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## Places of Worship



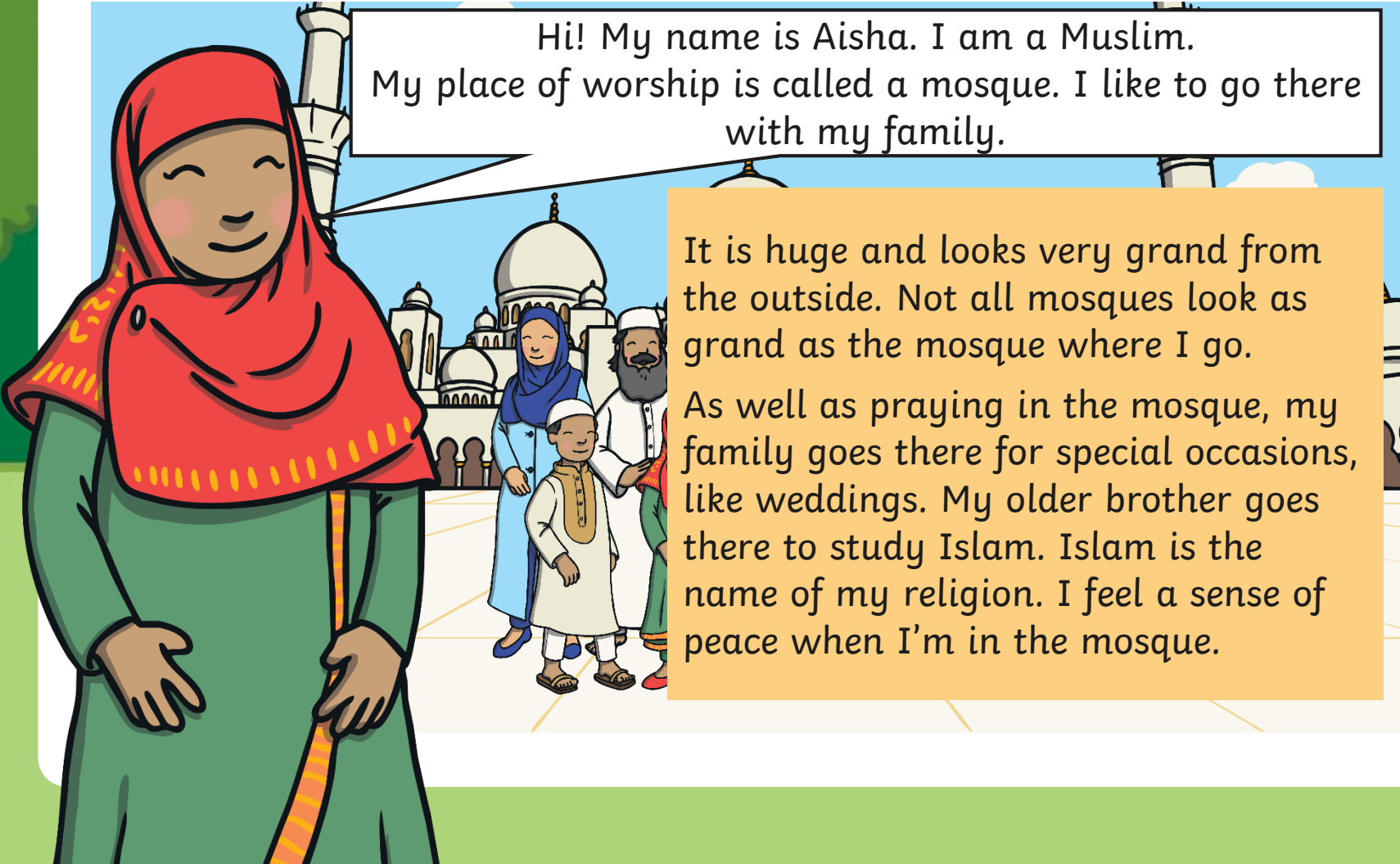
# Special Places







# Introducing Some Places of Worship



Hi! My name is Aisha. I am a Muslim.  
My place of worship is called a mosque. I like to go there  
with my family.


It is huge and looks very grand from the outside. Not all mosques look as grand as the mosque where I go.

As well as praying in the mosque, my family goes there for special occasions, like weddings. My older brother goes there to study Islam. Islam is the name of my religion. I feel a sense of peace when I'm in the mosque.





