

Hinduism Knowledge Organiser	Key facts	Key words
Connecting with God	There are many different gods and goddesses that are worshipped for different reasons. However they are all different versions of the supreme god, Brahman.	Brahman – A supreme being that most Hindus believe is the source of everything
	The Trimurti are the three most important aspects God.	Trimurti – A term for the three main Hindu gods; Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu
		Brahma – One of the three main Hindu gods; the creator of the world
		Vishnu – One of the main three Hindu gods; the sustainer of the world
Shiva – One of the main three Hindu gods; the destroyer of the world		
Festivals	Diwali means different things to different people. It may be to honour the Supreme Deity, or to remember the events of the Ramayana and the story of Rama and Sita.	Diwali – The festival of lights, celebrated by nearly all Hindus
	Holi is a festival that celebrates equality. People throw coloured powder and remember the story of Vishnu saving Prahlad from the demon Holika.	Holi – The festival of colours, remembering the story of Prahlad and Holika
Worship	The Hindu place of worship is called the mandir. In the mandir, there is an inner sanctum that houses the shrines and murtis.	Worship – the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity
	Hindu worship is called puja, and it may be done at a shrine in the home or in the mandir.	Mandir – A Hindu term for temple
		Puja – The Hindu word for worship
Life after death	There is a continuous cycle of life and death known as reincarnation.	Karma – The forces that influence people's future reincarnation
	Depending on your actions you will have a good life or a bad life. This is due to your karma.	Reincarnated – When a soul is reborn by passing into a new body
	The journey of the soul through these reincarnations is called samsara.	Samsara – The continual process of death and reincarnation
	Hindus try to achieve a permanent release from samsara known as moksha.	Moksha – Escaping from samsara and never dying or becoming reincarnated again
Ways of living	Making a pilgrimage to one of Hinduism's many holy sites is believed to create good karma. Key pilgrimage sites include Varanasi on the river Ganges and the city of Puri.	Pilgrimage – A difficult journey, usually to a place of spiritual significance
	Kumbh Mela is a big festival that takes place every three years in India. Millions of Hindus make a pilgrimage to the festival to see the sadhus and to bathe in the river Ganges.	Kumbh Mela – site of the world's largest pilgrimage, <i>kumbh</i> means 'jar'; <i>mela</i> means 'fair or gathering'.
		Varanasi – the most famous site of pilgrimage in India
Ethics	Traditionally, marriage should be based on more than romantic love. Many Hindu marriages are arranged by parents.	Marriage – a legal union between a man and a woman (or in some countries, two people of the same sex) as partners in a relationship.
	Marriage partners are usually from the same caste and movement between castes are extremely difficult.	Caste System – a series of social classes that determine someone's job and status.