

# All About Hindu Pilgrimage



# Aim

- To find out about important Hindu places of pilgrimage and understand why these places are sacred.

# Success Criteria

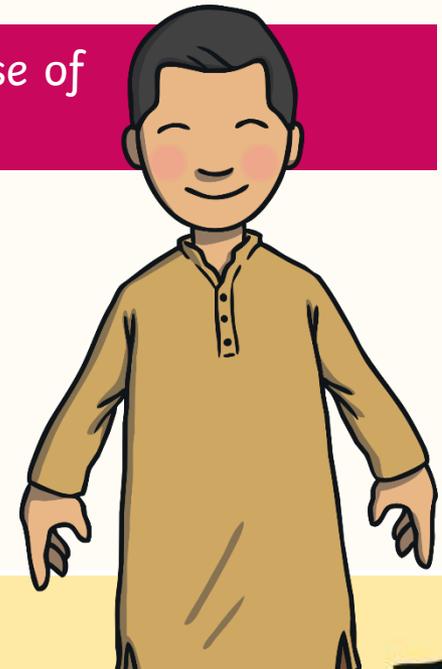
- I can create a fact file about places of Hindu pilgrimage, explaining why these places are so special.

# What Is a Pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a journey to a religious place.  
It is different to going on holiday.

People make the journey for different reasons; perhaps because they want to give thanks to God, ask for help or to say sorry and ask for forgiveness.  
The people who go on these special journeys are called 'pilgrims'.

Places of pilgrimage are special because of something that happened there.



# Special Places

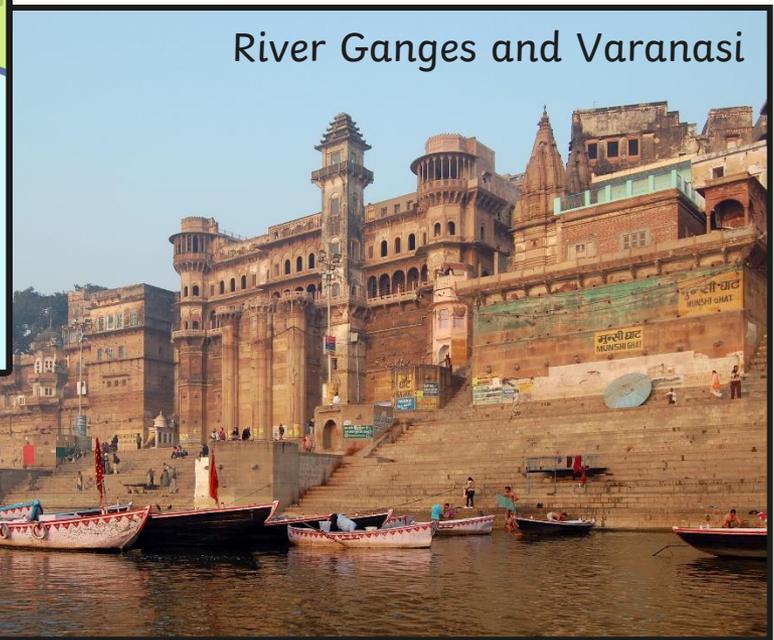


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# Special Places

- Varanasi is on the banks of the sacred River Ganges.
- People travel to the river to bathe in it.
- It is believed that washing in the river cleans a person's sins.
- Varanasi is believed to be the home of Lord Shiva, a Hindu god.

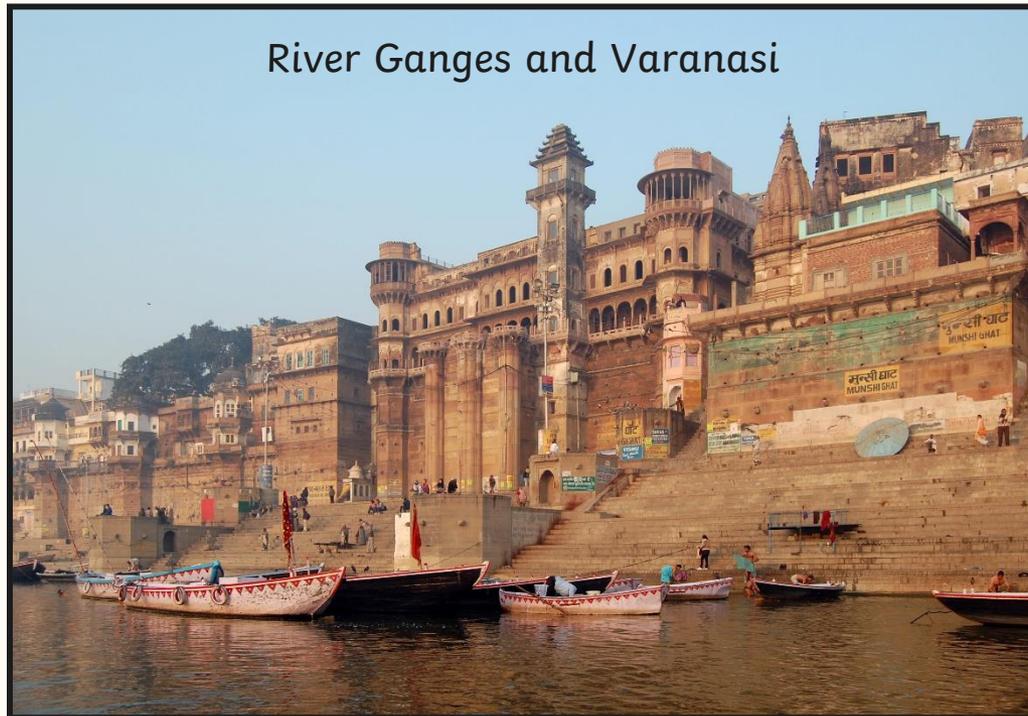


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# River Ganges

- The River Ganges is in India.
- It is very special for Hindus.
- 40 million Hindus travel to the Ganges on a pilgrimage every year.
- Hindus believe that performing special rituals for the dead in the Ganges will end the cycle of birth, death and rebirth.
- Hindus offer gifts of flowers, petals and special floating candles to the river to say thank you.



