



GRADE 8 ACCESS



UNIT 8

World Festivals

LESSON 1

The Islamic Pilgrimage to Mecca



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Reading (a passage) for details.
- Listening to a pilgrim talk
- Proper nouns and Capital Letters.

The background of the slide features a close-up, vertical view of a book's spine and its pages. The pages are aged and yellowed, with some text visible but mostly illegible due to the angle and lighting. The spine is dark and textured.

VOCABULARY

- Let's have a look at the new vocabulary
- Journey
- Pilgrim
- Holy
- Pilgrimage
- Incredible
- Wonderful
- Amazing
- Magnificent

Journey

(Travelling from one place to another)



Pilgrims



Pilgrimage / Hajj



This place is (Holy)
Kaaba is the
holiest place for
Muslims



The hajj
experience is
(incredible)

what are other
words for
incredible?



unbelievable, inconceivable,
unthinkable, improbable,
unimaginable, fabulous,
implausible, wonderful, amazing





Wonderful

WONDERFUL

Synonyms

- Amazing
- Awesome
- Bodacious
- Brilliant
- Delightful
- Glorious
- Gorgeous
- Great
- Incredible
- Magic

Amazing

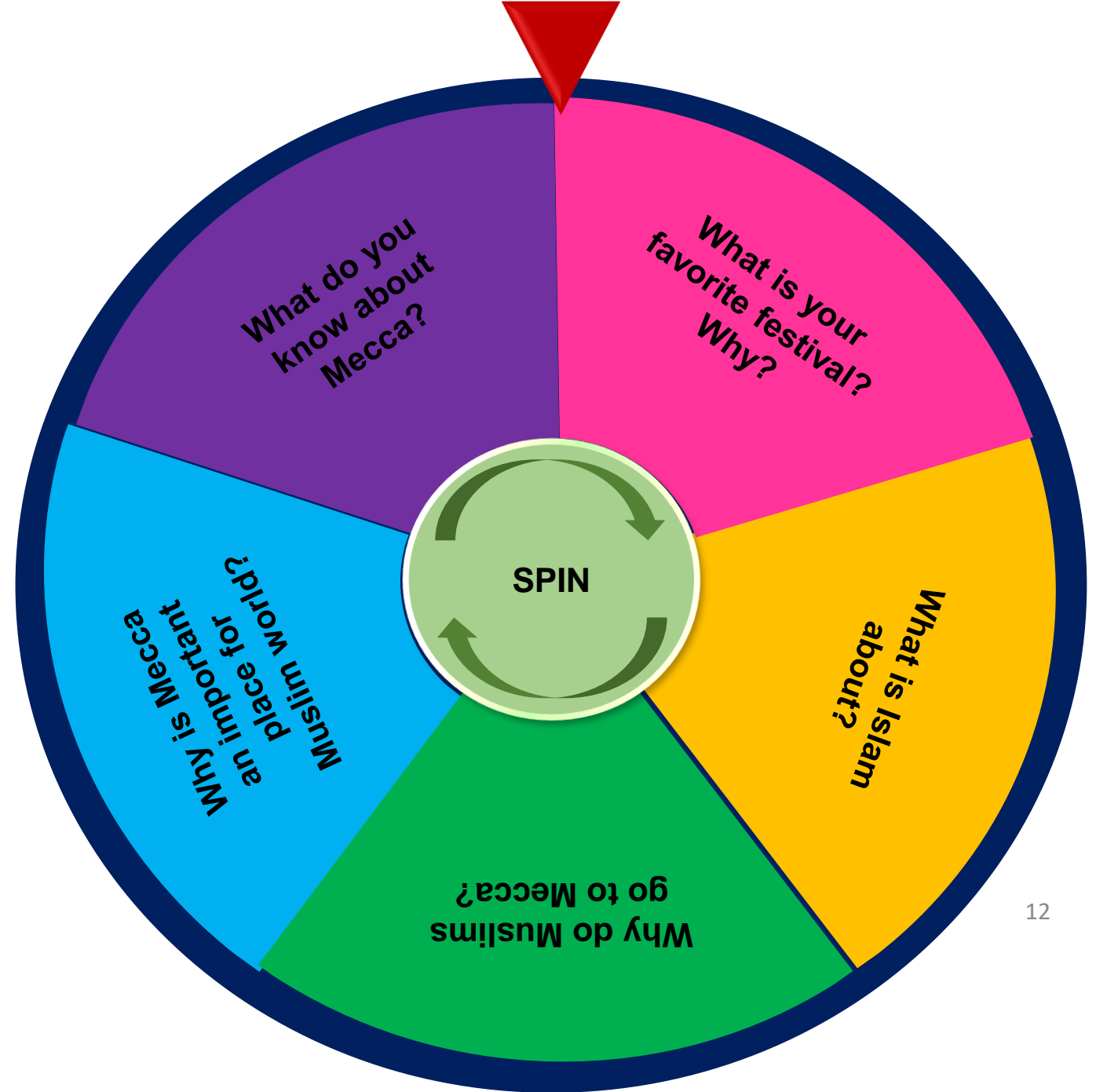
what are other
words for
amazing?



