

Y5 RE KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MUSLIM IN BRITAIN TODAY?

Key Words

Islam	The religion of the Muslims revealed through Muhammad as the Prophet of Allah. It is the world's second-largest religion.	Makkah	Islam's holiest city, as it is the birthplace of the Prophet Muhammad and the faith itself.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam.	Allah	Allah is the one and only God in Islam.
mosque	A Muslim place of worship.	The Five Pillars of Islam	The most important practices in Islam, considered to be obligatory acts of worship for all Muslims.
features of a mosque	Wuzu/wudu area (washing area), Qibla wall, Qibla compass, calligraphy, prayer mat, prayer hall, prayer beads, minbar, mihrab, muezzin (person who does the call to prayer)	Ramadan and Fasting	During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. It is designed to increase self-awareness and help deeper religious devotion
Madrasah	A Muslim school, college, or university that is often part of a mosque.	sujood	The act of low bowing to Allah as part of Islamic prayer

Key Ideas

- Muslim communities are spread throughout the British Isles, and are represented in all areas of British economic, cultural and political life
- There are over 3.3 million Muslims currently living in the UK (2022 statistics)
- About 15% of Greater Manchester's 2.8 million population is Muslim – which is about 423,300 Muslims.
- Islam is now the second largest religion in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- 47% of British Muslims were born in the UK. There are 290,000 Muslims between the ages of 9-14 years old. 53.9% of Muslims are under 19 years of age (2022 statistics)
- There are 1,825 mosques (masjid) in the UK (2022 statistics)
- Around 50 per cent of UK Muslims attend mosque once a week (2022 statistics)
- Most purpose-built UK mosques have a dome and a minaret, have somewhere to wash, a Qibla wall to show the direction of Makkah, and a prayer hall – a space to bow and pray.
- The Five Pillars of Islam are as important to British Muslims as they are to Muslims around the world.
- British Muslims believe that the Holy Qur'an is important to them, and that it makes a difference to how they live their lives.
- In the UK, both boys and girls ages 5-15, attend the Madrasah, which are classes run from 5pm-7pm, every Monday-Friday from September to September, in the local mosque, to learn the Holy Qur'an.
- UK Muslims pray 5 times a day, like Muslims do around the world – at school, at places like the Trafford Centre British Muslims need to have their prayer mat and Qibla Compass to help them to pray facing Makkah correctly.
- The Ramadan fast can be challenging in countries like the United Kingdom, where days can last for up to 16 or 17 hours during the summer months. The most commonly accepted rule is that Muslims must not eat or drink anything during hours of daylight.



Muslim population in English local authority areas

0.0%–0.9%
1%–1.9%
2%–4.9%
5%–9.9%
10%–19.9%
20% and more



Prayer Room at Trafford Centre



Manchester Central Mosque



The Masjid Noor ul Islam, mosque, Bolton



Attending Madrasah in UK



Mo Farah offering sujood

