

Symbols of faith

Match each symbol to a religion and a place of worship.



NAME _____ CLASS _____ DATE _____

LEARNING GOAL

Recognise six religious symbols and what they mean to the people who use them.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- ☐ I can match a symbol to its religion.
- ☐ I can name each religion's place of worship.
- ☐ I can explain what symbols do for people.

1 The symbol collection

Gallery 1

12 marks

Use a ruler. Join each symbol to its religion. Then join the religion to its place of worship.

SYMBOL	RELIGION	PLACE OF WORSHIP
No. 1 	☐ ☐ A Buddhism	☐ ☐ P synagogue
No. 2 	☐ ☐ B Christianity	☐ ☐ Q mandir
No. 3 	☐ ☐ C Hinduism	☐ ☐ R temple or vihara
No. 4 	☐ ☐ D Islam	☐ ☐ S church
No. 5 	☐ ☐ E Judaism	☐ ☐ T gurdwara
No. 6 	☐ ☐ F Sikhism	☐ ☐ U mosque

♥ **Curator's note:** these symbols are special to the people who use them. Treat them with care and respect.



What do the symbols mean?

2 Read the meaning cards

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MEANING FILE

A Om is a sacred sound and symbol in Hinduism. Many Hindus chant it when they pray or meditate.

B The Dharma wheel has eight spokes. They stand for the Noble Eightfold Path, the Buddha's teaching on how to live.

C The Star of David is a six-pointed star made of two triangles. It is a symbol of Judaism and the Jewish people.

D The cross reminds Christians of Jesus' death and resurrection.

E The Khanda is a symbol of Sikhism. Its parts stand for belief in one God and for truth and justice.

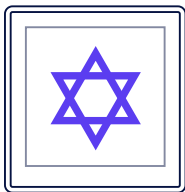
F The crescent and star is widely used as a symbol of Islam, but many Muslims do not see it as an official symbol of Islam.

3 Label each object

Gallery 2

12 marks

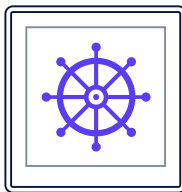
Write the religion on the line. Write the letter of its meaning card in the box.



No. 1

RELIGION

MEANING



No. 2

RELIGION

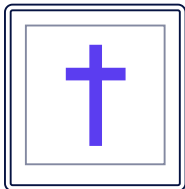
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RELIGION

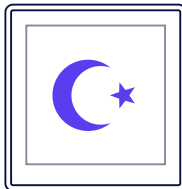
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No. 4

RELIGION

MEANING



No. 5

RELIGION

MEANING



No. 6

RELIGION

MEANING

4 What do symbols do for people?

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3 marks

Give two or three ideas. Explain each one.

Words to help: remember · belong · pray · feel · without words

Try: "Symbols help people to ... because ..."

YOUR SYMBOL

Go further: design a class symbol.