

## The Shahadah

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This is one of the most important beliefs in Islam and forms one of the **Five Pillars of Islam**.

The Shahadah says 'I witness that there is no other god but Allah, and Muhammad is the prophet of Allah'.

What does this show about Muslim belief in Muhammad? In Allah?

If God spoke to you, how do you think he would ask you to live your life?

Why would God ask you to do this?

Pair/share thoughts.



LO: How does following the five pillars affect the life of a Muslim?

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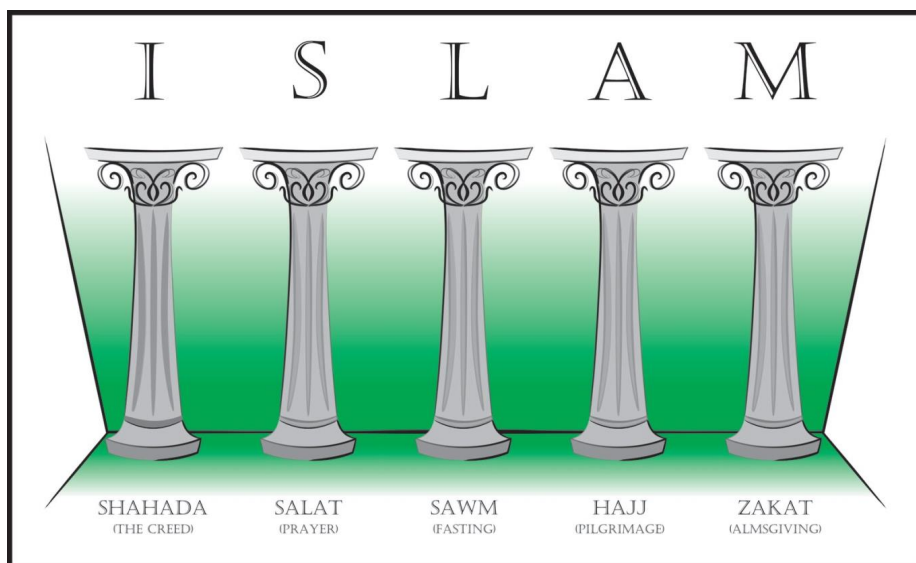
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What are pillars usually used for?

Are there usually one pillar or many found on buildings? Why is this?



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As a table, sort the quotes into the five columns of prayer, pilgrimage, fasting, giving (to charity) and belief in one God.

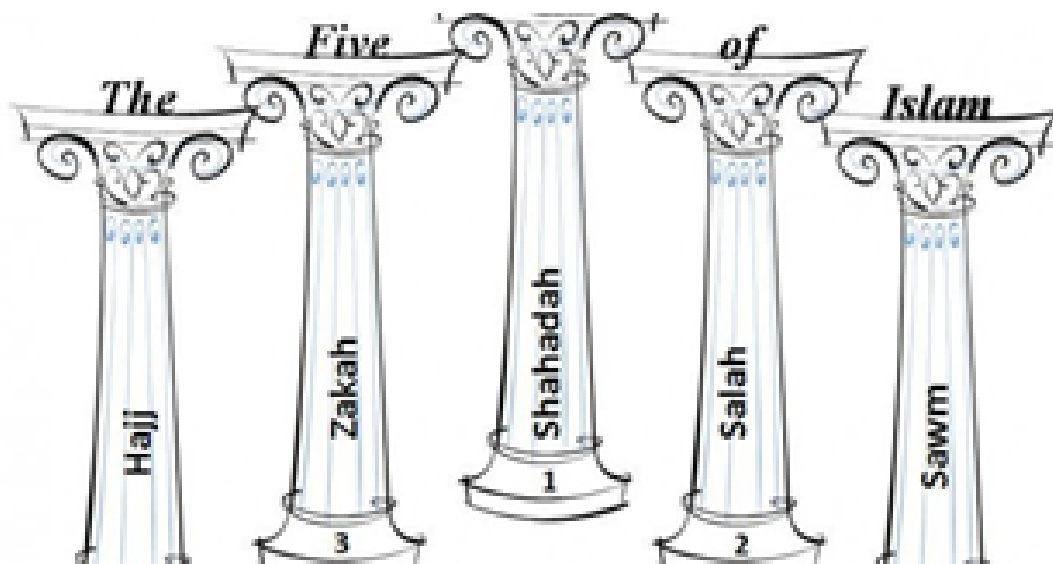
The following 'bricks' for the pillars of Islam have been provided by Muslims aged between 7 and 14.

Use the dictionaries provided if there are any key terms you don't understand.

Once you have done this, summarise what each pillar is and how it affects the lives of Muslims.




Task Two

Re-read the cards. This time you should select the top two most informative/interesting/important from each pillar.





### Reflection

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|  <p><b>Muslim practice:<br/>Learning about the Five Pillars</b></p> <p>Every moment, Muslims believe ...</p> <p>Five times a day, Muslims try to ...</p> <p>When their money comes in, Muslims like to ...</p> |  <p><b>My intentions and plans for my life:<br/>Learning from Islam</b></p> <p>Every moment, I believe ...</p> <p>Each day, I want to try ...</p> <p>If I chose to be generous, I would ...</p> |  <p>et.</p> |
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**Ext: In your opinion, which is the most demanding of the Five Pillars?  
Why?**

Write your answer in your RE book.

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