We believe that bathing in the waters of the River Ganges will wash away our sins.

# Varanasi

- Varanasi is a city on the banks of the River Ganges.
- Varanasi is said to have been founded by Shiva.
- Hindus believe that is a very holy site.
- There are 23,000 Hindu temples in Varanasi.
- Hindus bathe in the waters of the Ganges on the banks of Varanasi.

Hindus believe in three main gods; Shiva, Brahma and Vishnu.

Shiva is believed to have founded Varanasi after a battle with Brahma.



# Special Places

Once every 12 years, millions of people bathe at the Kumbh Mela festival where the waters of the Ganges and Jumna combine.

Hindus come from all over the world, believing that bathing will wash away their sins.



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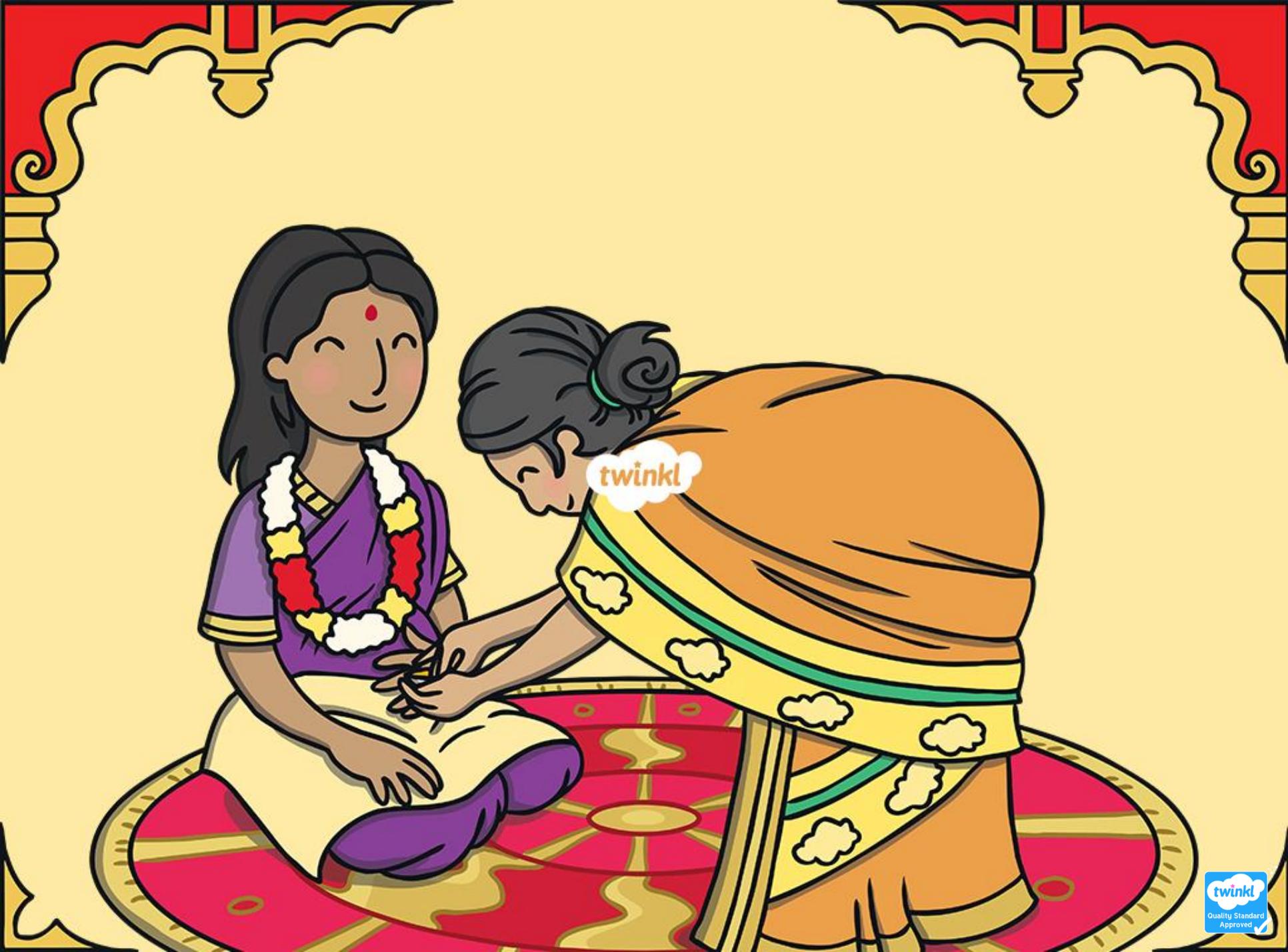
Write down 3 things you have learned.

Why are we learning about pilgrimage?

Write down a question you still have.



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