Exploring the Five Pillars of Islam with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the Five Pillars as a framework for Muslim life and worship.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the Five Pillars of Islam. Each Pillar is a fundamental practice that guides a Muslim's life. Match the name of each Pillar to its correct description below, then explain how each might influence a person's daily routine.

Word bank: Shahadah · Salah · Zakat · Sawm · Hajj

1. Match 'Shahadah' (Faith) to its meaning: The declaration of belief in one God and the Prophet Muhammad. How does this belief shape a person's priorities? (2 marks)

2. Match 'Salah' (Prayer) to its meaning: Performing prayer five times a day. Why might a rhythm of prayer be important for someone's mental wellbeing? (2 marks)

3. Match 'Zakat' (Charity) to its meaning: Giving a portion of one's wealth to help those in need. If a person has £500 of savings, and 2.5% is given to charity, how much is donated? (Math application: 0.025 x 500). (2 marks)

4. Match 'Sawm' (Fasting) to its meaning: Abstaining from food and drink during daylight hours in the month of Ramadan. What does this teach a person about self-discipline? (2 marks)

5. Match 'Hajj' (Pilgrimage) to its meaning: A journey to the city of Makkah at least once in a lifetime. Why is the act of traveling to a shared location important for a global community? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbolic map or a visual representation of the Five Pillars, showing how they support a person's life like the pillars of a strong building.

Extension challenge: Research the importance of the Quibla direction. Using a compass or an online map tool, find which direction a person in your town would face to pray towards Makkah.