ISLAM FOR EVERYONE

Good character

Bismillah, salam, honesty, respect and good friends

10 lessons

- Every lesson: a story about young people in three parts, with a talking question.
- A verse from the Quran or a hadith: Arabic, pronunciation and meaning.
- Six questions, Remember this, a word search and spot the 7 differences.

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10 **No bullying** · laugh at no one

How to use a lesson

- Read the story together, part by part. Discuss the talking question.
- Read Did you know? and the verse: first the Arabic, then the pronunciation, then the meaning.
- Then: six questions, Remember this, and Think and write.
- Last page: word search and spot the 7 differences.

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Good character in ten steps

1. **Bismillah and a‘udhu** begin with the name of Allah, seek protection against evil
2. **The salam** greet with peace and reply even more beautifully
3. **Good character** the Prophet had the most beautiful character
4. **Being honest** telling the truth, even when it is hard
5. **Beautiful words** speaking politely, no swear words
6. **My parents** respect, help and a du‘a for your parents
7. **Guests and neighbours** being hospitable and good to your neighbours
8. **My tongue and my hands** hurting no one, not even online
9. **United** Muslims are brothers and sisters: make peace
10. **No bullying** laugh at no one: perhaps he is better than you

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Bismillah and a‘udhu

Lesson 1 · beginning with Allah

📖 **The story: Bismillah and a‘udhu**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Forgotten

Imane is fifteen. She quickly eats a biscuit on the way to the bus. Her grandmother sees it and says: “You forgot Bismillah.” “Grandma, it’s only a biscuit,” laughs Imane. Grandma laughs too, but she says: “A biscuit, a test, a new day. Everything you begin with the name of Allah gets baraka.” Imane doesn’t really know what baraka is. “Blessing,” says Grandma. “Something small becomes big and good.”

⭐ **Begin everything with Bismillah: then it gets baraka.**

baraka = blessing from Allah · **test** = small exam at school

Part 2 – Two short sentences

In Islam class Ms Samira explains two sentences. Bismillahi r-rahmani r-rahim: in the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. You say that when you begin something: eating, reading, your homework, getting on your bike. A‘udhu billahi mina sh-shaytani r-rajim: I seek protection with Allah from the accursed devil. You say that before you read the Quran, when you are angry or when you want to do something bad. “The one opens the door to good,” says Ms Samira. “The other closes the door to evil.”

⭐ **Bismillah opens the door to good, a‘udhu closes the door to evil.**

protection = being kept safe · **accursed** = driven away from Allah’s mercy

Part 3 – A habit

Imane decides to try something. For a week she says Bismillah at everything she begins. On day two she forgets it three times. On day six it comes naturally. When her brother teases her and she wants to shout back, she whispers a‘udhu billah. She stays calm. “You’re different this week,” says her brother. Imane smiles. She has a new habit, and it costs nothing.

⭐ **Two short sentences can change your whole day.**

habit = something you do automatically · **tease** = annoy someone a little for fun

💬 **Let’s talk:** With which things you do every day can you say Bismillah?

💡 **Did you know? – Bismillah in the Quran**

- Every surah of the Quran begins with Bismillah, except surah 9, At-Tawba.
- Forgot Bismillah when eating? Then say: Bismillahi awwalahu wa akhirah.
- You say a‘udhu billah before reading the Quran. That way you ask Allah for calm and attention.

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 16:98

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

Fa-idhaa qara’ta l-qur’aana fasta’idh bi-llaahi mina sh-shaytaani r-rajim.

“When you read the Quran, seek protection with Allah from the accursed devil.”

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Bismillah and a‘udhu

Lesson 1 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What does Imane eat on the way to the bus?

◯ a biscuit ◯ an apple

2. What does baraka mean?

◯ blessing ◯ speed

3. When do you say Bismillah?

◯ only when you go to sleep ◯ when you begin something

4. What does a‘udhu billah mean?

◯ I seek protection with Allah ◯ all praise is for Allah

5. Which surah does not begin with Bismillah?

◯ Al-Fatiha ◯ At-Tawba

6. What does Imane say when her brother teases?

◯ a‘udhu billah ◯ nothing

⭑ **Remember this:** Begin with Bismillah, protect yourself with a‘udhu billah.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. Why is it good to begin everything with Bismillah?

2. When could a‘udhu billah help you?

Puzzles

Lesson 1 · Bismillah and a‘udhu

🔤 Word search

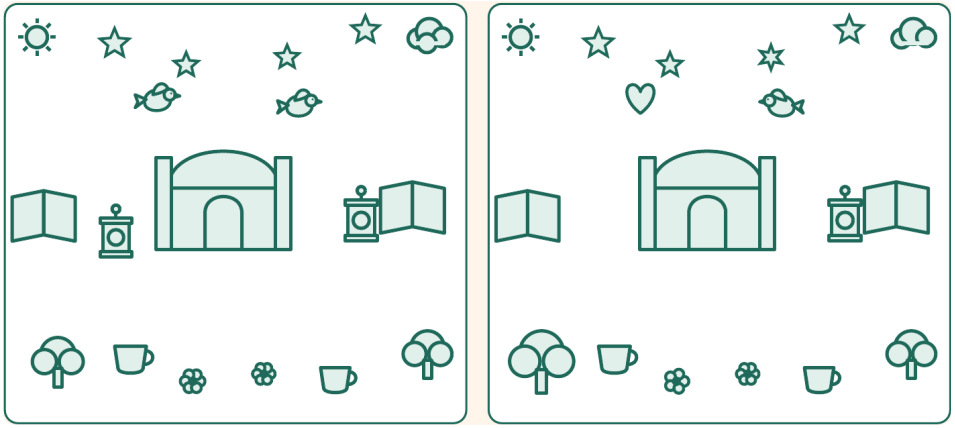
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☐ BISMILLAH ☐ BLESSING ☐ GRANDMA ☐ BISCUIT ☐ BARAKA ☐ SAMIRA ☐ AUDHU ☐ IMANE ☐ HABIT ☐ DOOR

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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The salam

Lesson 2 · greeting with peace

📖 **The story: The salam**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Just hey

In the playground Younes always says “hey” or “yo” to his friends. One day a new pupil comes into the class, Bilal. Bilal says to everyone: “As-salamu ‘alaykum.” Some laugh. “Why so formal?” asks Younes. Bilal shrugs. “It isn’t formal. I wish you peace. Isn’t that nicer than yo?”

⭑ **As-salamu ‘alaykum: peace be upon you.**

playground = school yard for breaks · **formal** = very serious and official

Part 2 – Who greets first?

Younes asks his father. He explains: “The Prophet said: spread the salam among yourselves, then you will love each other.” There are also rules. Whoever rides greets whoever walks. Whoever walks greets whoever sits. A small group greets a large group. The younger greets the older. And whoever receives the salam answers: wa ‘alaykumu s-salam. “Preferably even more beautifully,” says his father. “Wa ‘alaykumu s-salam wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.”

⭑ **Answer the salam with an equally beautiful or more beautiful greeting.**

spread = make it reach everywhere · **answer** = say something back

Part 3 – To the teacher too?

The next day Younes says salam to Bilal. Bilal is happy. Younes wonders: and to someone who isn’t Muslim? His father said: “Greet everyone kindly. Good morning, hello madam, a smile: that is good character too.” That morning Younes says “good morning, Miss” at the door. The teacher looks surprised and smiles back. A greeting costs nothing, thinks Younes. And yet it makes something warm.

⭑ **Greet everyone kindly: a greeting costs nothing.**

kindly = nicely and politely · **surprised** = unexpectedly happy or amazed

💬 **Let’s talk:** How do you feel when someone greets you kindly? And when someone ignores you?

💡 **Did you know? – The full salam**

- As-salamu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh: peace, the mercy of Allah and His blessings be upon you.
- As-Salam is also one of the most beautiful names of Allah: the Peace.
- The people of Paradise greet each other with salam.

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 4:86

وَإِذَا حُيِّيتُم بِتَحِيَّةٍ فَحَيُّوا بِأَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا أَوْ رُدُّوهَا

Wa idhaa huyyitum bi-tahiyyatin fa-hayyu bi-ahsana minhaa aw rudduhaa.

“When you are greeted, greet back with something better, or return the same greeting.”

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The salam

Lesson 2 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What does Younes always say?

- ◯ salam
- ◯ hey or yo

2. What does as-salamu ‘alaykum mean?

- ◯ peace be upon you
- ◯ good morning

3. Who greets first?

- ◯ the older greets the younger
- ◯ the younger greets the older

4. What happens when you spread the salam?

- ◯ you become rich
- ◯ you will love each other

5. What does Younes say to the teacher?

- ◯ good morning, Miss
- ◯ yo

6. What else is As-Salam?

- ◯ a name of Allah
- ◯ a city

⭐ **Remember this:** Give the salam and answer even more beautifully.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What is the difference between yo and as-salamu ‘alaykum?

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2. How do you greet someone who is not Muslim?

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Puzzles

Lesson 2 · The salam

🔤 Word search

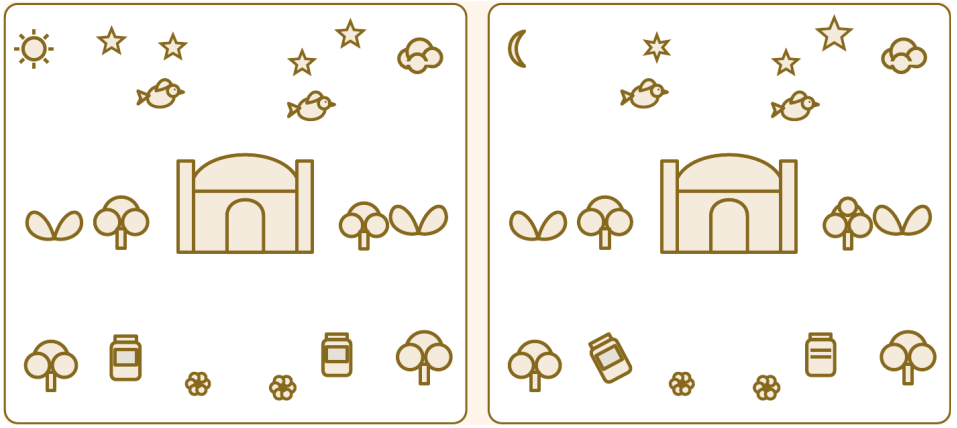
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☐ GREETING ☐ TEACHER ☐ YOUNES ☐ BARAKA ☐ ANSWER ☐ SALAM ☐ PEACE ☐ BILAL ☐ SMILE ☐ RAHMA

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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Good character

Lesson 3 · the example of the Prophet

📖 **The story: Good character**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – The best player

Kenza is the best player in the basketball team. But she shouts at others when they make a mistake. One day the coach says: “You’re good, Kenza. But the team plays worse when you shout.” Kenza is angry. At home she says: “I’m the best, aren’t I?” Her mother answers: “Talent is something you get. Character is something you choose.”

⭐ **Talent you get, character you choose.**

talent = something you are naturally good at · **character** = how you are and how you treat others

Part 2 – The most beautiful character

Her mother tells her about the Prophet. Anas served him for ten years. “He never said ‘uff’ to me,” said Anas, “and never: why did you do that?” The Prophet smiled a lot, was gentle with children and helped at home. Allah says about him in the Quran: you have a great character. “And he said,” says her mother: “the best of you are those with the best character.”

⭐ **The best people have the best character.**

serve = work for someone and help him · **gentle** = kind and not harsh

Part 3 – A new Kenza

At the next match her teammate Lien misses an easy shot. Kenza wants to shout. She takes a deep breath and says: “Next time, Lien. Come on!” Lien scores twice in a row. After the match the coach says nothing, but he gives a thumbs up. Kenza feels prouder than after her own points.

⭐ **A kind word makes someone else stronger.**

shot = throwing the ball · **proud** = happy with what you did

💬 **Let’s talk:** Do you know someone with good character? What does that person do?

💡 **Did you know? – Character in Islam**

- Character is called akhlaq in Arabic.
- The Prophet said: nothing weighs heavier on the scale on the Last Day than good character.
- ‘A’isha said about the Prophet: his character was the Quran.

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 68:4

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

Wa innaka la-‘alaa khuluqin ‘adhim.

“And you truly have a great character.”

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Good character

Lesson 3 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What sport does Kenza play?

- ◯ basketball
- ◯ football

2. What does Kenza do when others make mistakes?

- ◯ help
- ◯ shout

3. How long did Anas serve the Prophet?

- ◯ ten years
- ◯ two years

4. Who are the best people?

- ◯ those who score most
- ◯ those with the best character

5. What does Kenza say to Lien?

- ◯ What are you doing?
- ◯ Next time, come on!

6. What is character called in Arabic?

- ◯ akhlaq
- ◯ salam

⭐ **Remember this:** The best people have the best character.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What is the difference between talent and character?

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2. Which quality of the Prophet do you want to learn?

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Puzzles

Lesson 3 · Good character

🔤 Word search

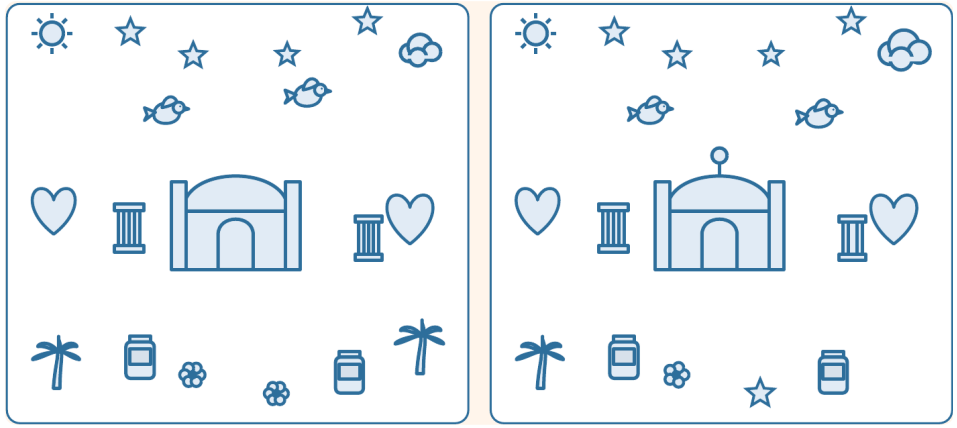
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☐ CHARACTER ☐ AKHLAQ ☐ TALENT ☐ GENTLE ☐ KENZA ☐ COACH ☐ PROUD
☐ LIEN ☐ ANAS ☐ TEAM

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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Being honest

Lesson 4 · telling the truth

📖 **The story: Being honest**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – A scratch

Hamza is doing a work placement in a bike shop. While repairing an expensive racing bike, the bike falls over. There is a scratch on the frame. Nobody saw it. His colleague says quietly: “Don’t say anything. Nobody will notice.” Hamza doubts all afternoon.

⭐ **Being honest is hardest when nobody is watching.**

scratch = line or mark on something · **frame** = the main part of a bike

Part 2 – Al-Amin

That evening Hamza thinks of the Prophet. Even before he became a prophet, the people of Mecca called him al-Amin: the trustworthy. They gave him their valuable things to keep. Even his enemies said: he has never lied. The Prophet said: honesty leads to good, and good leads to Paradise. Lies lead to evil. Hamza knows what he has to do.

⭐ **Honesty leads to good, and good leads to Paradise.**

trustworthy = someone you can count on · **valuable** = worth a lot

Part 3 – The conversation

The next morning Hamza goes to his boss. “Yesterday I made a scratch on the racing bike. I’m sorry.” The boss looks stern for a moment. Then he says: “Thank you for telling me. I can repair that. I can’t repair a lie.” At the end of the placement Hamza gets a good report. Under comments it says: honest and trustworthy.

⭐ **You can repair a mistake; a lie is much harder.**

boss = the person in charge · **repair** = make good again

💬 **Let’s talk:** Why is being honest sometimes hard? What helps you to tell the truth anyway?

💡 **Did you know? – Honesty**

- The Prophet was called al-Amin and as-Sadiq: the trustworthy and the truthful.
- Even when he had to flee to Medina, he left ‘Ali behind to return other people’s belongings.
- A hadith says: whoever cheats is not one of us.

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 9:119

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

Yaa ayyuha lladhina aamanu ttaqu llaaha wa kunu ma’a s-saadiqin.

“You who believe: be mindful of Allah and stand with those who are truthful.”

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Being honest

Lesson 4 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Where is Hamza doing his placement?

- ◯ in a bike shop
- ◯ in a bakery

2. What happens to the bike?

- ◯ it gets a scratch
- ◯ it is stolen

3. What does al-Amin mean?

- ◯ the strong
- ◯ the trustworthy

4. Where does honesty lead?

- ◯ to problems
- ◯ to good

5. What does Hamza do the next morning?

- ◯ he stays silent
- ◯ he tells his boss

6. What is in his report?

- ◯ too slow
- ◯ honest and trustworthy

⭐ **Remember this:** Tell the truth, even when nobody is watching.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What would you do in Hamza’s place?

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2. Why is a lie harder to repair than a mistake?

