

Exploring the Gurdwara: A Place of Worship

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of key features and symbols within a Sikh Gurdwara.

Use your knowledge of Sikhism to complete the diagram of a Gurdwara. Use the word bank to label the important features and add colour to your drawing to show the welcoming atmosphere.

Draw: Draw a large, welcoming Gurdwara building. Include the Nishan Sahib flagpole outside with the orange flag. Inside the Diwan Hall, draw a raised platform (the Manji Sahib) where the Guru Granth Sahib sits covered in a beautiful cloth (the Rumala). Include people sitting on the floor to show equality. Use bright, respectful colours and ensure the drawing looks peaceful.



Label words: Nishan Sahib · Guru Granth Sahib · Langar Hall · Diwan Hall · Rumala · Chauri

Steps:

1. Explain why the Langar hall is considered an important part of the Gurdwara. What does it teach visitors about equality?
2. Label the part of the drawing where the Guru Granth Sahib is placed on a raised platform.
3. What is the name of the tall flagpole outside a Gurdwara that flies the Sikh flag?
4. Why do visitors to the Gurdwara cover their heads and remove their shoes before entering the main hall?

5. Describe the purpose of the Chauri and how it is used to show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib.