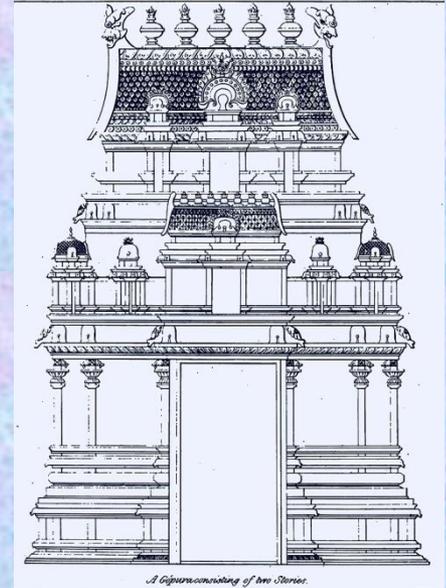




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Lesson 6

Places of worship



A Hindu temple is called a **mandir** . It is a sacred place for Hindus to worship.

Mandirs can look very different . . .



Did you recognise one?

Visit a mandir with Simran and Vraj:

[BBC teach: places of worship](#) inside a Hindu temple



[Virtual tour Neasden Temple - Shri Swaminarayan Mandir](#)

Praying at home - learn about

[Puja - a form of Hindu worship](#)



Task: If you could design a temple or shrine – what would it look like?

Make a drawing/3 D model – you can of course use inspiration from what you have seen.

What colours would you use? Which ornaments? . . .

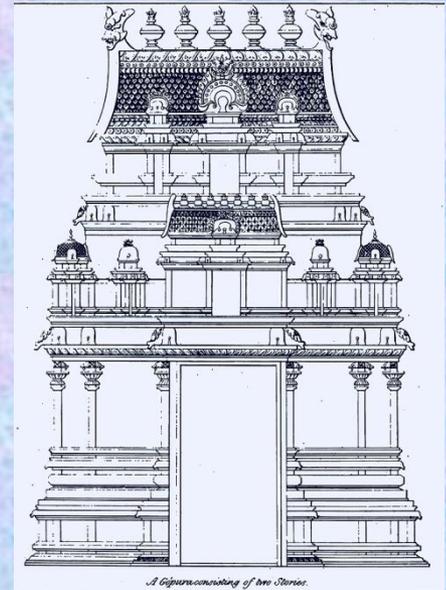




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Lesson 7

Places of worship



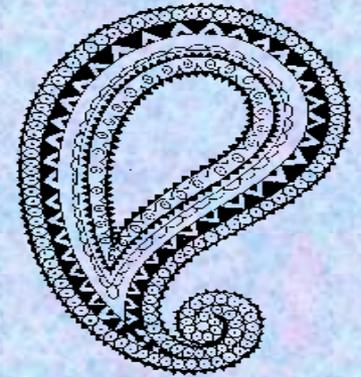
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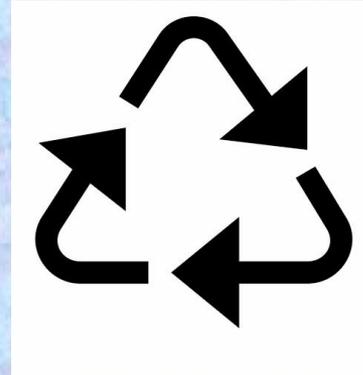
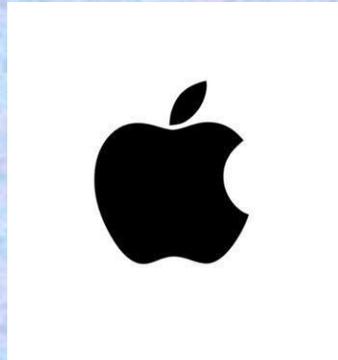
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Lesson 8

Symbols in Hinduism



What is a symbol? It is a sign that represents or stands for something else.



Do you recognise any of these symbols? What do they stand for? Test yourself . . . and check on the next slide how many you knew.

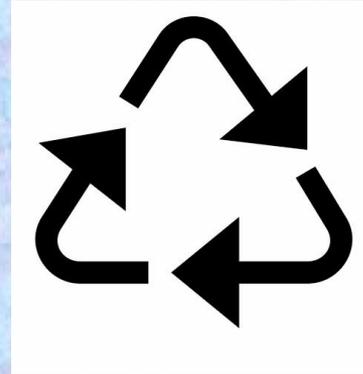
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Irish clover –
symbol for luck



