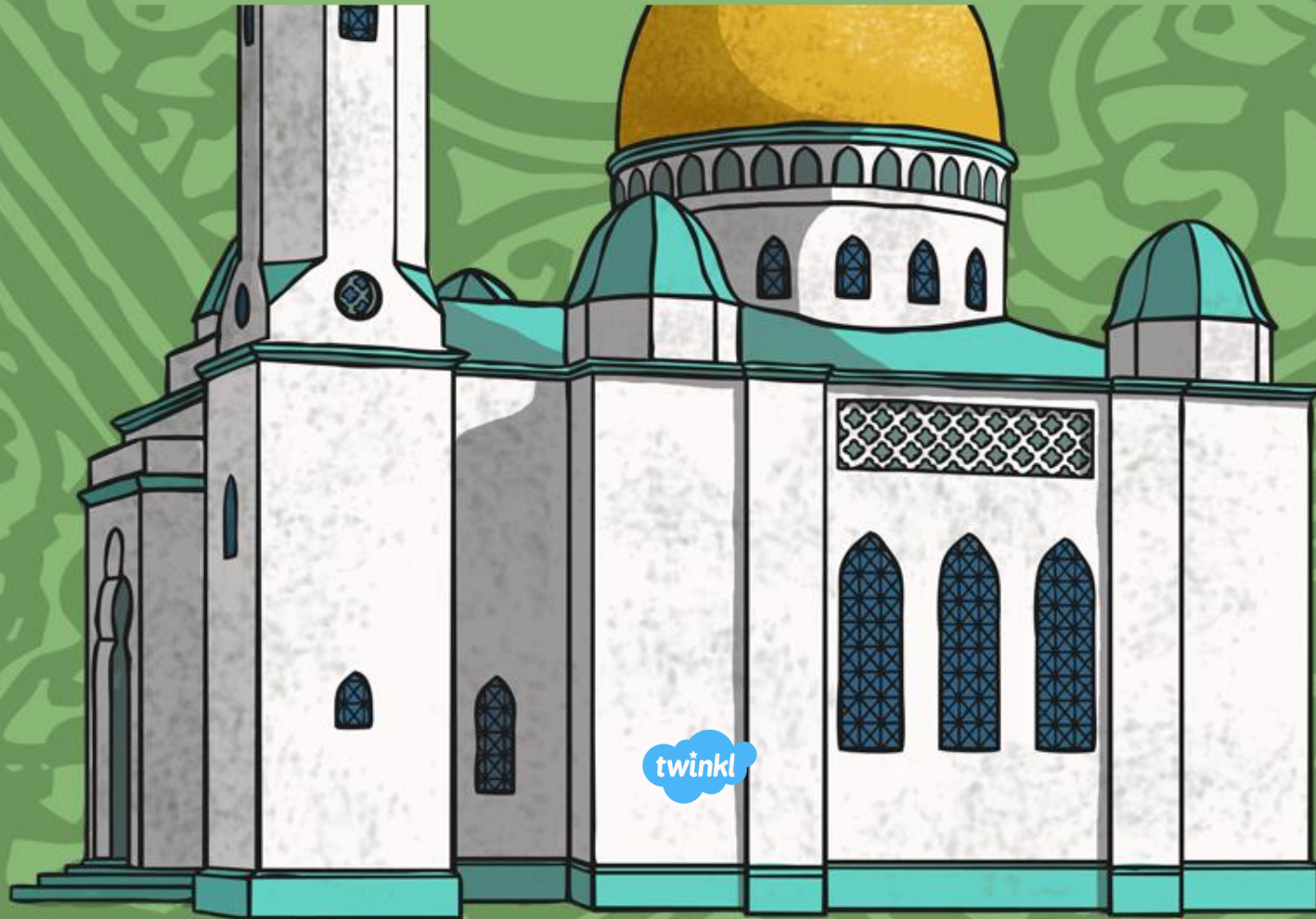


Special Places



Worship



Look at these buildings.

Do any of you know what they are and what might happen there?



The building used for worship by Muslims is called a mosque. The Arabic word for mosque is masjid (m-uh-s-z-ih-d).

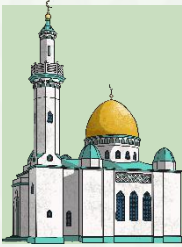
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Mosques



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Key Features



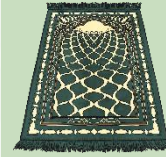
Domed Roof: Mosques often have a domed roof.



Minaret (min-uh-ret): This is a tall tower. A man called a muezzin will come here to call Muslims to pray (this is not allowed in Britain, so instead Muslims are often called to prayer through radio stations).



Patterns: In Islam, images of special people and animals are not allowed. Therefore, mosques are often decorated with patterns and words from the Qur'an.



Prayer Mats: There is little furniture inside a mosque, as Muslims pray on the floor using a prayer mat.



Shoes: Muslims take off their shoes before entering the mosque to pray. They do this to keep it clean for prayer.



Fountain: Muslims use the fountain to wash before they pray, to symbolise spiritual cleansing and purity ready to pray before Allah.