# Introducing Some Places of Worship



Hi! My name is Ben. I am a Christian.  
My place of worship is called a church.

My family and I go to a service here on Sundays. There is lots of singing and praying during a service.

It is quite a large building. On Tuesdays, my little sister goes to a playgroup in the church hall at the back and my Beaver Scout meetings are held there, too.

When we are all singing and worshipping in the church, I feel joyful.





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Hi! My name is Adam and I am Jewish.  
My place of worship is called a synagogue.

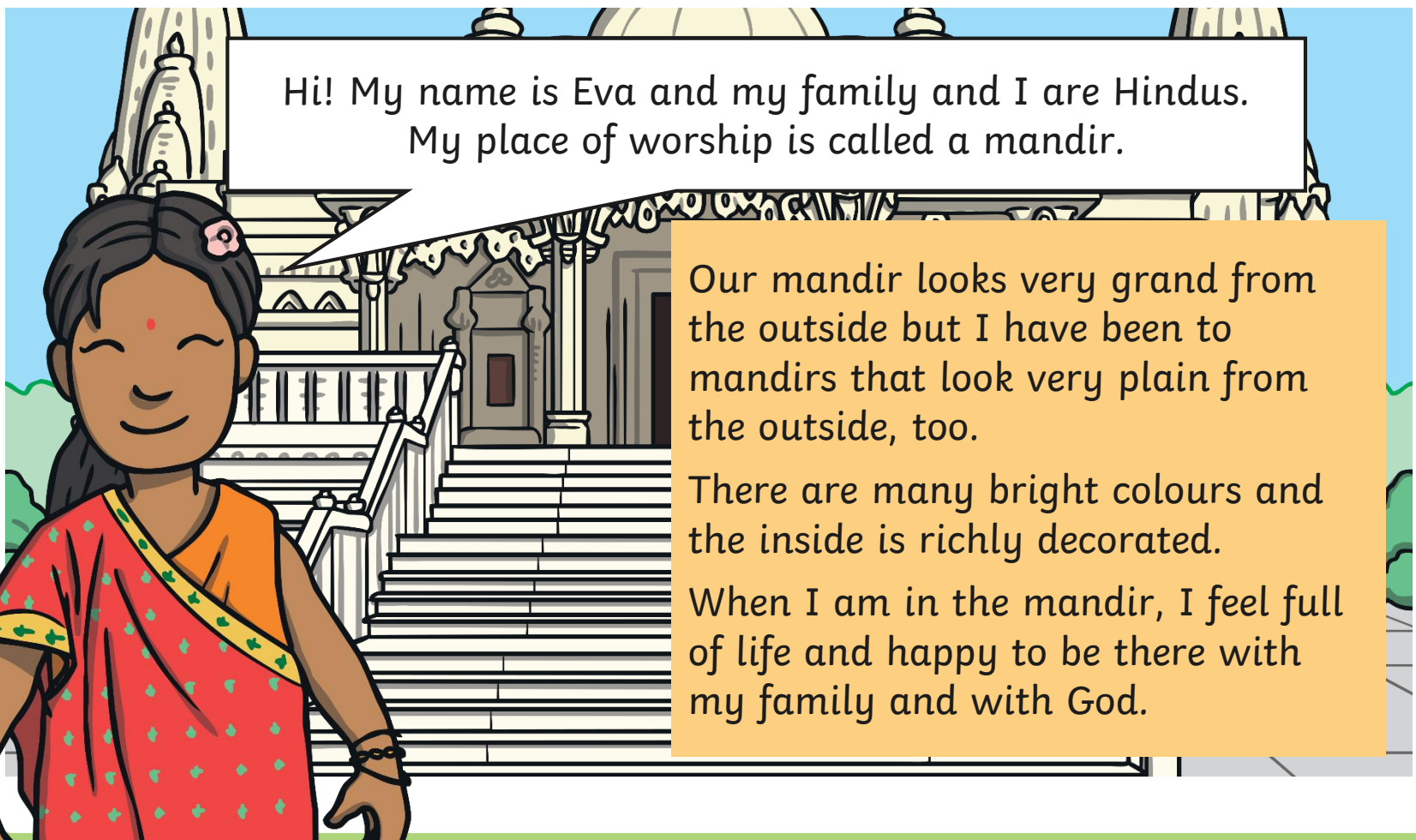


My family and I go to services here on Friday evenings, Saturdays and on festival days. It is very big and very old. I think it is beautiful and peaceful inside. I feel close to God when I am in the synagogue. It's a very special place to me.





