

Sacred Spaces: A Global Discovery Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and understand the significance of various places of worship within major world religions.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey around the world! Use your knowledge of religious buildings to answer these 10 questions. Remember to check your spelling and read each option carefully.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Mosque, 4.B, 5.False, 6.D, 7.Mandir, 8.True, 9.Gurdwara, 10.Bimah. Note: Discussion points should focus on how these spaces facilitate community, reflection, and shared beliefs.

Word bank: Synagogue · Mosque · Mandir · Church · Gurdwara · Altar · Minaret · Bima

1. Which building is the traditional place of worship for Christians? A) Mandir B) Mosque C) Church* D) Synagogue (1 mark)

2. True or False: Many places of worship have specific areas for meditation or silent prayer. (1 mark)

3. What is the name of the place of worship where Muslims gather to pray, often featuring a tall tower called a minaret? (1 mark)

4. What is the central focal point in a church where religious rituals often take place? A) Minaret B) Altar* C) Dome D) Pews (1 mark)

5. True or False: All places of worship around the world look exactly the same on the outside. (1 mark)

6. Which of these is a key feature often found inside a Synagogue? A) Bell tower B) Minaret C) Statue D) Bima* (1 mark)

7. A Hindu place of worship, where worshippers may offer flowers and fruit to deities, is called a what? (1 mark)

8. True or False: In a Gurdwara, people of all backgrounds are often invited to sit together and share a meal known as Langar. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which place of worship is known for the 'Guru Granth Sahib' being treated with great respect? (1 mark)

10. 10. In a Jewish Synagogue, what is the raised platform used for reading from the Torah called? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a place of worship that you have studied. Include at least three specific features (such as a dome, stained glass, or symbols) and label them clearly.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why religious communities invest time and money (sometimes thousands of £) into maintaining beautiful places of worship. 2. Compare and contrast a Mosque and a Church; how do their layouts encourage different ways of praying? 3. Justify the importance of quiet spaces in a busy city. 4. What might happen if a community did not have a shared place of worship? 5. Why do some religions use light or patterns in their buildings? 6. Design your own 'Universal Peace Space'—what features would you include to make it welcoming for everyone, and why?