

Places of Worship Word Mat

Learning objective: To identify and understand the key features and vocabulary associated with different places of worship.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you describe where people go to pray and worship. Terms are grouped by: General Terms, Christian & Jewish Worship, and Islamic & Sikh Worship.

Worship Showing respect and love for a deity...	Sacred Something that is holy and treated with respect...	Congregation A group of people who gather for worship...
Prayer A way of communicating with God or a deity...	Church A building used for Christian worship.	Cathedral A large, important church that is the seat of a bishop...
Altar A table used in a church for religious ceremonies...	Pew A long wooden bench used for seating in a church...	Synagogue A building where Jewish people go to worship.
Torah The most sacred text in Judaism, written by Moses...	Ark The special cupboard in a synagogue that holds the Torah...	Mosque A building where Muslims go to pray.
Minaret A tall tower attached to a mosque, used for calling to prayer...	Mihrab A niche in the wall of a mosque that indicates the direction of Mecca...	Gurdwara A place of assembly and worship for Sikhs.
Langar The free community kitchen in a Gurdwara...	Guru Granth Sahib The holy scripture of Sikhs.	Symbol A picture or object that represents a person or thing.
Imagine you are visiting a place of worship...	What is the difference between a church and a mosque?	Why do you think people go to places of worship?
Explain what happens during a service...	If a person is part of a different religion, how might they feel about visiting a place of worship?	