

Sheet 1



Islam recognizes two forms of prayer. One is the personal, devotional, and spontaneous type (*dua*), not bound by any rituals or formulas. The other is ritual, often congregational, prayer (*salat*), with specific words and postures (*rak'ah*), to be offered five times a day: at dawn, midday, mid-afternoon, sunset, and before going to bed. Before prayer, ablutions are performed by washing the hands, feet, and face. A person called the muezzin calls for prayer and chants from a raised platform or minaret tower at the mosque (the house of communal worship). Congregational prayer is started with the imam, the prayer leader, standing at the front of the mosque facing Mecca, the holy city of Islam. The congregation is lined up in rows behind him. (There are no seats in a mosque.) Each prayer consists of several units, during which the individual is either standing, kneeling, or prostrate. At every change in posture, "God is great" is recited.

The chief day of communal worship is Friday. Believers gather at the mosque to pray, listen to portions of the Koran, and hear a sermon based on the text. The sermon may have moral, social, or political content. It should be noted that Islam has no ordained clergy such as exists in the Christian churches, but there are men specially trained in religion, tradition, and law. Theoretically, anyone considered competent can be called upon to deliver the Friday sermon.

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1. How many types of prayer are there in Islam?

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2. What type of prayer is Dua? Underline the right one.

a. A prayer said at any time for any reason.

b. Prayers said together at a service

3. How many times a day is Salat said?

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4. What do they have to do before praying?

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5. What is the person called who calls everyone to prayer?

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6. Who is the prayer leader?

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7. Which way do they face when they pray?

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8. How many seats are there in a mosque?

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9. What does prostrate mean? (Use a dictionary if you don't know)

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10. What is the main day to worship?

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11. What is their holy book called?

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12. What is a sermon? (use a dictionary if you don't know)

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13. Who can deliver the Friday sermon?

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Sheet 2

Now read this.

Before entering the mosque, Muslims must prepare for prayer by first washing their hands, arms, feet and face, as a sign of respect for Allah. This is called *wudu*. They take off their shoes. There are no seats in the mosque's prayer hall, so they sit or kneel on the floor. When praying, they kneel on a prayer mat facing in the direction of the Kaaba in Mecca. In the mosque, this indicated by the *mihrab*, a niche in the wall that faces Mecca.

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Can you find any more information that you have not answered in any of the questions already?

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Look in the index of the book and see if you can find **prayer**. Can you find anything extra again? Write what you find here.

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What was the author and title of the book you used?

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Use the back of this paper to write a paragraph about prayer in the Islam religion. Try to not to copy and see what you can remember.