

Exploring Sacred Spaces: A Writing Frame

Learning objective: To describe the key features and significance of a place of worship, explaining how they help believers feel connected to their faith.

Use the prompts below to structure your descriptive report. Remember to include sensory details—what might you see, hear, or feel inside a place of worship? Use the word bank to help your writing flow.

As you step through the entrance of the place of worship, the outside noise of the busy world seems to fade away, replaced by a quiet sense of calm.

Word bank: furthermore · symbolises · in addition · peaceful atmosphere · traditionally · consequently · architectural features · a sense of community · reverence · on the other hand

1. Introduction: Describe the building you have chosen. Where is it located and what is the first thing you notice when you look at it? Start with: 'The place of worship I am exploring today is...' (2 marks)

2. Key Features: What special objects or architectural details are inside? Why are they important to the believers? Start with: 'Inside, there are several significant features, such as...' (3 marks)

3. The Atmosphere: How does the space make people feel? Does the lighting, smell, or sound contribute to this? Start with: 'The atmosphere inside the building creates a feeling of...' (2 marks)

4. Purpose and Community: How do people use this space together? Why is it an important part of their lives? Start with: 'This place is vital to the community because...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise your thoughts. Why is it important for people to have a dedicated place to worship? Start with: 'In conclusion, I believe that having a sacred space...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Nova the owl is curious about how different religions use light in their buildings. Research one specific symbol of light (such as a candle, a lamp, or a stained-glass window) and write a short paragraph explaining its meaning.