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Puzzles

Lesson 4 · Being honest

🔤 Word search

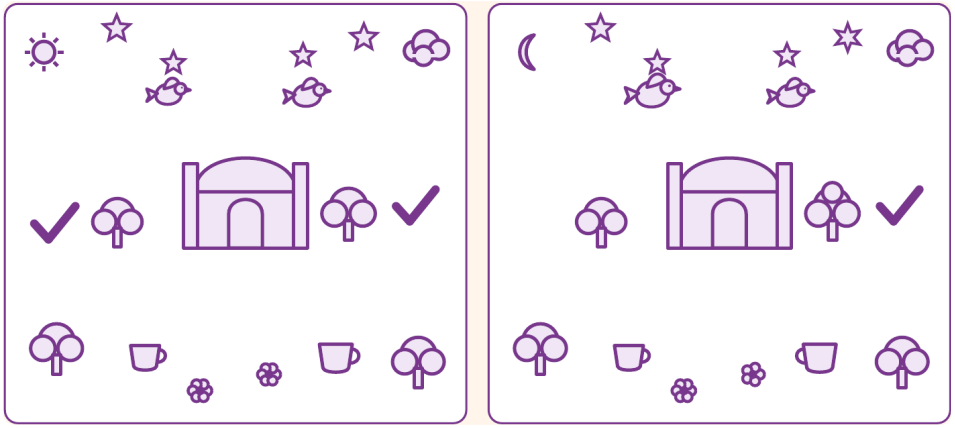
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☐ PLACEMENT ☐ SCRATCH ☐ HONEST ☐ REPORT ☐ TRUTH ☐ HAMZA ☐ AMIN ☐ BIKE ☐ BOSS ☐ LIE

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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Beautiful words

Lesson 5 · politeness

📖 **The story: Beautiful words**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Swear words

In Soumaya’s class there is a lot of swearing. Sometimes as a joke, sometimes not. Soumaya joins in too. One day her little sister of eight hears her on the phone. An hour later her sister swears at the cat with exactly the same words. Soumaya is shocked. “Where did you learn that?” Her sister looks at her. “From you.”

⭐ **Others copy your words.**

swear = say ugly words to someone · **copy** = start doing the same

Part 2 – What does the Quran say?

Soumaya looks it up. The Quran says: speak to people in a good way. The Prophet said: whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day says something good or stays silent. He also said that a good word is a sadaqa, a good gift. Soumaya thinks. Thank you, please, sorry, may I: small words, but they make someone’s day better. “So every time I say thank you, I give something,” she says.

⭐ **Say something good or stay silent.**

stay silent = say nothing · **sadaqa** = a gift for Allah, also a good deed

Part 3 – A money box

Soumaya makes a deal with her sister. Whoever swears puts ten cents in a money box. After a month there are three euros in it. After two months hardly anything is added. They give the money to the mosque. “My mouth has become clean,” laughs Soumaya. Her sister now says “please” to the cat.

⭐ **You can practise beautiful words, like a sport.**

money box = little pot to keep money in · **deal** = something you decide together

💬 **Let’s talk:** Which polite words do you use every day? Which would you like to use more?

💡 **Did you know? – Politeness**

- Politeness is called adab in Arabic.
- The Prophet never swore and never cursed, said his servant Anas.
- A smile to your brother is also sadaqa, said the Prophet.

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 2:83

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

Wa qulu li-n-naasi husnaa.

“And speak to people in a good way.”

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Beautiful words

Lesson 5 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Who copies the swear words?

- ◯ her teacher
- ◯ her little sister

2. Who does the sister swear at?

- ◯ the cat
- ◯ the teacher

3. What should you do if you can’t say anything good?

- ◯ stay silent
- ◯ shout

4. What is a good word?

- ◯ a sadaqa
- ◯ a punishment

5. How much does whoever swears put in the money box?

- ◯ ten euros
- ◯ ten cents

6. What is politeness called in Arabic?

- ◯ akhlaq
- ◯ adab

⭐ **Remember this:** Say something good or stay silent.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. Which ugly words do you hear a lot? What can you say instead?

2. What does it mean: say something good or stay silent?

Puzzles

Lesson 5 · Beautiful words

🔤 Word search

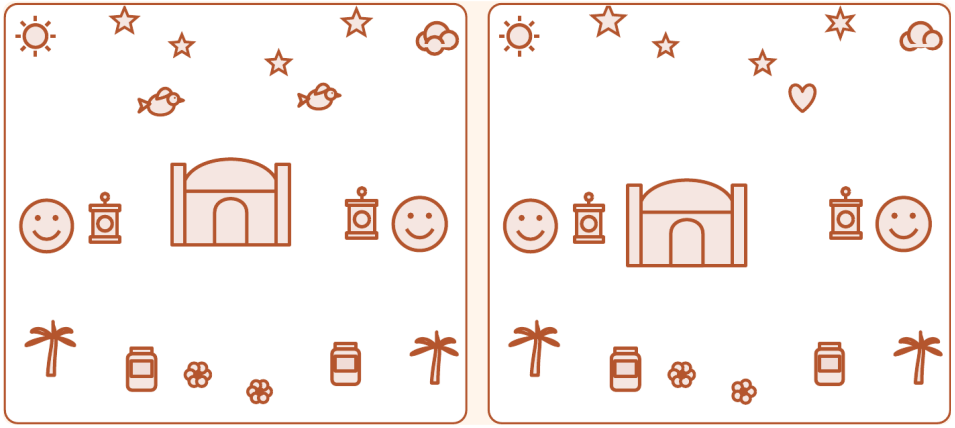
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☐ MONEYBOX ☐ SOUMAYA ☐ POLITE ☐ THANKS ☐ SISTER ☐ SADAQA ☐ SORRY ☐ WORDS ☐ ADAB ☐ CAT

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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My parents

Lesson 6 · respect and care

📖 **The story: My parents**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Uff

Moussa is sixteen. His father asks: “Will you help me carry the shopping from the car?” Moussa is in the middle of a game. “Uff, later,” he says, irritated. His father carries everything upstairs alone. Later Moussa sees that his father is struggling with his back. He feels bad.

