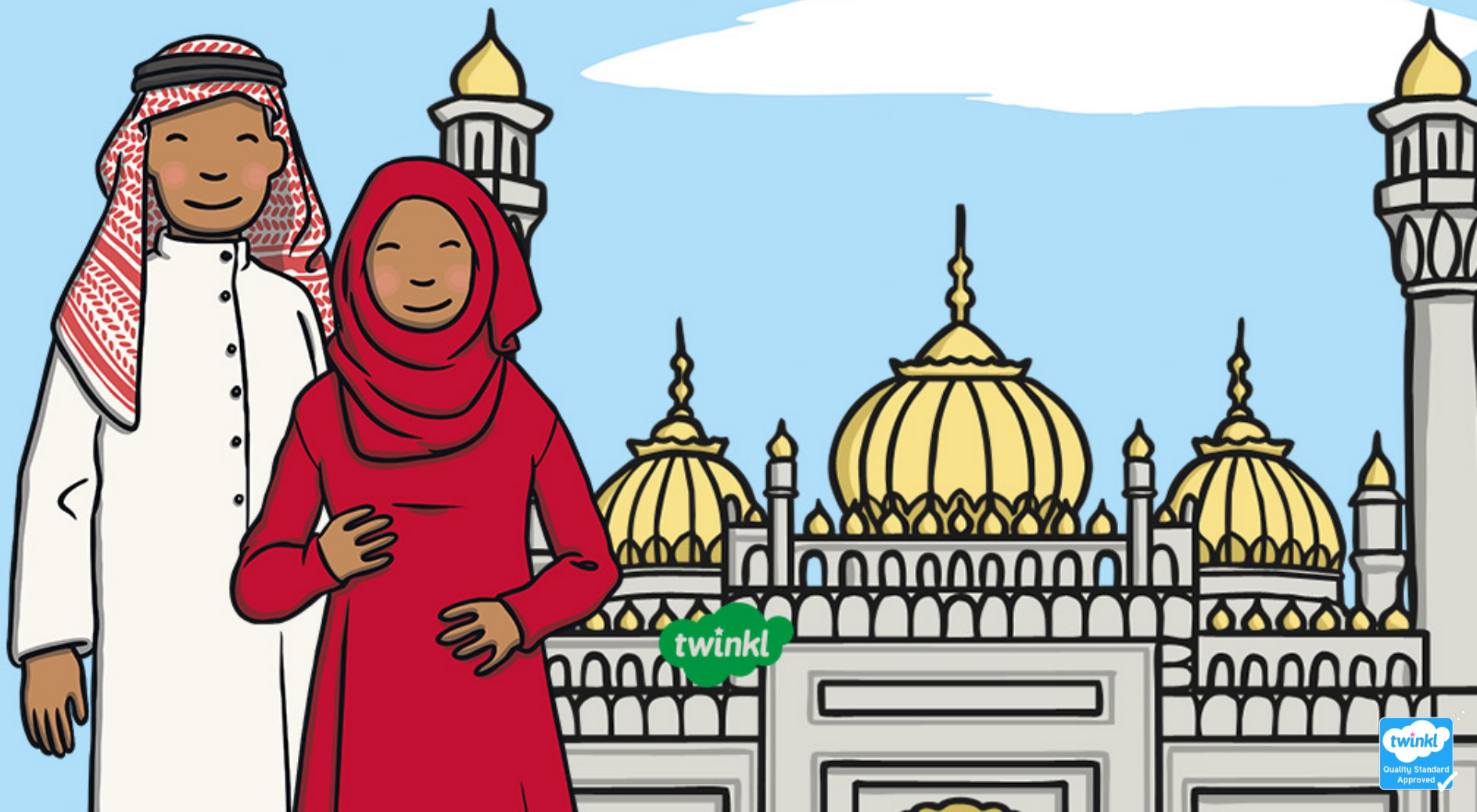


A Muslim Wedding



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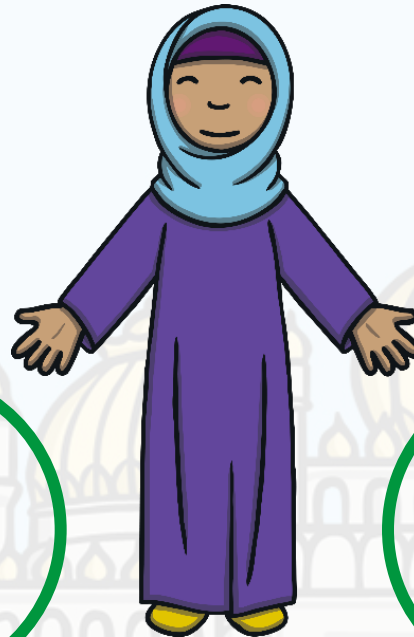
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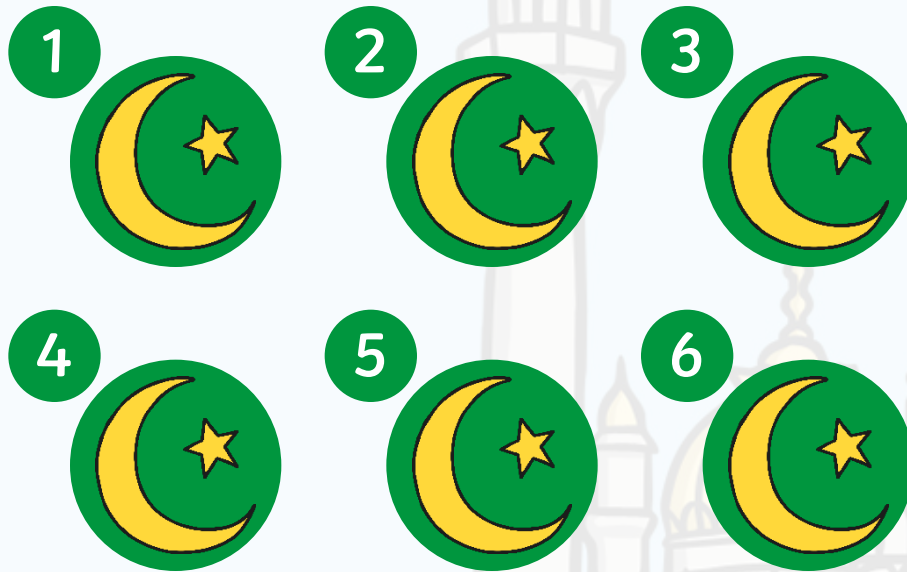
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Who Are Muslims?

