

# Islam

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What does it mean to belong to Islam?

	Key Vocabulary
Islam	The second most popular religion in the world
Muslim	The name of the followers of Islam.
Allah	The Arabic name Muslims use for God.
Five Pillars	5 things Muslims must do.



Did you know?

Mosques are places of worship for Muslims all over the world. Mosques usually have rules like leaving shoes outside and dressing modestly.



## General Knowledge

The word 'Islam' in Arabic means submission to the will of God. Followers of Islam are called Muslims. Muslims believe there is one true God Allah (the Arabic word for God).

### What do Muslims believe?

Muslims believe that Islam was revealed over 1,400 years ago in Mekkah, Arabia through a man called Muhammad. Muhammad is so respected that it is usual for Muslims to say 'peace be upon him' whenever they mention his name. Muhammad is believed by Muslims to be the last prophet sent by God (Allah). They believe God sent prophets to mankind to teach them how to live according to His law.

### Five Pillars of Islam

The Five Pillars of Islam are an important part of Muslim life. They are five things that a Muslim must do so they can live a good and responsible life. They include:

The declaration of faith (Shahada)  
Praying five times a day (Salat)  
Giving money to charity (Zakah)  
Fasting during the month of Ramadan (Sawm)  
A pilgrimage to Makkah at least once in a lifetime (Hajj)