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Hi! My name is Eva and my family and I are Hindus.  
My place of worship is called a mandir.

Our mandir looks very grand from the outside but I have been to mandirs that look very plain from the outside, too.

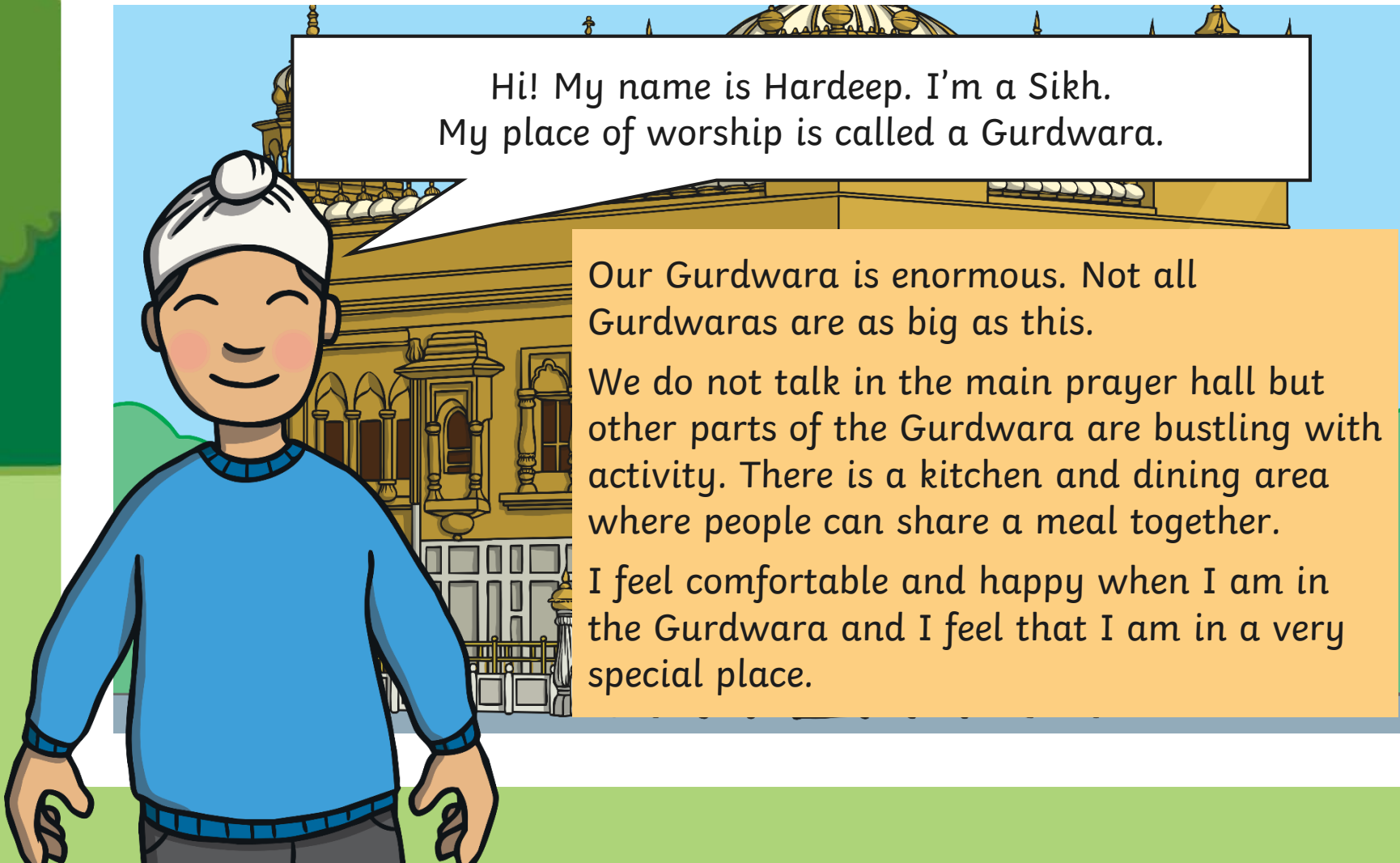
There are many bright colours and the inside is richly decorated.