What do you know already about Muslims?

Muslims are people who follow the Islam religion, which was revealed by Prophet Muhammad over 1400 years ago. Muslims believe in key things.



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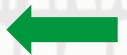
2. Angels

3. The Qur'an (the holy book)

4. The Prophets (Jesus, Moses, Abraham and Muhammad) – special messengers sent by Allah

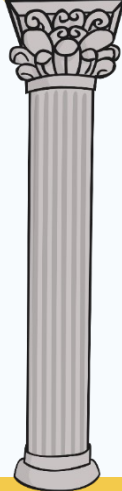
5. The Day of Judgement - when it is decided if a person will go to heaven by looking back at what that person has done in their life.

6. Allah has already decided on what will happen in their lives.

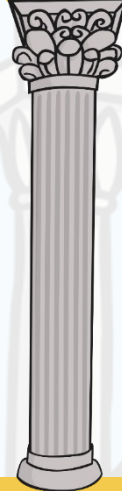


What Are the Five Pillars of Islam?

Muslims believe that there are five duties that every Muslim must do in their life.



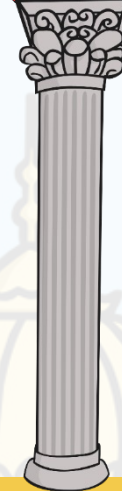
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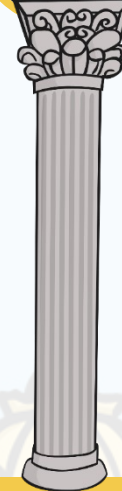
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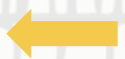
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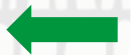
Where Do Muslims Live?

Islam began in Mecca, Arabia but Muslims live all over the world.


Many Muslims are from very different cultures, for example some are European, African and Malaysian.

Weddings can be different depending on where the couple, or their families, originally come from.

Where in the world is Arabia?




Where Do Muslims Get Married?



Many Muslims have an Islamic ceremony at a mosque and may also have a confirmation at a registry office.

Did You Know...

Baitul Futuh Mosque in London is the biggest mosque in the UK. Up to 10,000 worshippers can fit inside!

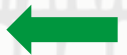


How Is It Arranged?

Many marriages are arranged by or with the help of the parents.

The woman often makes the proposal through a male relative.

Marriages are seen as social contracts and a religious duty.



What Do They Wear?



Brides often wear a white wedding dress or a brightly coloured shalwar-qameez outfit in red and gold.

Grooms wear a simple traditional or western-style suit or a combination.

Guests should be respectful and not wear revealing clothes.



Try it...

Design your own brightly coloured shalwar-qameez outfit using [this](#) activity sheet.

What Happens before the Ceremony?

Some brides have henna patterns called Mehndi painted onto their hands and feet.

The couple do not have to be in the same room when they marry.

The mahr money gift amount is agreed on. This is a gift from the husband to the bride on their wedding day.



What Is the Wedding Like?



The wedding ceremony is called a **Nikah**.

It often includes reading from the **Qur'an**, the bride and groom saying their vows in front of witnesses and the signing of the **Nikkah** (the marriage contract).

The **Imam** (leader of the mosque) usually leads the ceremony and announces that the couple are married.

Sometimes the bride, the groom and their guests are separated by gender.

Talk about it...

What do you think it would be like to be separated at a celebration into groups of boys and girls?



What Is the Wedding Like?

In some cultures, the couple may sit on a type of throne or platform to be seen by the guests.

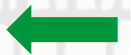
Sometimes there are days of celebrations which might include dancing and guns being fired.

The couple may receive presents or gifts of money.

The ceremony ends with a Dua, which is a prayer.



Try it...
Sit like a Muslim praying.



What Happens After the Ceremony?

Walimah is the second part of the wedding where performances, speeches and the feasting happen.

Later, the ritual of **Rukhsat** is performed at the groom's home where the couple will now live.

The bride's father offers the bride's hand to her new husband.





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