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Being a Muslim Teenager in the UK

1. Key People

Muhammad	The founder of Islam. The angel Gabriel is said to have revealed God's final message to humankind over a period of 23 years.
Allah	One of the 99 names of God.

4. Concepts

Identity and Community	morality 
Living a Good Life	worship 

2. You need to know...

To be a Muslim, a person must observe the **Five Pillars**:

1. (The) **Shahadah** – saying you believe in God and that Muhammad is God's messenger
2. Praying to God every day
3. Giving to charity
4. Fasting during the month of Ramadan
5. Going on a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once, if able to

Fasting means not eating and/or drinking for a period of time. During Ramadan, Muslims who fast don't eat or drink **during the day**. They have big meals before **sunrise** and after **sunset** instead.

Although there are **five** set times for praying each day, they are more like windows. Many Muslims pray **outside** these times or **combine** prayers if they can't pray at the usual times.

Whilst on Hajj, pilgrims **throw stones** at huge slabs of concrete, to represent **rejecting** the devil and evil.

Pilgrims also spend a whole day **praying** outside. They believe this is a **dress rehearsal** for the Day of Judgement, when God decides who goes to Heaven.

Contexts

- Islam has built on many core beliefs and teachings of Judaism and Christianity
- Islam teaches that humanity was created by God, so showing respect and care for God and God's creations (including other people) is pleasing to God.
- There are **different groups** of Muslims, with different beliefs, actions and traditions. The two largest groups are **Sunni** and **Shi'a**. In the UK, most Muslims are Sunni.

3. Key vocabulary

Islam	An Arabic word meaning "submission to God"
Muslim	An Arabic word meaning "someone who has submitted to God"
iman	"faith"
ibadah	"worship" or "belief in action"
akhlaq	(good) behaviour
salah/ salat	prayer
zakah/ zakat	Purity (making wealth pure through giving)
sawm	"To stay away from" (food and drink)
Hajj	"To intend a journey" (pilgrimage)