⭐ **Even a small ‘uff’ can hurt your parents.**

irritated = a little angry · **struggle** = have trouble, not manage well

Part 2 – Not even uff

In the Quran Allah says: be good to your parents. If one or both of them grow old, do not even say ‘uff’ to them and do not snap at them. Speak to them gently and kindly. And pray: my Lord, have mercy on them, as they cared for me when I was small. A man asked the Prophet: who most deserves my good care? “Your mother,” he said. “And then?” “Your mother.” “And then?” “Your mother.” “And then?” “Your father.”

⭐ **After Allah, your parents deserve the most respect.**

snap at = answer briefly and angrily · **merciful** = full of love and care

Part 3 – Sorry, Dad

Moussa goes to his father. “Sorry about earlier.” His father smiles. “It’s already forgotten.” That evening Moussa puts a heat pad on his father’s back. On Saturday he does the shopping alone. His mother looks surprised. “What’s happened to you?” Moussa grins. “I read a verse.”

⭐ **Rabbi rhamhuma: my Lord, have mercy on them.**

heat pad = cushion that gets warm against pain · **grin** = smile broadly

💬 **Let’s talk:** What can you do this week to make your parents happy?

💡 **Did you know? – Parents in Islam**

- In the Quran, being good to your parents often comes straight after worshipping Allah.
- Paradise lies at the feet of mothers, says a well-known narration.
- Even if your parents have died, you can pray for them and give sadaqa.

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 17:24

وَقُل رَّبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

Wa qul rabbi rhamhumaa kamaa rabbayaani saghiraa.

“And say: my Lord, have mercy on them, as they cared for me when I was small.”

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My parents

Lesson 6 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. What does Moussa say to his father?

- ◯ yes, I’m coming
- ◯ uff, later

2. What does his father have trouble with?

- ◯ his back
- ◯ his head

3. What may you not even say to your parents?

- ◯ uff
- ◯ thank you

4. Who did the Prophet name three times?

- ◯ your friend
- ◯ your mother

5. What does Moussa put on his father’s back?

- ◯ a heat pad
- ◯ a book

6. What does Moussa do on Saturday?

- ◯ the shopping
- ◯ gaming

⭐ **Remember this:** No ‘uff’ to your parents: speak gently and help them.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What can you do when you are tired and your parents ask for help?

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2. Write the du‘a for your parents in your own language.

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Puzzles

Lesson 6 · My parents

🔤 Word search

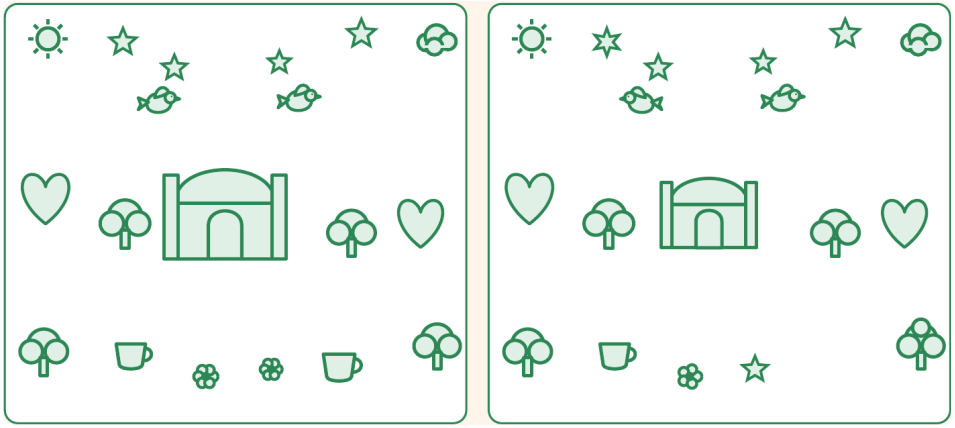
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☐ PARENTS ☐ RESPECT ☐ MOTHER ☐ FATHER ☐ MOUSSA ☐ SORRY ☐ RAHMA ☐ CARE ☐ BACK ☐ UFF

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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Name: ..... Date: .....

Guests and neighbours

Lesson 7 · hospitality

📖 **The story: Guests and neighbours**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Unexpected visit

Saturday evening. Lina is about to watch a film when the doorbell rings. Aunt Naima and her four children are at the door. “We were in the area,” says her aunt. Lina sighs quietly. Her mother says at once: “Welcome, come in!” She makes tea and puts biscuits on the table. Lina has to share her room with two little cousins.

⭐ **You welcome a guest with a smile.**

guest = someone who comes to visit · **unexpected** = without you knowing

Part 2 – Honouring a guest

Later Lina asks: “Mum, weren’t you tired?” Her mother nods. “But the Prophet said: whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should honour his guest. And also: whoever believes does no harm to his neighbour.” She tells her about Ibrahim, who at once prepared a roasted calf for unknown guests. “A guest brings baraka,” says her mother. “And you never know when you will need someone.”

⭐ **Whoever believes honours his guest and does no harm to his neighbour.**

honour = treat with respect and care · **neighbour** = someone who lives next to you

Part 3 – The new neighbour

A week later an older lady moves in next door, Mrs Claes. She knows nobody. Lina remembers what her mother said. Together they bake msemmen and bring a plate. Mrs Claes has tears in her eyes. “I’ve never had such a welcome.” Now she greets Lina every morning from her window.

⭐ **Being good to your neighbours is part of your faith.**

move = go to live in another house · **msemmen** = Moroccan pancake

💬 **Let’s talk:** How would you welcome a new pupil in your class?

