Islam

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| 00:00 | Introduction | Hello my name is Sohayb Peerbhai and I am an Imam for the Muslim community I would like to talk to you today a little about Islam and the Muslim community. Muslims in Britain number three million, Muslims around the globe number more than one billion. Muslims come from all sorts of different ethnicities and backgrounds.  |
|  | Mosques | Many of you will have probably been to or may go to in future a mosque, to see how a mosque looks to see what happens in a mosque. I would like to talk to you about the mosque. When you go to a mosque you will notice the exterior of the mosque has a dome, has minarets and has lots of Islamic designs. The interior of the mosque will have many classrooms, a large prayer room, an ablution place, toilets, a kitchen and kitchen classes and lots of also other facilities for the youngsters who visit the mosque and take classes. Most mosques also have an Imam. Some mosques have voluntary preachers who preach inside the mosque. People from all different communities come to the mosque to visit the mosque and to see how the mosque looks. Many Muslims pray inside the mosque, especially on a Friday. Around the globe and also in Britain Muslims come from all different ethnicities, so you have mosques where you have Somalians, Turks, Pakistani, Bengali, Indian, Chinese and all different ethnicities. All come to worship the same god inside the mosque. |
|  | Five Pillars of Islam | And I also tell you a little about the Five Pillars of Islam, also known as the foundations of Islam. Muslims must abide by these five foundations if they are true to their faith. The first pillar of Islam is known as Iman also known as Shahadah. This takes the meaning of faith that there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is God’s messenger. The second pillar of Islam are the five prayers which Muslims must pray five times a day. This is the main function of the mosque, throughout the whole day from morning till evening. The third pillar is known as Sawm also known as fasting in English. All Muslims must fast every single day for thirty days in one month which is called Ramadan from morning to evening. The fourth pillar is known as Zakat – charity. Muslims must give 2.50% of their savings towards charity per year. The fifth pillar is known as the Hajj or pilgrimage. Muslims, where able to and if they can afford, must visit the holy mosque in Mecca in Saudi Arabia once in their lifetime. If they have done it once they don’t have to do it again, but those who don’t have the capacity to visit the mosque because of their financial situations don’t have to visit the mosque. Thank you for listening.  |

Islamic Glossary:

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| Imam | A person who leads prayer in the Muslim community. |
| Muslim | A person who has accepted Islam  |
| Islam | Islam means peace attained through willing obedience to Allah’s divine guidance |
| Mosque | A place regarded to be fit for Muslims to pray and worship |
| Minaret | A slender tower, typically part of a mosque, with a balcony from which a muezzin calls Muslims to prayer. |
| Five Pillars of Islam | * The Five Pillars are the core beliefs and practices of Islam: Prayer (salat), Alms (zakat), Fasting (sawm), Pilgrimage (hajj
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| Shahadah | The Islamic statement of faith |
| Allah | The name for God. Muslims believe Allah is the only God |
| Muhammad | Prophet Muhammad |
| Sawm | Fasting from dawn until dusk during Ramadan, one of the Five Pillars of Islam. |
| Ramadan | The Muslim holy month |
| Zakat | The compulsory giving of a set proportion of one's wealth to charity |
| Hajj | An annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia |
| Mecca | Mecca also spelled Makkah, is a city in the Hejazi region of Saudi Arabia. |