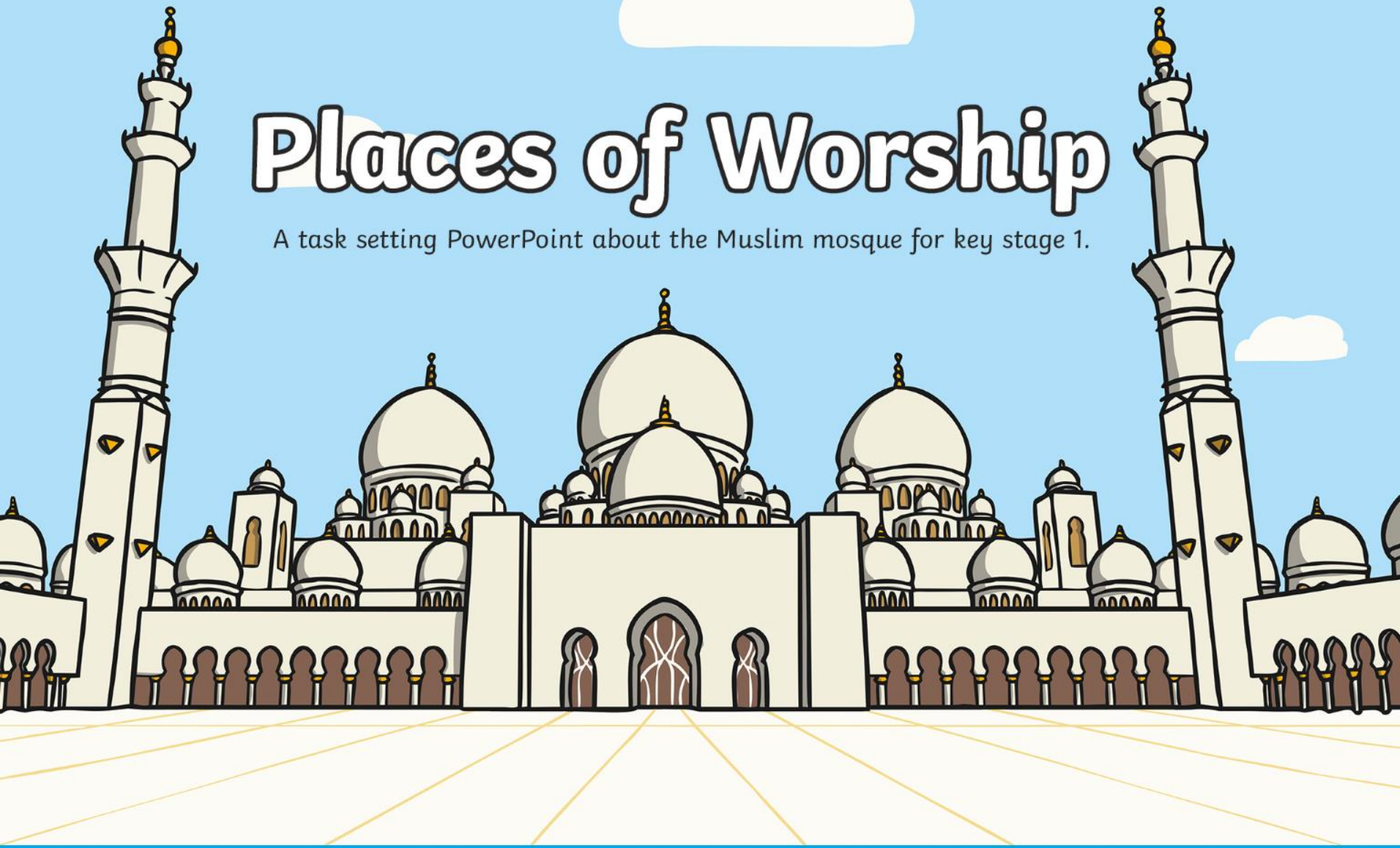


Places of Worship

A task setting PowerPoint about the Muslim mosque for key stage 1.



Aim

- To learn about what you might see and experience at a mosque.
- To learn about why it is an important place to many people.

Success Criteria

- 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.

