to his friend who wrote them down in a book 20 years after his death.
- Muslims believe the **Quran** is the **word of God** and should never be changed.



4. Muslim families

Why is family life important in Islam?

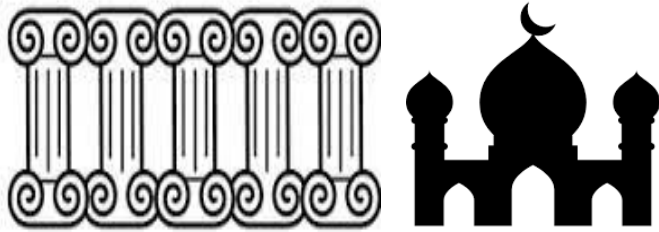
- Provide **care** and **comfort** for one another – the Quran says that on the last day they will be judged.
- The Quran teaches that children should **care for their parents**.

The Family as the Heart of the Community

- Within Islam, the family is at **the heart of the community** and is the most important way of making sure that **children grow up as good faithful Muslims**.
- **The elderly** are treated with **dignity**. Muslims consider it to be an **honour and a blessing from God to be able to look after elderly relatives**.

5. Importance of the mosque

- The mosque is the Muslim **place of worship**.
- This is where Muslims will **gather** with others to **pray and worship Allah**.
- Muslims believe worshipping with other believers is very important **“worship with the congregation is 27 times better than by oneself”**
- Any building can be a mosque – it just needs to be a **clean place** for people to pray.
- As well as praying to Allah, the mosque is an important place for building and developing the ummah. Lots of activities will take place at a mosque:
  - teaching about Islam
  - Arabic lessons
  - learning the Quran
  - weddings
  - funerals
  - some Muslims sleep here during Ramadan
  - Birth celebrations like circumcision
  - a room for storing and washing dead bodies before the funeral
  - celebrations and parties



6. Five pillars of Islam

Shahadah – The declaration of what Muslims believe

**“there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger”**

Salah – The obligation to pray five times a day. **“regular prayer is obligatory”**

Zakah – The duty Muslims have to give money to charity.

**“give alms to the poor and needy”**

Sawm – The obligation to fast (avoid food and drink) during the month of Ramadan **“fasting is prescribed for you”**

Hajj - The duty of all Muslims to go on pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their life

Mosque is the most important place for Muslims	Other ideas...
At the Mosque a Muslim will meet with fellow Muslims and therefore there will be a strong sense of community.	Going on Pilgrimage is one of the 5 pillars of Islam and therefore the most important place for Muslims.
At the Mosque Arabic lessons, funerals, weddings and other celebrations take place.	Mecca is where Islam originates and therefore the religions history can be found here.
Muslims believe worshipping with other believers is very important <b><u>“worship with the congregation is 27 times better than by oneself”</u></b>	The home is the most important place for Muslims. This is because family life is an incredibly important part of a Muslims life.
Muslims will show their faith in Allah by attending Mosque.	Nowhere is of more important than another place in Islam. It is all of these places that contribute to a Muslims faith.



Pillar	Influence on a Muslim
Shaha dah	Feel- in awe of Allah Act – responsibly and follow the rules of Islam Think – about how to do the right thing and how they should show respect to Allah at all times
Salah	Feel- holy. Like Allah is guiding them. Thankful for all Allah has provided. Closer to Allah. More committed to their faith. Act – pray 5 times a day. Perform wudu. Make time to show worship to Allah. Think – prioritising their faith. Put Allah at the forefront of their mind at all times.
Zakah	Feel- Thankful for all they have got. Grateful that they have safe housing, food and water unlike the poorest in society Act – donate 2.5% every year honestly. Helping others when they need it. Donating when they can. Think- about how lucky they are. Making sure they put money to one side for the end of the year
Sawm	Feel- Thankful for all they have got. Grateful that they have safe food and water unlike the poorest in society. Closer to Allah. Act – make sure that they fast during Ramadan. They will ensure that they are being honest and truthful, not committing any bad actions. Think – about how lucky they are. How they can help others. What they can donate to charities such as foodbanks throughout the year
Hajj	Feel- holy. Feel like they have completed an important aspect of their religion. Closer to Allah. Act – go on Hajj at least once in their life. Save up to attend Hajj. Nominate someone to go on their behalf. Being the best Muslim they can. Starting afresh upon their return. Think – about Allah guiding them. How to improve themselves to be the best Muslim they can be