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company



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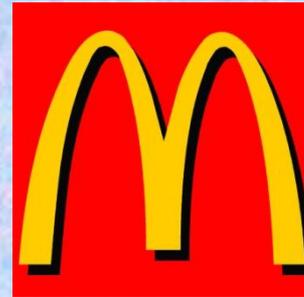
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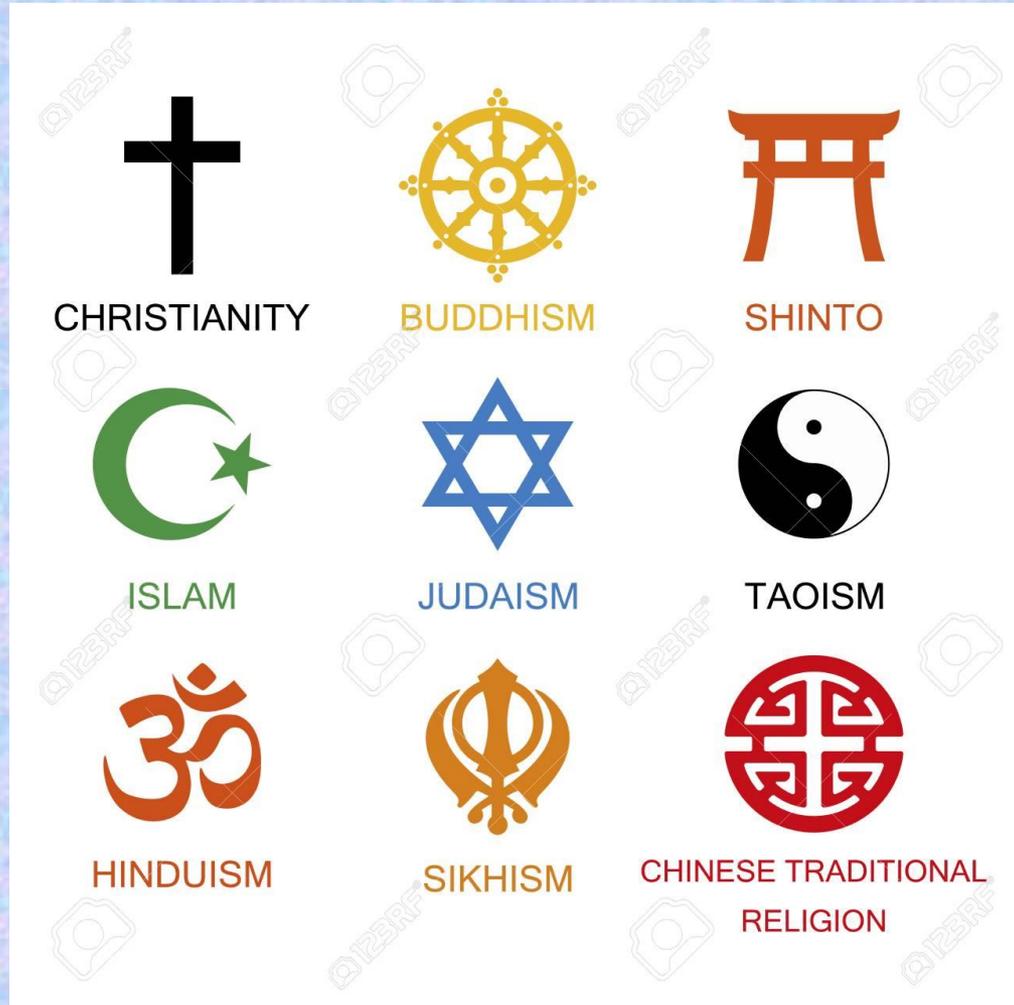


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Careful hazard

Do you know any religious symbols?
Here are some. . .



Let's find out about symbols in Hinduism.

The Hindu Symbol of Aum

This symbol is the most important and special symbol in Hinduism.

Aum represents the Brahman (from where the whole universe came).

When you say AUM you use every part of your vocal organ:

A – comes from the throat

U and M come from the lips



The Hindu Swastika

The swastika is a very holy symbol representing the sun god Surya.

It also shows how Hinduism is about every part/direction of your life.

Which four directions could this mean?



The lotus flower

Hindus believe the Creator
Brahma came from a lotus flower.

The lotus is also important
in Hinduism, as, despite
coming from muddy waters, it
becomes a beautiful flower.

People too should become kind
and good and should never
turn into bad people.



Task: create your own **Symbol**

Think about and explain what it is to represent.

Think about shape, colour, name . .

You can of course **draw** your symbol but you can also use your IT skills and create one in logomakr (free) – there is tutorial video with good hints and tips as well

<https://logomakr.com/>

Have fun designing!!! We are looking forward to see your symbols.



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Lesson 9

The Lotus flower in Hinduism



In **Hinduism**, the **lotus flower** is very significant .

It is associated with numerous gods including Vishnu who is often described as the 'Lotus-Eyed One (Pundarikaksha) but also Lakshmi and Brahma. In many art works, the gods are shown with a lotus flower or portrayed as sitting on a lotus throne.

The lotus's unfolding petal suggest the expansion of the soul. As a beautiful water flower that grows out of mud, it is a symbol of **perfection, purity, divinity** as well as **eternity and good fortune**.



Enjoy the lotus flower in the creator story:

[the lotus flower in the creation story](#)



Task: make your own lotus flower

What you will need:

a square piece of paper (it is easier to have softer paper – napkins work well too.

Scissors to cut a piece of paper into the right shape.

Watch the instruction and ‘Good Luck’!

[How to make a lotus flower](#)





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Lesson 10

Finish off any unfinished work and send us your favourite pieces.

Also, create and send us a quiz –
‘All about Hinduism’
(with answers)