



PILLARS OF ISLAM



SHAHADAH

Testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger.



SALAH

Offering Salah (prayer) five times a day. Wudu is usually done before this.



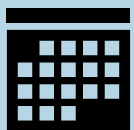
ZAKAT

Paying the Zakat (giving alms or charity) to those in need, or those less fortunate.



HAJJ

Going to pilgrimage to the House of Allah at Makkah.



SAWM

Sawm is another word for fasting. Muslims fast in the month of Ramadan.

The five pillars of Islam represent the ways in which Muslims (followers of Islam) should live their lives. These are the main beliefs of Islam and are very important to its followers.

They are outlined in the Quran (the holy book of Islam).

THE JOURNEY TO MAKKAH

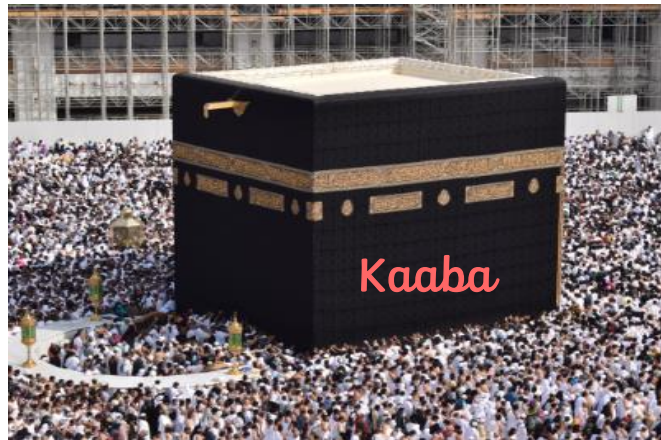
Each year, millions of Muslims from all across the world visit Makkah. Some from very far away.



The cave at Hira is where the prophet received the Qur'an.

Muslims walk around the Kaaba seven times, as did the Prophet as part of the pilgrimage ritual.





Makkah, in Saudi Arabi, is where Muslims are supposed to go on their **pilgrimage**. It is the birthplace of the prophet Mohammed. Muslims visit the **Kaaba** to pay their respects. One of the pillars of Islam is that Muslims pray five times a day. The **call to prayer** tells them when they need to do this. Wherever they are in the world, Muslims have to face Makkah when they pray. Before those prayers, they are expected to perform the purification ritual called **Wudu**. Below you can see the process of the purification ritual Wudu.

| Vocabulary | Definition |
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| Pilgrimage | A journey to a special religious place. |
| Kabba | The black stone at the centre of Makkah – a sacred place. |
| Makkah | A city in Saudi Arabia where the prophet Mohammed was born |
| Call to Prayer | Chants/songs which tell Muslims when it is time to pray |
| Wudu | A washing ritual performed before Salah (prayer) |
| Allah | God |
| Mohammed | The Muslim prophet and founder of Islam |

