

Place of worship in Islam: Mosque



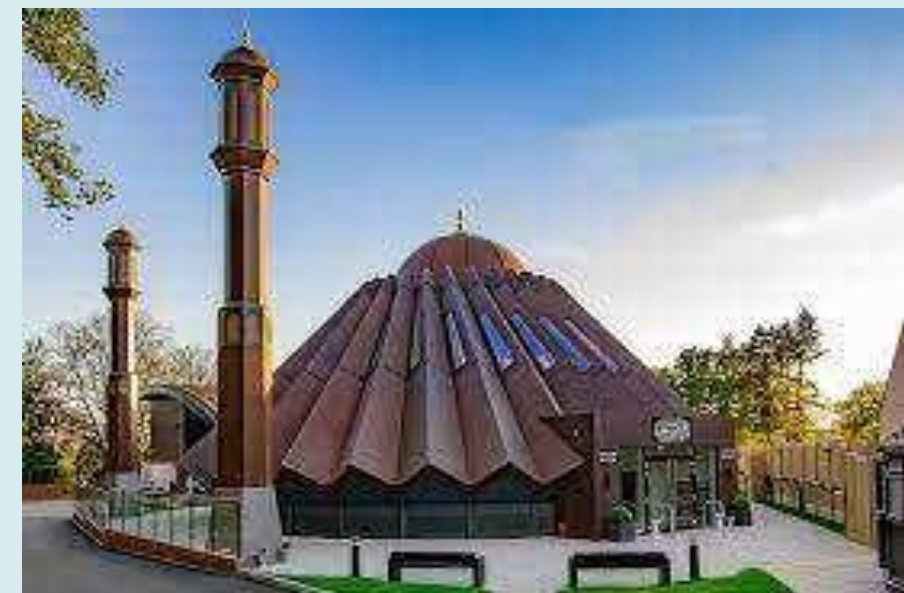
Today we will...

Learn...

- ❖ Know what a Mosque is and understand its importance for Muslims.
- ❖ Look at the different areas of a Mosque.
- ❖ Learn about the etiquettes of a Mosque.
- ❖ Know where the Holy Ka'aba is and why it is important to Muslims.

Activities...

- ❖ Video
- ❖ Quiz
- ❖ Worksheets



What is a Mosque?

- ❖ A Mosque is a holy place of worship.
- ❖ It is a place where Muslims gather to worship God (Allah).
- ❖ The Mosque plays an important role in the life of a Muslim.
- ❖ It is also a centre for the community where Muslims from all walks of life meet and bond with each other.

Have you ever visited or seen a Mosque? What other places of worship do you know about?



Video Time

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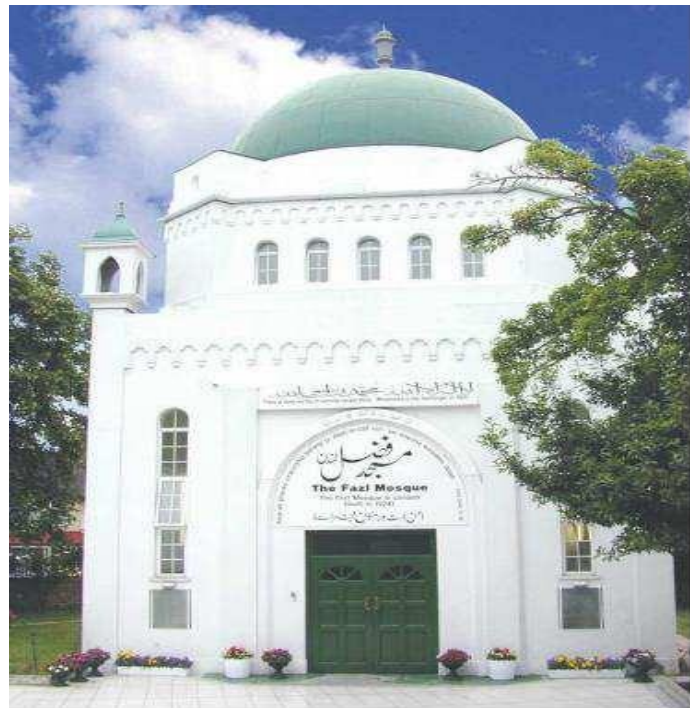
What Does a Mosque Look like?

❖ A mosque can be big or small and sometimes has tall towers as part of the building. These are called Minarets.