astonishing, wonderful,
astounding, surprising,
prodigious, awesome, incredible,
wondrous, startling, stunning



Warm up Activity



Performing Pilgrimage

Learn How to Perform Hajj Step By Step

Unit 6: World festivals

Lesson 1: The Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca

Activity 1 Reading

Read the text below and answer the questions.

- 1 What does the photo show?
- 2 What is Hajj?
- 3 What is a pilgrim?

VOCABULARY

journey: travelling from one place to another

holiest: the most holy place

The Kaaba is the holiest place in Islam.



A pilgrimage is a special journey to an important place. The photo is of the Kaaba inside The Great Mosque, Masjid al-Haram. It is the largest mosque in the world. The Kaaba is the holiest place in Islam. It is in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

The people in the photo are completing the Hajj. This is the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca. The word Hajj means 'a journey to Mecca'. People doing this journey are called pilgrims.



Activity 2 Listening Track 19

Listen to a pilgrim talk about completing the Hajj. What was it like?

Activity 3 Listening

Listen again to match the sentence parts.

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| 1 I was 18 when I did | a | than the first time I went. |
| 2 It was incredible to see the | b | next year. |
| 3 It was wonderful to see | c | my first Hajj. |
| 4 There were even more pilgrims | d | so many people in the same place. |
| 5 I hope to complete my third pilgrimage | e | Kaaba for the first time. |

Activity 4 Speaking

In pairs, make a list of adjectives that show the pilgrim enjoyed the Hajj. There are four. Listen again to help you remember.

Amazing

Incredible

Wonderful

Magnificent

LANGUAGE TIP

Strong adjectives have the idea of 'very' but 'very' is not used.

We can use 'excellent' instead of 'very good'.

Examples of strong adjectives: *incredible, excellent, amazing, wonderful, magnificent, breathtaking*



Activity 5 Speaking

Use the words from Activity 4 to describe something you have experienced.

Last weekend was wonderful.

Examples of strong adjectives: *incredible, excellent, amazing, wonderful, magnificent, breathtaking*



Activity 6 Practice

Some of the words in the sentences need a capital letter. Rewrite the sentences to make them correct.

1 the word hajj means 'a journey to Mecca'.

The word **H**ajj means 'a journey to Mecca'.

2 It was incredible to see the kaaba for the first time.

It was incredible to see the **K**aaba for the first time.

3 I was eighteen when I did my first pilgrimage to mecca.

I was eighteen when I did my first pilgrimage to **M**ecca.

4 The Kaaba is inside the walls of the great mosque.

The Kaaba is inside the walls of the **G**reat **M**osque.

WRITING TIP

Proper nouns are the name of something. The first letter in the name is a capital letter.

The journey to Mecca is called the Hajj.

Performing Minor Pilgrimage (Umrah)

