Max’s Magnificent Places of Worship Quiz

Learning objective: To identify key features of places of worship from different religions and understand their significance to believers.

Join Max the monkey as he investigates different buildings used for prayer and reflection. Read each question carefully and select or write the correct answer.

Answer Key: 1. A (Church), 2. False, 3. Synagogue, 4. B (Mandir), 5. True, 6. Minaret, 7. C (Gurdwaras), 8. False (The Bimah is in a synagogue), 9. Mosque, 10. True. Greater Depth: 1. Sacred space for rituals/community, 2. Architectural focus (e.g., domes vs spires), 3. Reflection on communal values, 4. Comparison of internal symbols, 5. Designing an inclusive space, 6. Justification of historical preservation.

Word bank: Synagogue · Mosque · Church · Mandir · Gurdwaras · Altar · Minaret · Bimah

1. 1. Which building is often associated with the Christian faith? A) Church* B) Mandir C) Synagogue D) Mosque (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: All places of worship across the world have the exact same layout and furniture. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the Jewish place of worship? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. A Hindu place of worship is called a: A) Mosque B) Mandir* C) Church D) Gurdwara (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A Gurdwara is the place of worship for Sikhs. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the tall, slender tower on a mosque called from which the call to prayer is announced? (One word answer) (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these buildings is famous for the 'Langar' (community kitchen)? A) Church B) Synagogue C) Gurdwaras* D) Cathedral (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A Bimah is a type of musical instrument found in a Mosque. (1 mark)

9. 9. In which building would you expect to find a Mihrab, which indicates the direction of Mecca? (One word answer) (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Places of worship are often used as community centres for social gatherings as well as prayer. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a place of worship that includes at least three distinct features you have learned about, such as a dome, stained glass windows, or a tower.

Extension challenge: 1. Explain why places of worship are considered sacred to believers. 2. Compare and contrast the interior of a Church and a Mosque; what are the main differences? 3. Justify why it is important for communities to have a shared space for reflection. 4. What might happen to a community if their place of worship was removed? 5. Design a 'Universal Place of Worship' that includes features from three different religions—label your features and explain your design choices. 6. Investigate and explain why some places of worship face a specific direction, such as towards Mecca or Jerusalem.