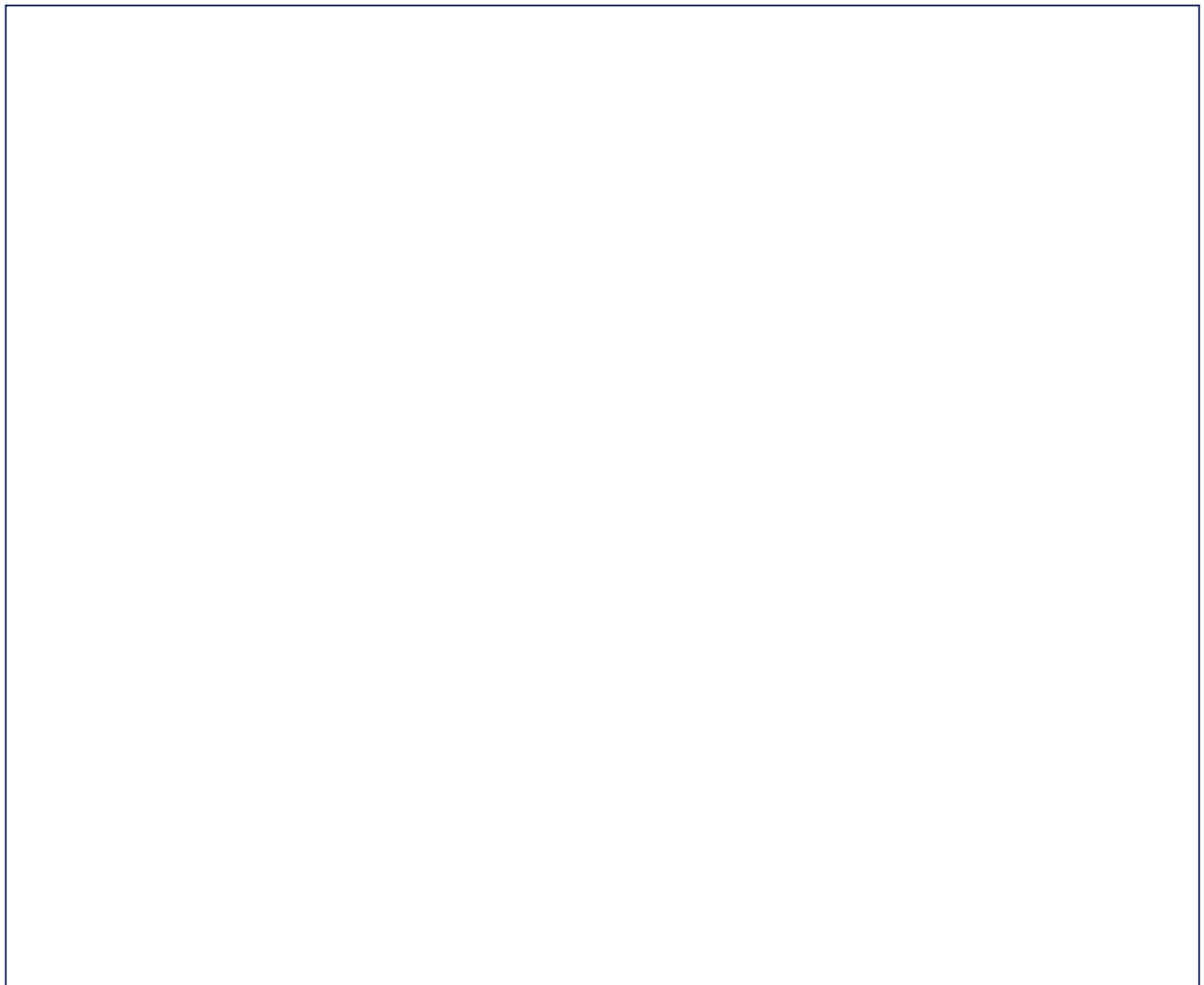


Exploring the Features of a Mosque

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of key architectural and symbolic features within a mosque.

Use your knowledge of Islamic places of worship to create a detailed diagram of a mosque. Include the architectural features listed in the word bank and ensure your labels clearly point to the correct parts of your drawing.

Draw: Create a clear, labelled diagram of a mosque. Use a ruler for straight lines and a compass or circular object to ensure the dome is symmetrical. Use intricate, repeating shapes to decorate the walls to represent traditional Islamic geometric patterns. Ensure your labels are written neatly in black ink.



Label words: Minaret · Dome · Mihrab · Qibla wall · Prayer hall · Geometric patterns

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large mosque building. Include a tall tower on the side and a large curved roof on top. Label these as the 'Minaret' and the 'Dome'.
2. Step 2: Inside your mosque, draw a small archway on one of the walls. Label this the 'Mihrab'.
3. Explain why geometric patterns are often used in mosque architecture instead of drawings of people or animals.

4. Compare and contrast the function of the minaret with the function of the mihrab. How do they help a Muslim during their daily life?
5. Justify your answer: Why is the orientation of the mosque towards the Qibla wall considered the most important aspect of its design?
6. What might happen if a mosque did not have a prayer hall? How would this change the community's experience?