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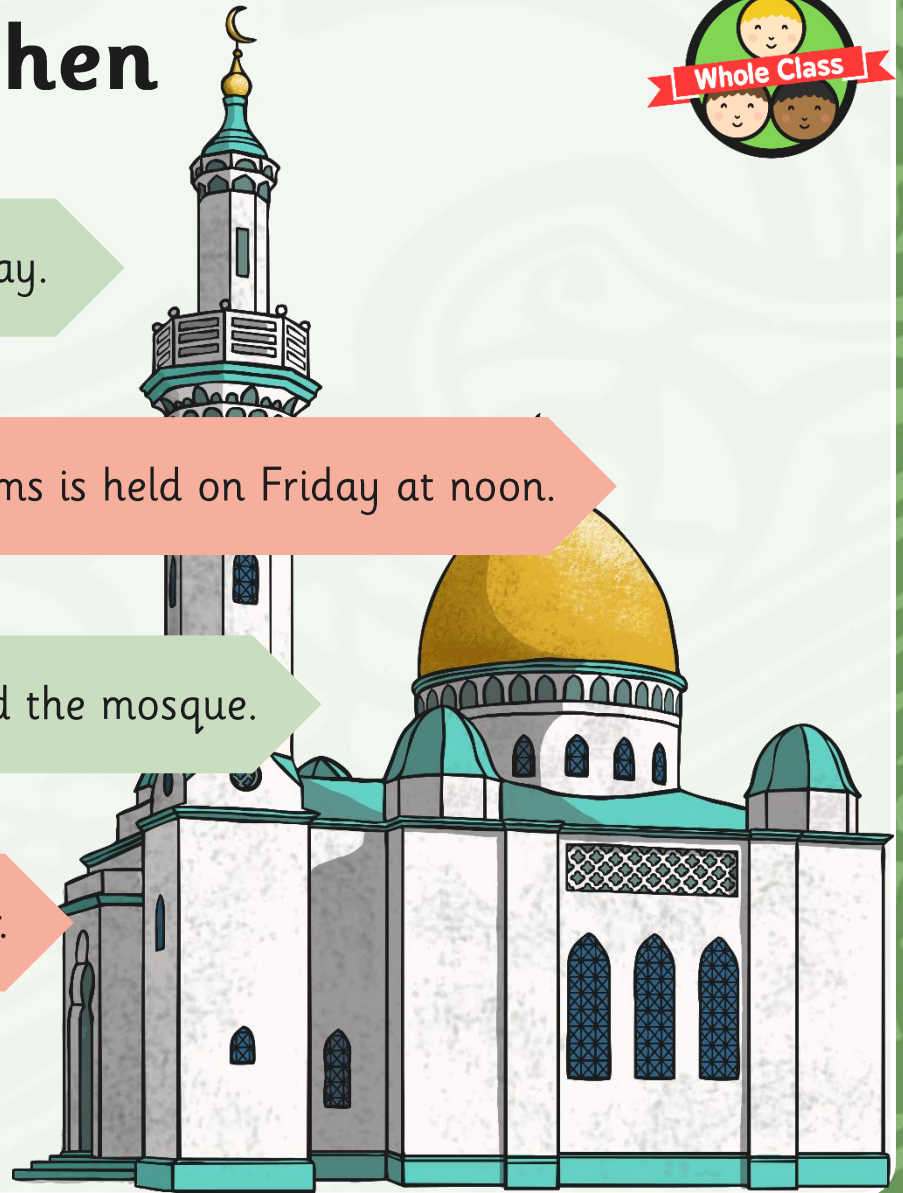


Services in mosques are held every day.

The most important service for Muslims is held on Friday at noon.

Friday is the day that Muslims attend the mosque.

Friday is an important day for prayer.



The Building



Can you decorate your shoebox to make it look like the inside of a mosque?
Remember to include the key features we have discussed today.

Explanations

Task: Can you cut out each of the following boxes and use them to label your model of a mosque? On the lines, you need to write an explanation for each of the key features within a mosque.

Domed Roof

Minaret



Patterns

Prayer Mats

Shoes


Fountain


Quibla Wall

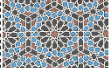
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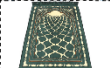
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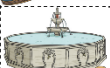

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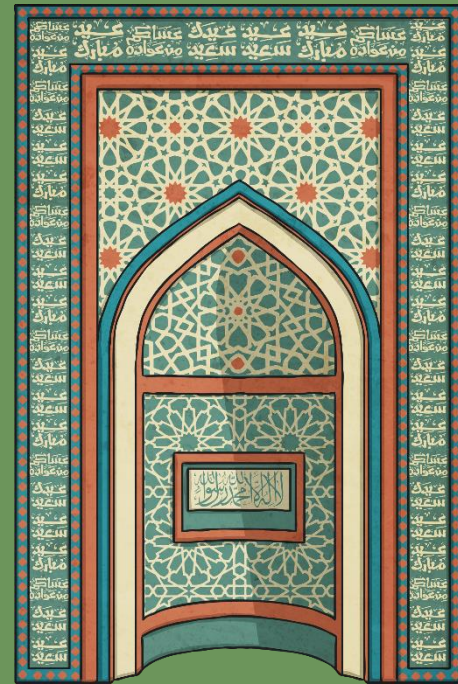

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Can You Guess What It Is?



Can you describe a key feature in your model of a mosque and explain what it is used for?

We will try and guess what you are describing!