💡 **Did you know? – Hospitality**

- The Prophet said: Jibril kept advising me to be good to neighbours, until I thought they would inherit.
- A guest has the right to three days of hospitality.
- A neighbour is every neighbour, Muslim or not.

📖 **Hadith**
Al-Bukhari and Muslim

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ

Man kaana yu’minu bi-llaahi wa l-yawmi l-aakhiri fal-yukrim dayfah.

“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should honour his guest.”

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Guests and neighbours

Lesson 7 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Who comes to visit unexpectedly?

◯ Aunt Naima ◯ Uncle Karim

2. What does her mother put out?

◯ tea and biscuits ◯ pizza

3. What should a believer do with his guest?

◯ honour him ◯ send him away

4. What did Ibrahim prepare for his guests?

◯ a roasted calf ◯ a cake

5. Who moves in next to Lina?

◯ a student ◯ Mrs Claes

6. What do Lina and her mother bring?

◯ flowers ◯ msemmen

⭐ **Remember this:** Honour your guest and be good to your neighbours.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. How can you make a guest feel welcome?

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2. What can you do for a neighbour who lives alone?

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Puzzles

Lesson 7 · Guests and neighbours

🔤 Word search

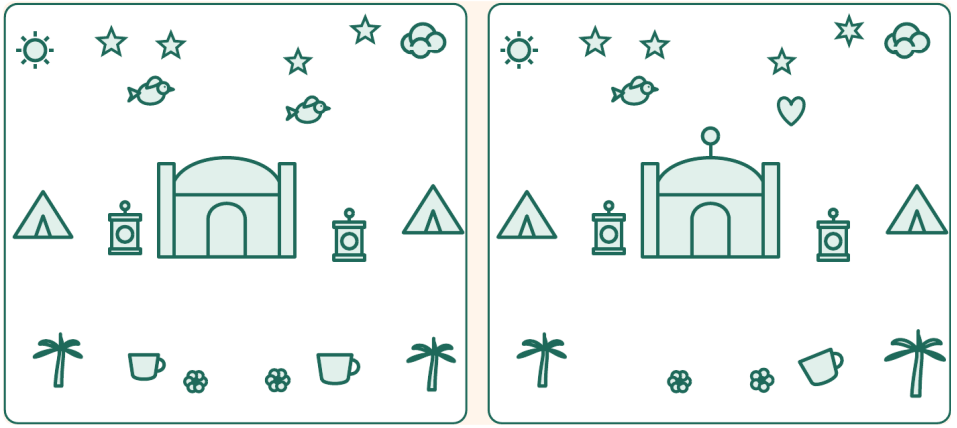
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☐ NEIGHBOURS ☐ MSEMMEN ☐ WELCOME ☐ IBRAHIM ☐ BARAKA ☐ GUEST ☐ NAIMA ☐ CLAES ☐ LINA ☐ TEA

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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My tongue and my hands

Lesson 8 · online too

📖 **The story: My tongue and my hands**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – A photo in the group

A photo of Bram appears in the class WhatsApp group. He falls off his chair and his trousers tear. Everyone sends laughing smileys. Ayman has the photo too. His thumb hovers over the button to forward it to his football friends.

⭐ **One click can hurt someone a lot.**

forward = send a message on to others · **tear** = get a hole

Part 2 – Who is a Muslim?

Ayman thinks of a hadith he learned in class. The Prophet said: a Muslim is someone from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe. “Tongue is what you say,” the teacher said then. “Hand is what you do. And today your hand is also your thumb on your phone.” Gossiping, making fun of someone, sharing a photo without permission: it is all hurt with your tongue or your hand. Ayman does not forward the photo. He deletes it.

⭐ **A Muslim hurts no one with his tongue or his hand.**

gossip = talk about someone behind his back · **permission** = someone says it is allowed

Part 3 – A message to Bram

Ayman sends Bram a private message: “Are you OK? That photo isn’t OK. I deleted it.” Bram only answers after an hour: “Thanks. I didn’t dare go to school tomorrow.” Ayman asks in the group if everyone will delete the photo. A few people do. The next day Bram sits next to Ayman.

⭐ **Choose the side of the one who is hurting.**

private message = message to one person · **delete** = remove

💬 **Let’s talk:** What would you do if a mean photo or a rumour appeared in your group?

💡 **Did you know? – Your tongue**

- Gossip is called ghiba in Arabic: saying something about someone that he would not like to hear.
- The Quran compares gossip to eating the flesh of your dead brother (49:12).
- Everyone has the right to their own image: don’t share a photo of someone without permission.

📖 **Hadith**
Al-Bukhari

الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ

Al-muslimu man salima l-muslimuna min lisaanihi wa yadih.

“A Muslim is someone from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe.”

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My tongue and my hands

Lesson 8 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Whose photo appears in the group?

◯ Bram’s ◯ Ayman’s

2. What does Ayman do with the photo?

◯ he deletes it ◯ he forwards it

3. What else is your hand today?

◯ your pen ◯ your thumb on your phone

4. What is gossip called in Arabic?

◯ sadaqa ◯ ghiba

5. What does Ayman send to Bram?

◯ a private message ◯ a smiley

6. Where does Bram sit the next day?

◯ alone ◯ next to Ayman

⭐ **Remember this:** Hurt no one with your tongue, your hand or your phone.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What are tongue and hand on social media?

