

A Journey into Sikhism with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify key beliefs, symbols, and practices within the Sikh faith.

Read the information provided by Ellie and test your knowledge! Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Answer Key: 1. Guru Nanak, 2. Gurdwara, 3. True, 4. Langar, 5. True, 6. Seva, 7. Guru Granth Sahib, 8. Five Ks, 9. False, 10. Equality. Ellie reminds us that the Gurdwara is a place of peace, and the Langar is a kitchen where everyone, regardless of background, sits on the floor together to eat as equals.

Word bank: Guru Nanak · Gurdwara · Langar · Khalsa · Five Ks · Seva · Guru Granth Sahib

1. Who was the founder of the Sikh faith? A) Guru Gobind Singh B) Guru Nanak* C) Guru Arjan D) Guru Tegh Bahadur (1 mark)

2. What is the name of the building where Sikhs go to worship? (1 word) (1 mark)

3. True or False: Sikhs believe that there is only one God. (1 mark)

4. What is the name of the free vegetarian meal served to everyone in the community? (1 word) (1 mark)

5. True or False: The Guru Granth Sahib is treated with the same respect as a living Guru. (1 mark)

6. What is the term for 'selfless service' performed by Sikhs to help others? (1 word) (1 mark)

7. What is the title of the holy scripture used by Sikhs? (3 words) (1 mark)

8. The symbols that represent the Sikh faith and commitment are known as the: A) Five Jewels B) Five Pillars C) Five Ks* D) Five Rivers (1 mark)

9. True or False: In a Gurdwara, people sit on chairs to show they are more important than others. (1 mark)

10. Sikhism teaches that all people are equal. What is this concept called? (1 word) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Gurdwara and include a symbol of the Khanda on the front, just as Ellie describes it in her travel stories.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why 'Seva' is considered such an important part of a Sikh's daily life. 2. Compare and contrast the seating arrangement in a Gurdwara with a place of worship you are familiar with. 3. Justify why eating together on the floor in a Langar promotes equality. 4. What might happen if a community decided to stop practicing Seva? 5. Why do you think the Guru Granth Sahib is treated with such high honor? 6. Research the 'Five Ks' and write a short paragraph explaining the significance of one of them.