When I am in the mandir, I feel full of life and happy to be there with my family and with God.





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Hi! My name is Hardeep. I'm a Sikh.  
My place of worship is called a Gurdwara.

Our Gurdwara is enormous. Not all Gurdwaras are as big as this.

We do not talk in the main prayer hall but other parts of the Gurdwara are bustling with activity. There is a kitchen and dining area where people can share a meal together.

I feel comfortable and happy when I am in the Gurdwara and I feel that I am in a very special place.





# Introducing Some Places of Worship

Hi! My name is Lucy. I'm a Buddhist.  
My place of worship is called a Buddhist temple.

There is a strong smell of incense inside  
this helps people to meditate.

Incense is a material  
which gives off a pleasant  
(and often strong) smell  
when burnt.



Meditation is where  
people focus very  
carefully on the present  
moment.





# What Qualities Might a Place of Worship Have?



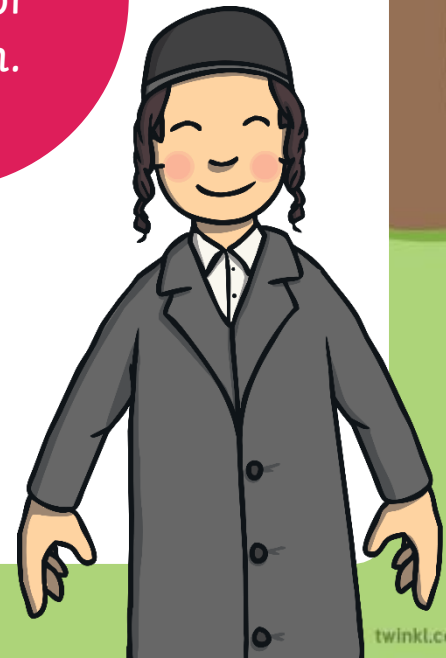
We have learnt that places of worship are all very different, even if they are the same type of place of worship.

They can be loud or quiet.

They can be old or modern.

They can be big or small.

They can be richly decorated or very plain.





# What Qualities Might a Place of Worship Have?



We are going to make a list of qualities that a place of worship might have. A quality is a feature that something has (what it is like).

For example, if someone asked what are the qualities of a classroom, you could say that it is:

- spacious;
- light and airy;
- welcoming;
- friendly;
- at a comfortable temperature to work;
- sometimes noisy;
- sometimes quiet.



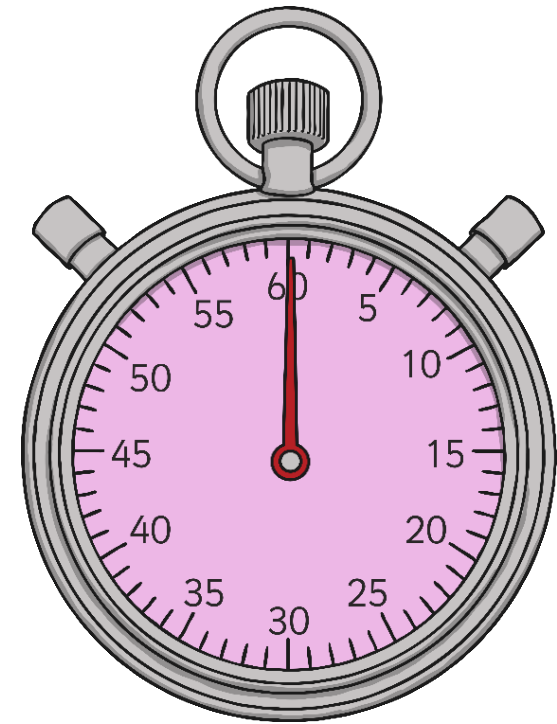


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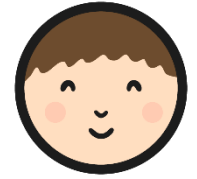
Think about places of worship and how they are special to people.

You have two minutes to list the qualities that places of worship might have...





# Making a Word Cloud



You are going to create your own word cloud using the words you have come up with to describe places of worship.

You are going to write the words so that they form the shape of a building. You can choose the shape of the building; it doesn't have to be like any particular place of worship you have seen.

Make your own word cloud on the **Making a Word Cloud Activity Sheet**.





