

MOSQUES – WORD LIST

- **acquire** = get
- **adult** = grown-up person; not a child
- **although** = while
- **ankle** = moveable part between your foot and your leg
- **announce** = to say officially
- **arched entrance** = a large door with a curved top
- **assist** = help
- **attain** = get
- **attempt** = try
- **basically** = in general, normally
- **bench** = long seats for people to sit on
- **carpet** = woven material that covers floors
- **century** = a hundred years
- **charity** = organizations that help poor people
- **column** = tall stone, used to hold up the roof of a building
- **common** = popular, widespread
- **construct** = build
- **convert** = change to
- **courtyard** = open space in the middle of a large building
- **date back** = go back to
- **decade** = a period of ten years
- **deliver** = give
- **depend on** = based on
- **dome** = round roof on a building
- **dominant** = most important
- **donate** = give
- **emerge** = appear, can be seen
- **especially** = above all
- **focus** = concentrate on
- **gathering** = meeting
- **gymnasium** = special building or room where you can do physical exercise
- **imam** = a Muslim religious leader or priest
- **in the course of** = during
- **issue** = topic
- **library** = place where you can borrow books for a certain time
- **niche** = a small place in the wall where you can put something
- **obey** = follow
- **offend** = hurt
- **ordinary** = normal
- **Ottoman Empire** = large empire with its center in Turkey; it consisted of large parts of the Middle East, Northern Africa and the southeastern part of Europe; it started in the 13 th century and lasted until World War I
- **peninsula** = piece of land that has water on three sides
- **petrodollars** = money earned by selling oil
- **population** = the people who live in a country
- **pray** = to say words to God
- **preach** = to talk about a religious subject in a place where many people meet
- **pulpit** = raised structure in a church or mosque where the religious leader speaks to the people
- **purpose** = idea, function
- **Ramadan** = the ninth month of the Muslim year, during which Muslims do not eat or drink at day
- **recruit** = to find people who will work for someone
- **rectangular** = shape with four straight sides, two of which are longer than the other two
- **repeatedly** = over and over again
- **require** = have to
- **row** = line
- **rule** = law
- **separate** = divide, split up
- **serve** = to have a job or a task
- **settle** = to start living in a new place
- **share** = to use together with others
- **social conflicts** = problems that groups of people have with each other
- **spread** = move to
- **strict** = something that you must do
- **throughout** = in all of
- **traditionally** = things that have been done for a long time
- **understanding** = the way of knowing what other people do and want
- **wealth** = richness
- **widespread** = common, popular
- **worship** = to show respect and love for a god
- **wrist** = moveable part between your hand and your arm