2. What would you have done with Bram’s photo?

Puzzles

Lesson 8 · My tongue and my hands

🔤 Word search

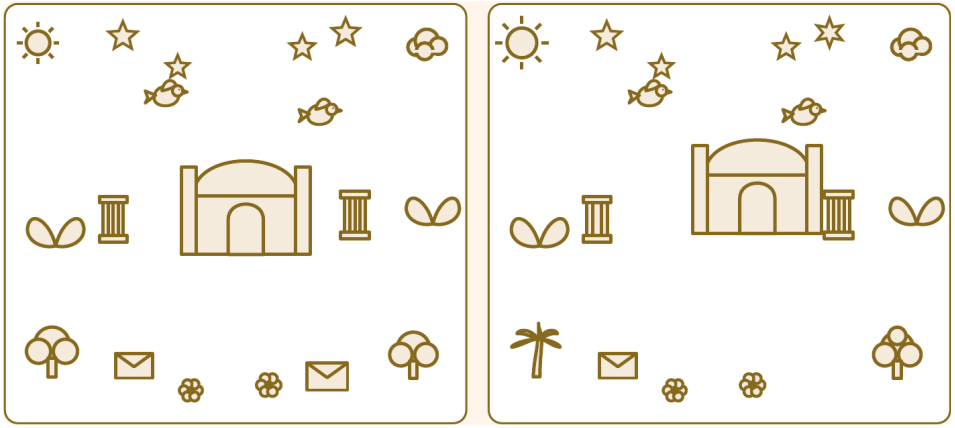
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☐ TONGUE ☐ DELETE ☐ GOSSIP ☐ PHONE ☐ PHOTO ☐ GHIBA ☐ AYMAN ☐ GROUP ☐ HAND ☐ BRAM

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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United

Lesson 9 · brothers and sisters in faith

📖 **The story: United**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Two little groups

In Yasmina’s mosque there are two groups of young people. One group comes from Moroccan families, the other from Turkish ones. They hardly talk to each other. One day the mosque organises an iftar for young people. Yasmina has to help arrange the tables. She deliberately mixes up the names.

⭐ **Together at one table: that is already a start.**

organise = arrange and prepare something · **arrange** = put in a good place

Part 2 – Brothers and sisters

Before the meal the imam speaks to the young people. “Allah says in the Quran: the believers are brothers. So make peace between your brothers.” He tells them that in Medina the Prophet paired the Muslims from Mecca and from Medina as brothers. They shared their homes and their food. “Whether your parents come from Turkey, from Morocco, from Syria or from Belgium: in the row for prayer we stand shoulder to shoulder.”

⭐ **The believers are brothers and sisters.**

pair = join two together · **shoulder to shoulder** = close next to each other

Part 3 – A new group

At the table Yasmina sits next to Elif. They laugh at the same things. Elif teaches her to say “afiyet olsun”, Yasmina teaches Elif “bssaha”. Both mean: enjoy your meal and good health. After the iftar they make a new group chat together: Young people of the mosque. Twenty names join. Turkish and Moroccan mixed together.

⭐ **Differences make us richer, not divided.**

divided = in little groups that are not together · **richer** = with more good things

💬 **Let’s talk:** How can you help bring groups in your class or your mosque closer together?

💡 **Did you know? – Unity**

- The Prophet said: the believers are like one body. When one part hurts, the whole body feels it.
- On hajj people from all countries stand together, in the same white clothes.
- In Medina the muhajirun (from Mecca) and the ansar (from Medina) became brothers.

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 49:10

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ

Innamaa l-mu’minuna ikhwatun fa-aslihu bayna akhawaykum.

“The believers are brothers. So make peace between your brothers.”

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United

Lesson 9 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. How many groups of young people are there?

◯ two ◯ five

2. What does the mosque organise?

◯ an iftar ◯ a football tournament

3. What does Yasmina do with the names?

◯ she throws them away ◯ she mixes them up

4. What does Allah say about the believers?

◯ they are brothers ◯ they are strangers

5. What does afiyet olsun mean?

◯ enjoy your meal ◯ good morning

6. How many names join the group chat?

◯ twenty ◯ two

⭐ **Remember this:** The believers are brothers and sisters: make peace.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. What differences are there in your class or mosque?

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2. How can differences make us richer?

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Puzzles

Lesson 9 · United

🔤 Word search

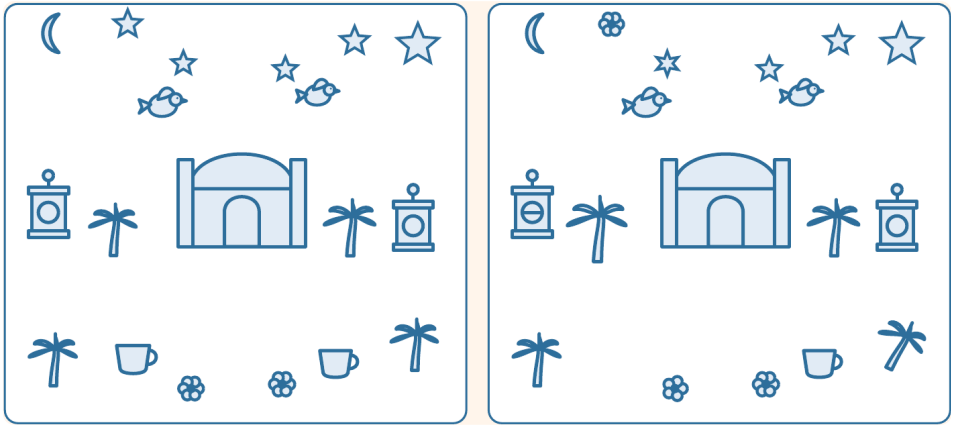
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☐ BROTHERS ☐ TOGETHER ☐ SISTERS ☐ YASMINA ☐ MEDINA ☐ UNITY ☐ PEACE ☐ IFTAR ☐ TABLE ☐ ELIF

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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No bullying

Lesson 10 · laugh at no one

📖 **The story: No bullying**
Read together, part by part.

Part 1 – Different

Tom is new in the class. He stutters. When he answers, some people laugh. Rida sniggers along too. At break Tom always stands alone by the fence. Rida notices it, but does nothing. It isn't his problem, is it?