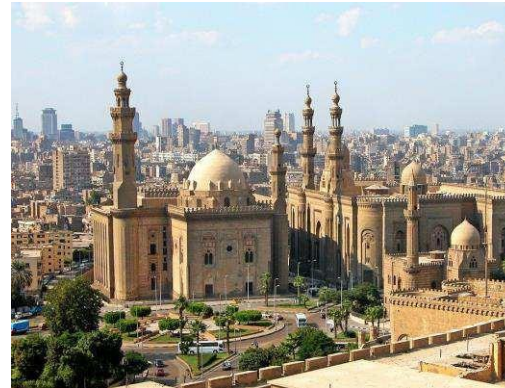
❖ Mosques also have a Dome. Mosques with Minarets and Domes can be found all over the world.



The Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) Mosque in Medina, Saudi Arabia, known as Al Masjid an Nabawi
(www.wikipedia.com)



The Fazl Mosque in Putney, South London – the first mosque in London



Cairo Mosque in Egypt (www.pixabay.com)

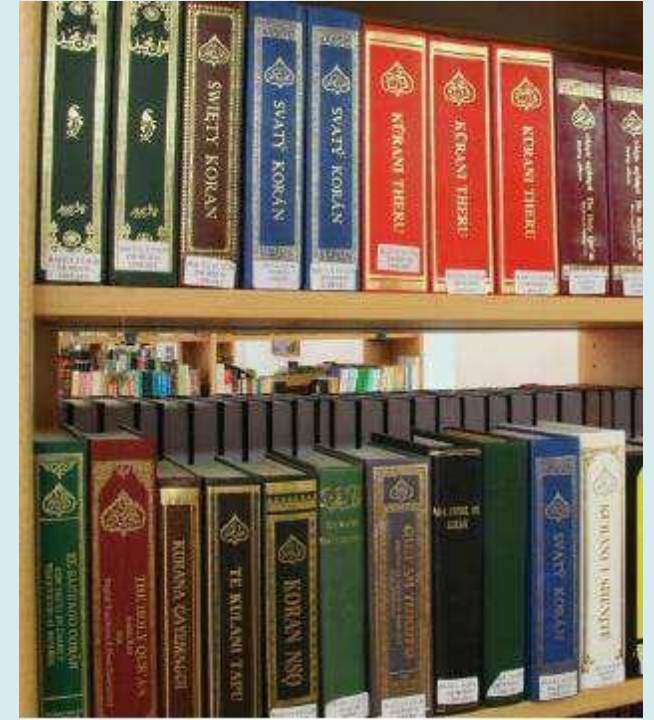
Areas of a Mosque



Minaret: The place where traditionally the Muadh'dhin, (one who calls to prayer) stands to recite the Adhan (the call to prayer).



Mehraab: Alcove in the front wall facing towards **Qibla**. The Qibla is the direction towards the Holy Ka'aba in Makkah. Muslims must face this direction when performing their prayers. The person leading the congregation prayers is called the '**Imam**'. The Imam stands in the Mehraab to lead the prayer.



Clean place for the Holy Qur'an: Many mosques have clean shelves where copies of the Holy Qur'an are kept for the Worshippers to read.

Areas of a Mosque



Door to mosque: The door opening to the clean Masallah area.



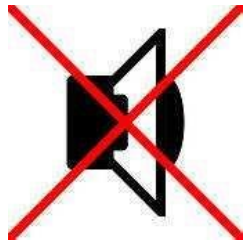
Masallah: Rows of clean areas or prayer mats where worshippers will stand. Men and women have separate prayer areas.



Ablution area: A washroom area for worshippers to wash and clean themselves before prayer. This ablution is known as 'Wudhu'. The Wudhu area is normally in the mosque building.

Etiquettes of a Mosque

All those who come into the Mosque should remain silent so as not to disturb others who are praying.



People should come to the mosque clean. There is an area to carry out ablutions before prayer.



Have you been to a place where you have had to observe certain etiquettes?

Men and women show respect by covering their heads when inside a Mosque.



Shoes should be removed to keep the Mosque clean.

