

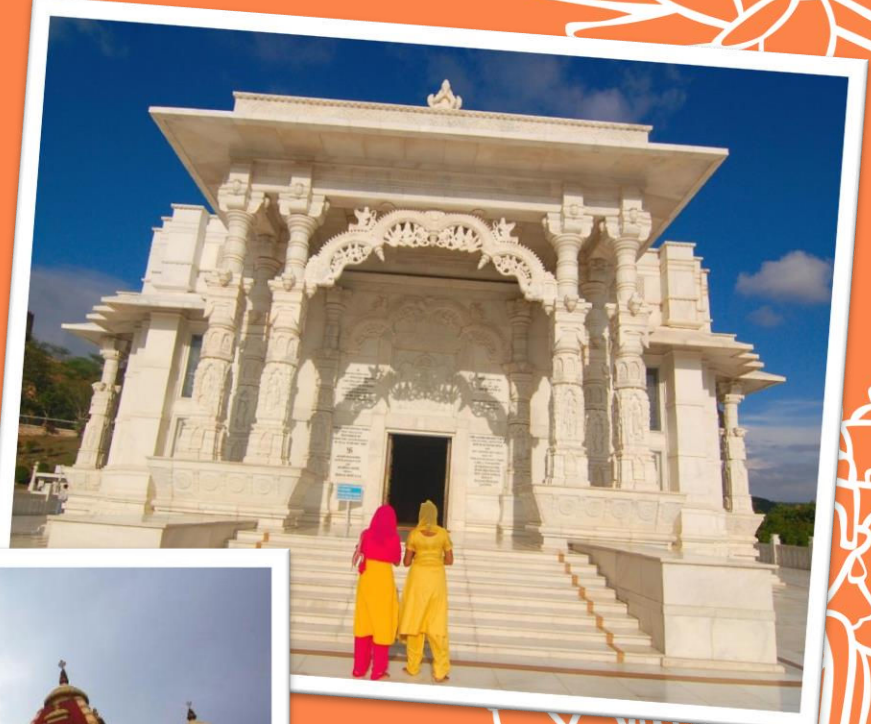
Places of Worship



A task setting PowerPoint about the Hindu Mandir for Key Stage 1.

Starter Activities

What do all of these buildings have in common?



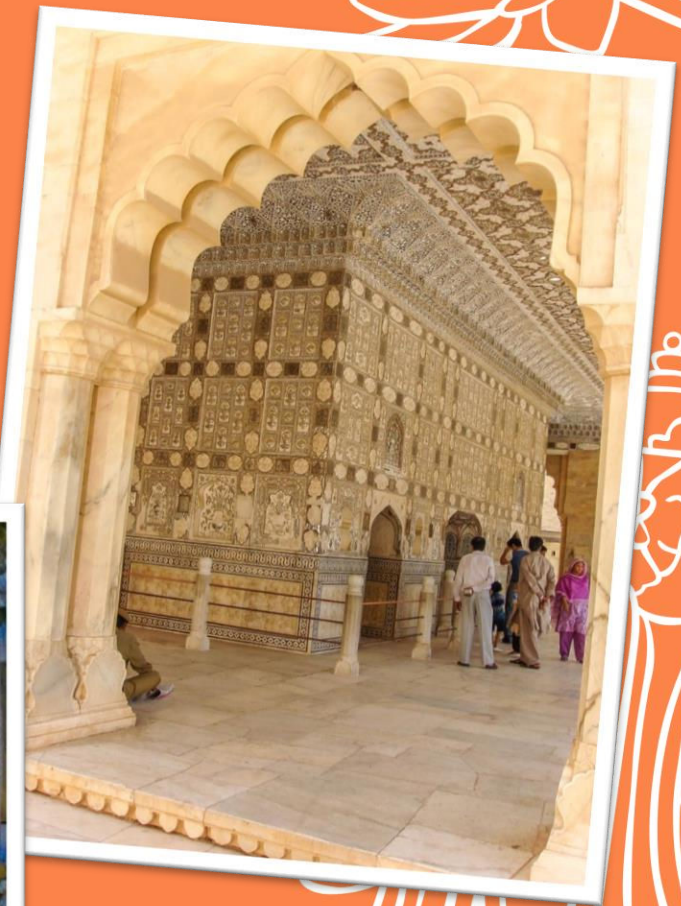
Learning Objective

- To learn about what you might see and experience at a Hindu mandir.
- To learn about why it is an important place to many people.
- To learn about Hindu worship at home.

