







What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Key Knowledge		Vocabulary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hindus believe that Brahman is the supreme God. Aum is the most sacred symbol in Hinduism. Aum is like calling Brahman name towards you. This name is generally said three times, before chanting any prayers. In Hinduism, there are a number of different statues and pictures of gods and goddesses these are called deities (<i>see Hinduism KO</i>). The Trimurti holds the utmost importance to Hindus (<i>see KS2 Hinduism KO</i>). Ganesh and Lord Krishna are very important deities in Hinduism. The story of Diwali comes from the Ramayana. Hindus follow particular traditions and customs to celebrate this festival. Raksha Bandhan is another important Hindu festival celebrated between siblings/anyone who is regarded as a brother. It is a festival to show the love/devotion a brother and sister have towards one another. Hindus believe in Karma and Dharma. Hindus will go on a pilgrimage to the River Ganges. The Ganges is very sacred to Hindus. Special practices and events that are associated with pilgrimage take place there. 		Hinduism	Picture	Definition
		<i>Most of the vocabulary associated with this unit is on the KS2 Hinduism Knowledge Organiser.</i>		
		Dharma		According to Hindus, Dharma is the power that maintains society , makes us moral people and gives humans the opportunity to act virtuously .
		Ganesh		Ganesh is an elephant headed God. He is known to remove people's difficulties in live and give them strength during hardship.
		Lord Krishna (<i>Lord Kris-na</i>)		Lord Krishna is the God of love and devotion. He is the most worshipped of all the deities. He is young, strong and known to be mischievous.
		Moksha (<i>Muk-sha</i>)		Moksha is the end of the death and rebirth cycle.
		River Ganges (<i>Ganga Devi</i>)	 	Most commonly known as ' Ganga Devi ' to Hindus. Ganga is considered sacred and pilgrims immerse the ashes of their loved ones in the river Ganga, which is considered by them to bring the spirits closer to Moksha . Ganga Devi resides in Lord Shiva's matted hair. It is located in India.
Other Unit Vocabulary	Definition			
India	India is in South Asia and is the seventh largest country in the world.			
Pilgrimage	A pilgrimage is a sacred journey, undertaken for a spiritual purpose.			
Pilgrims	People who travel for spiritual reasons.			