

Exploring Places of Worship

Learning objective: To identify and describe the features and purposes of different places of worship within various faith communities.

Max the monkey has been helping his community map all the different places of worship in town. Use your knowledge of different religions to help Max complete his records by answering the questions below.

Word bank: Church · Mosque · Synagogue · Mandir · Gurdwara · Altar · Minaret · Turban · Candles

1. Match the place of worship to the correct faith: Which building is traditionally used by Sikhs, and which is used by Hindus? (2 marks)

2. Many places of worship have special features to help people pray. What is a minaret, and which place of worship is it usually found on? (2 marks)

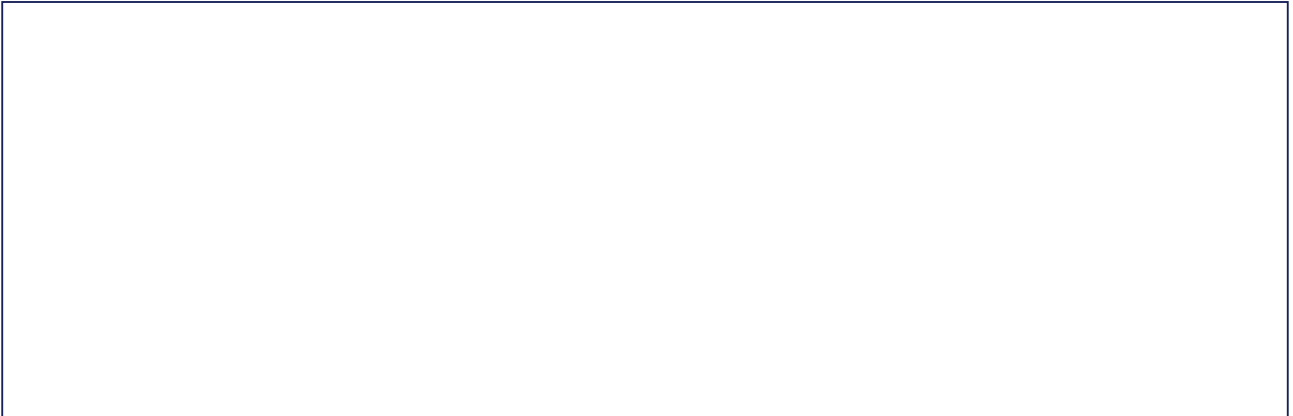
3. Why do people visit places of worship? Give two different reasons why a person might go to a church, mosque, or mandir. (2 marks)

4. In a Synagogue, people read from the Torah. What is the name of the special object that holds the Torah scrolls? (1 mark)

5. Some places of worship have rules about what people wear when they enter to show respect. Can you give an example of something someone might wear or do (such as removing shoes) when entering a Mosque or Gurdwara? (2 marks)

6. Imagine you are showing a visitor around a place of worship. How would you explain the difference between a 'sacred' space and a 'regular' space like a supermarket? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a place of worship you have seen or learned about. Label three key features that make it special.



Extension challenge: Research a place of worship in your local area. Write down its name and one way it helps people in the community who may not follow that faith.