



Key Vocabulary

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| Five pillars | Five important duties for Muslims                        |
| Hadith       | The words of the prophet Muhammad                        |
| Ibadah       | Worship and belief in action                             |
| Sunnah       | The actions of the prophet Muhammad                      |
| Shahadah     | The belief in only one God and Muhammad is his messenger |
| Salah        | Praying five times a day                                 |
| Zakah        | Giving to charity  |
| Sawm         | Fasting during Ramadan                                   |
| Hajj         | Pilgrimage to Makkah                                     |

**Our big question:  
What does it mean for a Muslim to follow God?**



Makkah Mosque Leeds

**Powerful knowledge**  
The Five Pillars of Islam are some basic acts in Islam, considered mandatory by believers, and are the foundation of Muslim life. The Five Pillars are summarised in the famous hadith of Gabriel. The word 'Islam' means submission and obedience to Allah. Most Muslims try to follow the teachings of the Qur'an but many also use Hadith and Sunnah as forms of guidance as to how to live their lives. The Mosque is a place of prayer and teaching but also a centre of Islamic life, a very important part of the community.

How many Muslims do you think there are in Britain?  
How many do you think there are in Yorkshire?

**What I know already**

Muslims believe in one God (Allah). They worship in Mosques, praying five times a day. They read the Qur'an which is written in Arabic. The final prophet is Muhammad and he is so highly respected by Muslims that they will say 'peace be upon him' after his name is spoken. Ramadan is a time of fasting.

**The six main beliefs**

1. Belief in Allah as the one and only God.
2. Belief in angels.
3. Belief in the holy books.
4. Belief in the prophets and that Muhammad was the final prophet.
5. Belief in the Day of Judgement (the day when Allah decides if a person goes to heaven or hell).
6. Belief in predestination (the belief that Allah has already planned out what will happen).