Success Criteria

- I can list the things that are the same and different about Hindu mandirs around the world.
- I can name and describe special objects that can be found inside.
- I understand why the mandir is an important place by describing worship which takes place here.
- I can list rules for how people are expected to behave in a Hindu temple.
- I can talk about why some Hindus worship at home.

What is it like inside a Hindu Mandir?





Shoe Rack

A place to store shoes before entering the mandir.



Murtis

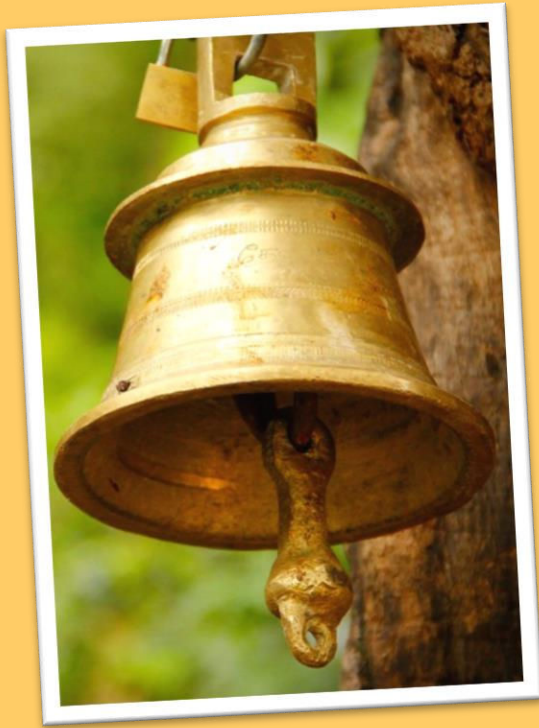
A murtis is a statue of God, a god or goddess.

Important Features of a Hindu Mandir

Main Shrine

This is the heart of the temple to represent the heart of the worshipper. It is usually at the front of the temple.





Bell

Worshippers ring the bell before entering to let God know they have arrived.



Vedas

These are the ancient Hindu texts. They are kept safe in a special case.



Aum

This is the Hindu symbol. You may see this is if you ever visit a Hindu temple.

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Activity

shoe rack

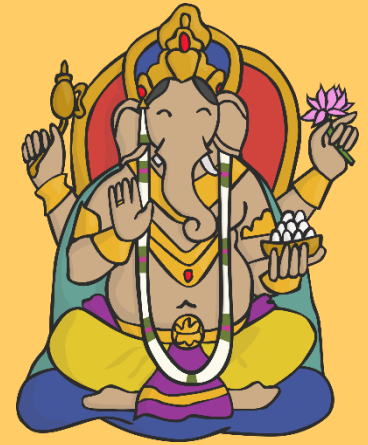
Aum

main shrine

bell

murti

Vedas



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Why do people go to a Hindu Mandir?



Worship takes place here. Hindus can attend their local mandir to be peaceful, pray and sing religious songs.



Each mandir is dedicated to a god and inside will be a shrine to that god. Offerings such as flowers, fruit, water, milk, nuts or sweets are made. Incense (a nice smelling fragrance) is burned to make the temple feel special. During worship Hindus chant the names of gods and goddesses.

Worshipping at the mandir is a special time to be together with other Hindus.

Other special events such as weddings can take place in a mandir.



Hindu Worship at Home



Hindus can worship at home and at the mandir. Making offerings to the gods is something that can be done at home too.

In a Hindu home there may be a shrine where offerings can be made and prayers are spoken. The shrine could be as big as a room, a small corner or a statue.

Showing Respect

- Before entering the mandir you have a wash, make sure you are wearing clean clothes and remove your shoes.
- You can make offerings to the gods.
- Sometimes men and women need to worship separately.
- Bow to show respect to the gods.



Plenary

Why do you think it is important to many Hindus to be part of this faith family?

Do you have any other questions about Hindu mandirs?