Congregation Prayers (praying together with others)

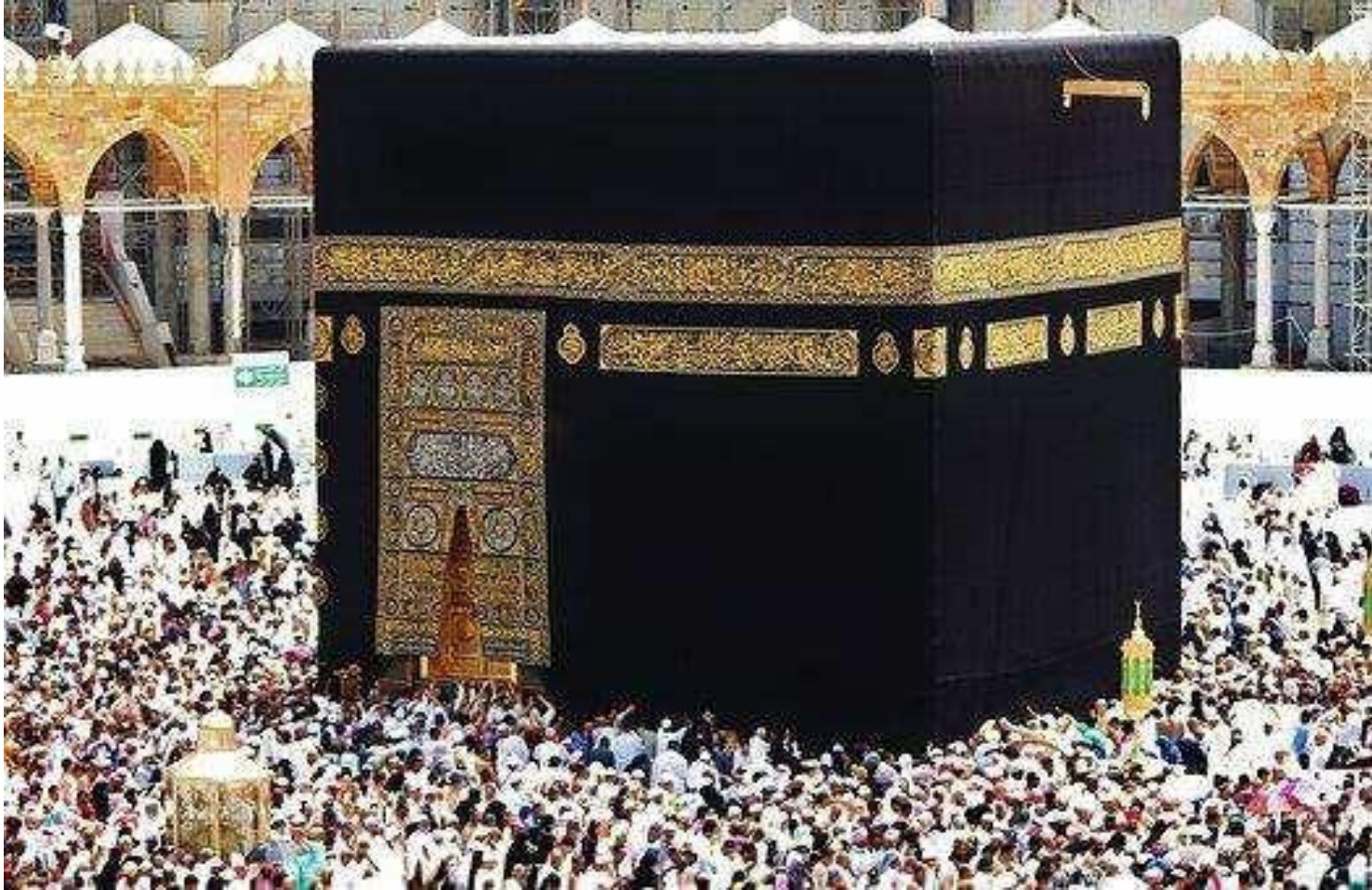
- ❖ Muslims can offer their five daily prayers individually or in congregation. Muslims are encouraged to pray in congregation in a Mosque whenever they can.
- ❖ Prayers in a Mosque are led by an Imam. Worshippers stand in rows, shoulder to shoulder behind the Imam.

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Let's learn more about Congregation prayers. Click play to watch the video!

The Holy Ka'aba



- ❖ The Holy Ka'aba in Makkah (also spelt as Mecca), Saudi Arabia, has a special significance to Muslims as it was the first house of worship to be built on Earth.
- ❖ Muslims face the Holy Ka'aba when they perform their prayers.

Quiz time!

- Let's try the quiz to see how much we remember about Mosques!

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