

What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain today?

KNOWLEDGE

- Islam is the second most popular world religion after Christianity.
- Most of the world's Muslims live in either Asia or Africa.
- There are approximately 2.7 million Muslims in England and Wales, and there are over 5700 Muslims in Gloucestershire (mostly in the city of Gloucester)
- The Five Pillars of Islam are the core beliefs and practices that Muslims follow.



The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five most important duties for Muslims.



Shahadah – There is no other God than Allah.

Salah – Praying five times a day.

Zakah – Giving to charity to help the poor.

Sawm – Fasting during the month of Ramadan

Hajj – Visiting Makkah once in your lifetime.

VOCABULARY

Sufi	Shi'a	Sunni	Different Islamic groups
Mosque			where Muslims worship
Muslim			someone who follows the religion of Islam
Qur'an –			Islamic holy book believed to be revealed to the prophet Muhammed (pbuh) by the angel Jibril.
Hijab			a head covering worn by some Muslim women
Burkha			a long, loose garment covering the whole body worn by some Muslim women

Questions to think about

- Where in Britain do most Muslims live and why?
- Why do so few Muslims live in Gloucestershire?
- What is it like to be a Muslim living in Britain?
- What are the possible positives for a Muslim living in Britain?
- What are the possible negatives for a Muslim living in Britain?