

LC: Can I consider parts of a mosque and reason?

Look at the Powerpoint “**Looking around a mosque**” and think back to previous learning.

- 1) Most mosques are topped with a large, ornate dome. Why do you think they are so large and often highly decorated?
- 2) The Mihrab is a ‘niche’ (often topped with an arch) at the front of the main prayer room. What does this mean for those who are praying? Which direction does the Mihrab show and why?
- 3) There are no pictures, drawings or diagrams of the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) in the mosques. Why is this?
- 4) The Minbar is a small flight of steps in a mosque. What is it used for?
- 5) Often, mosques are surrounded by minarets. Why are they built so tall and what is their purpose? Listen [here](#) for a clue.
- 6) In the prayer hall, there are many marked out special places on the floor. What are they for and why do they all face the same way?
- 7) Men and women are kept apart in mosques. Why do you think this is?
- 8) Why do worshippers have to clean (wudu) thoroughly and remove their shoes before entering the mosque?