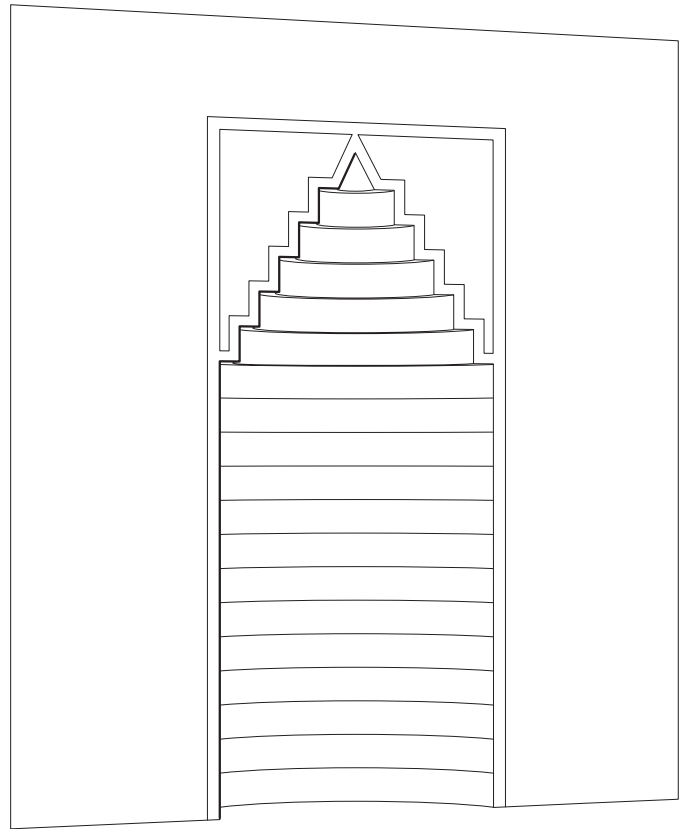


Praying

Many of the special things you see inside the mosque are used in prayer.



Q1.What is the feature of the mosque shown in the picture?

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Q2.How does this feature help Muslims face Mecca when they pray?

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Q3.Why may there be a clock close by?

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Q4.What must Muslims do before they pray?

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Q5.What is a balcony in a mosque used for?

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Q6. If a mosque does not have a minbar, where does the imam stand?

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Answers

1. **Mihrab.**
2. **It is in the wall which faces Mecca.**
3. **To remind people when it is time to pray.**
4. **Clean their bodies.**
5. **It is the place where women pray.**
6. **He stands up in front of the congregation.**

Lesson objectives

- To provide a brief and simple introduction to Muslim prayer.

Lesson outcomes

- The children know the purpose of Muslim prayer.
- The children know how Muslims prepare for prayer.
- The children know that men and women pray in separate areas.

Teaching notes

When Muslims go to the mosque they dress tidily to show respect to the mosque. When they enter the mosque they take off their shoes (all visitors must do the same). They enter a special washroom where they perform a ritual wash to prepare themselves for prayer, then they enter the prayer hall.

Clothes

Muslims show their respect for Allah by covering their bodies from head to ankles. The hands and feet do not need to be covered. The hair must also be covered at prayer time.

Washing

The purpose of washing is to purify the body. Washing to purify the body is also found in the Jewish and Christian religions. In Islam, washing is performed before each session of prayers and is called wudu. There is a sequence

of actions in the washing process. This involves washing the hands, face, forearm, head, ear and foot. There are five sessions of prayers each day and washing must precede each one.

Complementary work

The children could use secondary sources to find out about the names of the garments that are worn by Muslims when they visit a mosque.

Resources

Secondary sources about Muslim clothes.