

[Teacher's Notes]

- This page can be given to the students AFTER they complete the matching task.
- The next pages are formatted, so you can easily copy and cut for a matching activity.

Basic Vocabulary for Religion

An Atheist	A person who does not believe that any gods exist
The afterlife	What happens to a person's soul after the body dies.
Bless	To show kindness and help. It can be done by a god or people.
A Convert	A person who believes; To change a belief or to accept a belief if we didn't have one before
A Culture	The way we think and behave; learned from our society
A Doctrine	The actual details that people believe about their religion.
Enlightenment (to reach)	To have a very good understanding/ The final stage in a religion when you no longer suffer.
Faith (to have)	To believe in something even though you can't see it; to trust
Fast	To not eat any food for a period of time (10 hours or one day/week)
Founder	A person who started a religion; organization; school
Holy	Sacred; pure and good
Idol	A picture, statue or thing that is worshipped like a god.
Incense	A substance that has a pleasant smell when it is burned.
Meditate	To quietly and calmly think about life, god or to just breathe slowly.
Monotheism	Belief that there is only one God
Nirvana	Supreme (highest level of) happiness/ enlightenment
Polytheism	Belief that there is more than one God
Practice	To follow; To live our lives according to the rules of a religion
Pray	To speak to God in order to give thanks or ask for help
Rebirth	Life continues in a cycle / starting over in a new way / re-incarnation
A Religion	Belief in something or someone greater than ourselves
A Ritual	Ceremonies/ actions that are repeated often/ a fixed pattern
A Sacrifice	Willingly give up or offer something to a god (money, life, etc)
A Sect	A smaller group of believers that is part of a larger group of the religion. Example: Islam – religion; Sunni - sect
Secular	NOT about religion. Ex: a country's legal system which is not a religious court.
Secular Humanism	Belief that people can use their intelligence to live; they don't need to rely on a religion.
A Soul	Part of the person that isn't physical. It contains our feelings, thoughts and character. Many believe it exists after death.
Worship	To show feelings of love, respect and admiration to god./ To attend a meeting for this purpose

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