

Exploring Islam: A Journey of Knowledge with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand key beliefs, practices, and terminology associated with the Islamic faith.

Read each flashcard carefully. Use the front side to test your knowledge before revealing the answer on the right. Ellie the Elephant is here to help you remember these important facts about Islamic traditions and history.

Allah

The Arabic word for God, whom Muslims believe is the one and only Creator of the universe.

Quran

The central religious text of Islam, which Muslims believe to be the word of God revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

Mosque

A place of worship for Muslims, often featuring a dome and minarets, where the community gathers for prayer.

The Five Pillars

The five core acts of worship that form the foundation of Muslim life: Shahadah, Salah, Zakat, Sawm, and Hajj.

Salah

The ritual prayer performed five times a day, facing towards the Kaaba in Mecca.

Zakat

The practice of charitable giving, where Muslims donate a portion of their wealth to help those in need.

Sawm

The act of fasting from dawn until sunset, most notably observed during the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan

The ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, a holy month dedicated to fasting, reflection, and spiritual growth.

Hajj

The annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, which every adult Muslim is expected to undertake at least once if they are physically and financially able.

Shahadah

The declaration of faith, stating: 'There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger.'

Minaret

A tall, slender tower attached to a mosque from which the call to prayer is traditionally announced.

Qibla

The direction towards the Kaaba in Mecca, which Muslims face during their daily prayers.