

# What can we learn from a Gurdwara?



## Outcomes

- Know that Sikhs worship in a Gurdwara where everyone is welcome to join in.
- Know that Gurdwara has four doors as a symbol of welcome.
- Name the key features of the Sikh Gurdwara (Darbar Sahib, takht, chanani, khanda, lander kitchen)
- Explain why these features are in place.
- Describe at least four ways in which Sikhs worship in the Gurdwara and the reasons for these.
- Identify what happens during Sikh ceremonies/ events which occur in the Gurdwara and the beliefs or ideas that underlie them.

<b>Gurdwara</b>	A Sikh temple.	
<b>Guru Granth Sahib</b>	The Sikh holy book.	
<b>chauri</b>	A fly whisk which is waved over the Guru Granth Sahib.	
<b>Darbar Sahib</b>	The main hall.	
<b>takht</b>	A raised platform in the centre of the main hall.	
<b>chanani</b>	A canopy which covers the takht.	
<b>parshad</b>	A sweet vegetarian food which has been blessed	
<b>khanda</b>	The symbol of the khalsa.	

**Anyone is welcome in a Sikh temple. Gurdwaras have four doors to show that anyone is welcome to join in.**

**There are no priests. Any committed Sikh can lead worship.**

**Sharing food is part of worship in a Gurdwara.**

**Shoes are removed when entering the Darbar Sahib (main hall)**