⭐ **Laughing along is also joining in.**

stutter = find it hard to speak smoothly, repeat words · **snigger** = laugh quietly

Part 2 – Perhaps better

In Islam class Mr Driss reads out a verse: let no group laugh at another group, perhaps they are better than them. "Allah doesn't look at your appearance or how you speak," he says. "He looks at your heart and your deeds." He tells them about Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, a companion with very thin legs. People laughed about it. The Prophet said: those legs weigh more on the scale than the mountain of Uhud.

⭐ **Laugh at no one: perhaps he is better than you.**

appearance = how someone looks · **Uhud** = a big mountain near Medina

Part 3 – At the fence

At the next break Rida goes to the fence. "Do you want to play football?" Tom looks surprised. He nods. He turns out to be the best goalkeeper in the school. When someone laughs at his stutter again, Rida says: "Leave him. He just saved three balls." The laughing stops. Tom doesn't speak more smoothly, but he no longer stands alone.

⭐ **One person who stands up for another can change everything.**

stand up for someone = defend someone · **goalkeeper** = the player in goal

💬 **Let's talk:** What can you do when you see someone being bullied? Who can you ask for help?

💡 **Did you know? – Bullying**

- The Prophet said: it is evil enough for a person to look down on his Muslim brother.
- At school you can report bullying to a teacher, a pupil counsellor or the school's support service.
- If you are being bullied, you can also call or chat with a children's helpline (free and anonymous).

📖 **From the Quran**
Quran 49:11

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرْ قَوْمٌ مِّن قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ

Yaa ayyuha lladhina aamanu laa yaskhar qawmum min qawmin 'asaa an yakunu khayran minhum.

"You who believe: let no group laugh at another group. Perhaps they are better than them."

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No bullying

Lesson 10 · questions and writing

✔ Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Why do some people laugh at Tom?

- ◯ he stutters
- ◯ he is late

2. Where does Tom stand at break?

- ◯ by the fence
- ◯ in the classroom

3. What does Allah look at?

- ◯ your clothes
- ◯ your heart and your deeds

4. Who had thin legs?

- ◯ Abu Bakr
- ◯ Abdullah ibn Mas'ud

5. What does Tom turn out to be?

- ◯ a good goalkeeper
- ◯ a good singer

6. Who can you go to about bullying?

- ◯ a teacher or counsellor
- ◯ nobody

⭐ **Remember this:** Laugh at no one: Allah looks at your heart.

✍ Think and write

Answer in a few sentences.

1. Why is laughing along also joining in?

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2. What can you do for someone who stands alone?

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Puzzles

Lesson 10 · No bullying

🔤 Word search

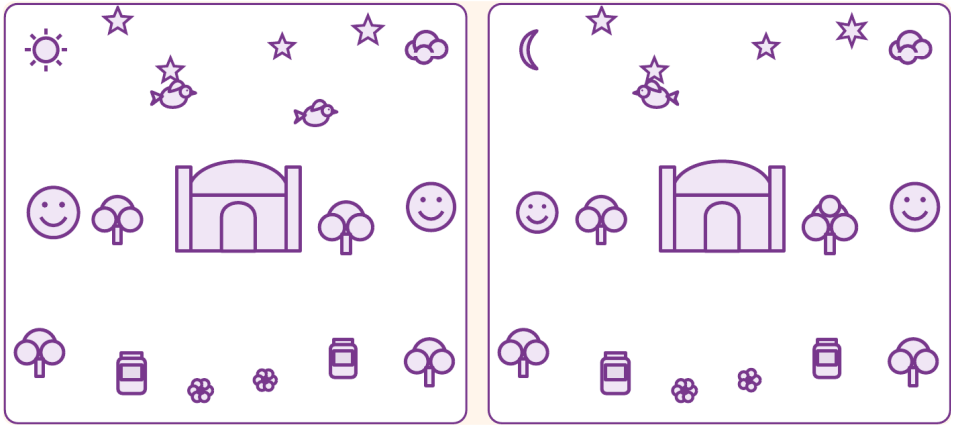
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☐ GOALKEEPER ☐ BULLYING ☐ RESPECT ☐ FENCE ☐ BREAK ☐ DRISS ☐ HEART ☐ RIDA ☐ UHUD ☐ TOM

🔍 Spot the 7 differences

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Word list

accursed = driven away from Allah’s mercy
answer = say something back
appearance = how someone looks
arrange = put in a good place
baraka = blessing from Allah
boss = the person in charge
character = how you are and how you treat others
copy = start doing the same
deal = something you decide together
delete = remove
divided = in little groups that are not together
formal = very serious and official
forward = send a message on to others
frame = the main part of a bike
gentle = kind and not harsh
goalkeeper = the player in goal
gossip = talk about someone behind his back
grin = smile broadly
guest = someone who comes to visit
habit = something you do automatically
heat pad = cushion that gets warm against pain
honour = treat with respect and care
irritated = a little angry
kindly = nicely and politely
merciful = full of love and care
money box = little pot to keep money in
move = go to live in another house
msemmen = Moroccan pancake
neighbour = someone who lives next to you
organise = arrange and prepare something
pair = join two together
permission = someone says it is allowed
playground = school yard for breaks
private message = message to one person
protection = being kept safe
proud = happy with what you did
repair = make good again
richer = with more good things
sadaqa = a gift for Allah, also a good deed
scratch = line or mark on something
serve = work for someone and help him
shot = throwing the ball
shoulder to shoulder = close next to each other
snap at = answer briefly and angrily
snigger = laugh quietly
spread = make it reach everywhere
stand up for someone = defend someone
stay silent = say nothing
struggle = have trouble, not manage well
stutter = find it hard to speak smoothly, repeat words
surprised = unexpectedly happy or amazed
swear = say ugly words to someone
talent = something you are naturally good at
tear = get a hole
tease = annoy someone a little for fun
test = small exam at school
trustworthy = someone you can count on
Uhud = a big mountain near Medina
unexpected = without you knowing
valuable = worth a lot