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- I can list the things that are the same and different about mosques around the world.
- I can name and describe special objects that can be found inside.
- I understand why a mosque is an important place by describing what happens there.
- I can talk about other places where Muslims can worship.
- I can list rules for how to behave in a mosque.

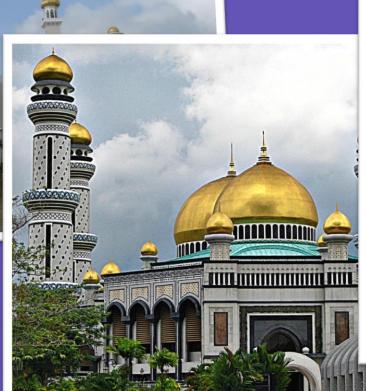


Starter Activity



What do all of these buildings have in common?



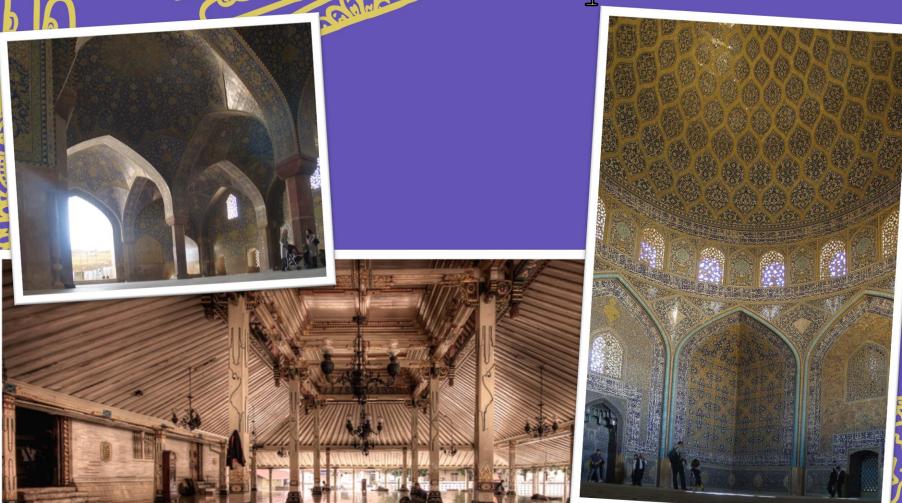




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What is it like inside Ca Muslim mosque?





Shoe Rack

A place to leave your shoes before entering.



Prayer Mats

Mosques either have carpet with individual prayer mats or Muslims take their own prayer mat to worship upon.



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Wash Room

Muslims must wash before entering the main hall.



Features
of a
Mosque



Qur'an

The Muslim holy book which is the word of God. It is treated with great respect and placed on a special wooden stand to be read.

Tasbih Beads

Beads hanging around the mosque for worshippers to help think about Allah.



An alcove in the wall shows the direction the worshippers need to face. This is the direction of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, the most sacred Muslim place in the world.

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Features of a Mosque

Minaret

Most mosques have at least one minaret which is a tall thin tower. A man stands at the top and calls Muslims to prayer.





Why do people go to

Muslims go to mosque to pray and Seffice are held every day. The most important weekly service is held on a Friday.

Many Muslims believe that praying with other Muslims can make you feel part of a family.

Inside a mosque there is often a school where people can learn the Arabic language. This is the language that the Muslim holy book is written in, the Qur'an.



Festivals, weddings and funerals can take place in mosques too.





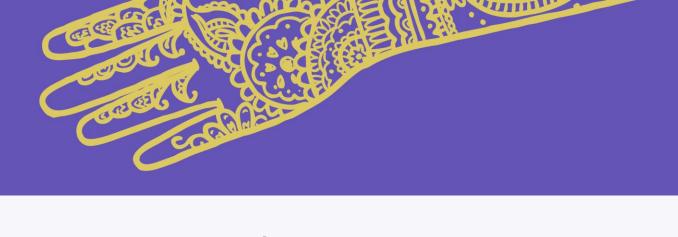
Worship at Home

Find out more about how Muslims don't just worship at mosque.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/muslim-prayer/5965.html







Showing Respect

- Take off your shoes before entering.
- Wash feet, hands, nose, mouth, throat, ears, arms (up to the elbow) before entering.
- Women and men worship separately.