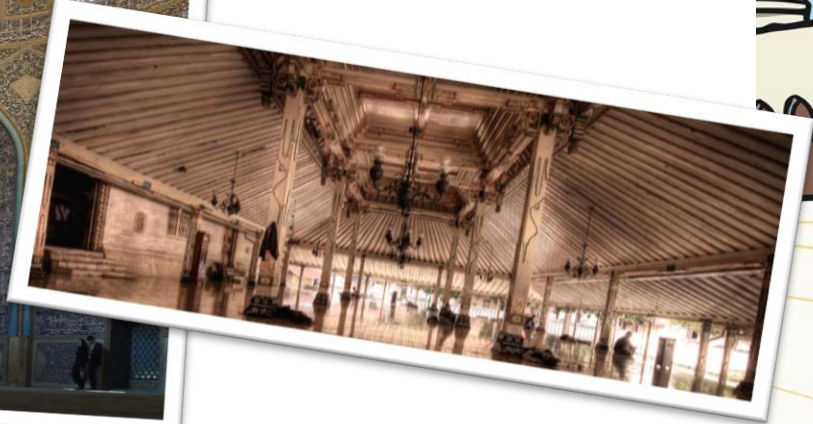
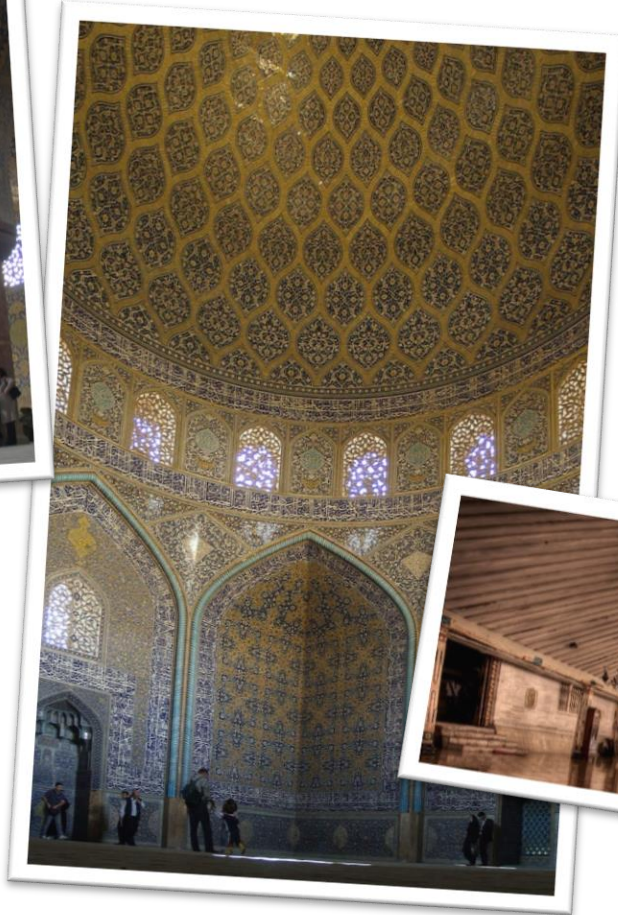
Starter Activity

What do all of these buildings have in common?



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What Is It like inside a Muslim Mosque?



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Important Features of a 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.



Wash Room

Muslims must wash before entering the main hall.

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.



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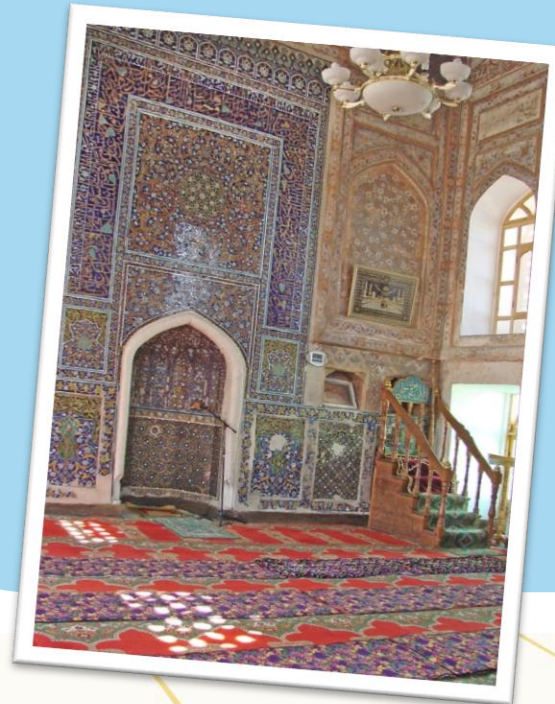
Tasbeih Beads



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

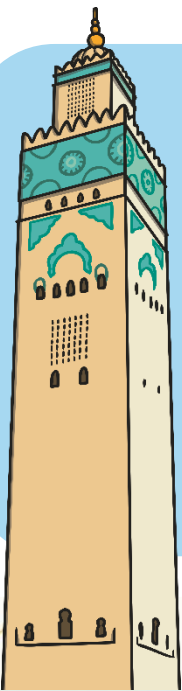
Mihrab

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.



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 a Mosque?

Muslims go to mosque to pray and services 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, the Qur'an, is written in.

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

Worship at Home

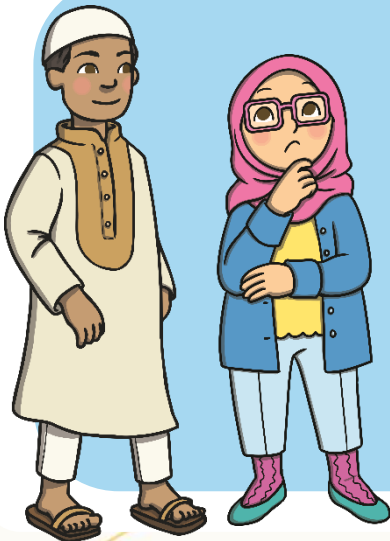
Find out more about how Muslims don't just worship at mosque by watching the videos available on BBC Bitesize.

Showing Respect



Take off your shoes before entering.

Wash feet, hands, nose, mouth, throat, ears, arms (up to elbow) before entering.



Women and men worship separately.



Plenary

Why do you think Muslims believe it is important to attend mosque?

Do you have any other questions about this place of worship?

