

The Great Prayer Puzzle!

Learning objective: To understand the different ways and reasons people pray in various faiths, and to recognise common themes in prayer.

Help Max the monkey solve these puzzles about prayer! Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer. Good luck!

1. B, 2. True, 3. Petition, 4. A, 5. False, 6. Thanksgiving, 7. C, 8. Mosque, 9. True, 10. Meditation

Word bank: Meditation · Petition · Thanksgiving · Synagogue · Mosque · Church

1. What is prayer? A) Only singing songs B) Communicating with a deity or spiritual being* C) Reading a newspaper D) Writing a letter to a friend (1 mark)

2. True or False: People of different religions pray in different ways. (1 mark)

3. What do we call a prayer where someone asks for help or for something to happen? (Use the word bank) (1 mark)

4. In which of these places might a Christian pray? A) A church* B) A temple C) A mosque D) A synagogue (1 mark)

5. True or False: Prayer must always be spoken out loud to be heard. (1 mark)

6. What is a prayer of 'thanks' called? (Use the word bank) (1 mark)

7. Muslims pray five times a day. Which direction do they face? A) North B) South C) Towards Makkah* D) Towards the moon (1 mark)

8. Which place of worship is associated with Islam? (Use the word bank) (1 mark)

9. True or False: Some people use beads (like a rosary or tasbeeh) to help them keep track of their prayers. (1 mark)

10. What is the word for a quiet, focused practice of clearing the mind, often used as a form of prayer or reflection? (Use the word bank) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a peaceful place where someone might go to pray or think quietly.



Extension challenge: Can you write a short paragraph explaining the difference between a prayer of petition and a prayer of thanksgiving?