

Conditions Before Salah



Learning Objectives

In this lesson, I will:



List the conditions before salah

Describe the 'awrah in salah

Explain what to do if the 'awrah becomes exposed in salah



Key Words

Conditions - شُرُوط

Disliked - مَكْرُوه

'Awrah - عَوْرَة

T Thinking Starter

Imagine you are meeting a king. What would you do to prepare well for this meeting?



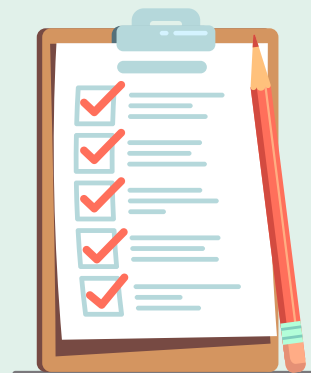
The Conditions Before Salah

You are only ready to start your salah when you can answer 'yes' to all these questions:

Condition: something that is necessary before carrying out an action.

- ☐ Are my body, clothes, and place of prayer all **clean and pure**?
- ☐ Is my **'awrah** covered?
- ☐ Am I facing the **qiblah**?
- ☐ Is it **time** for the salah I want to pray?
- ☐ Have I made the **intention** to pray salah?

Your salah will only be valid when all these conditions are met.



Children under 7 years old don't need to pray salah yet. Once you turn 7, you should start practising salah every day. By the time you're 10, you must pray all five salah every day.

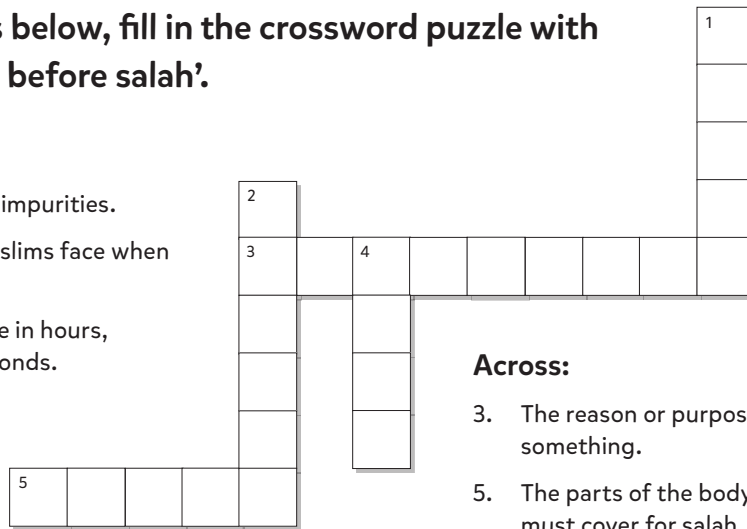


Task 1

Using the clues below, fill in the crossword puzzle with the 'conditions before salah'.

Down:

1. Free from dirt or impurities.
2. The direction Muslims face when praying salah.
4. What we measure in hours, minutes, and seconds.



Across:

3. The reason or purpose behind something.
5. The parts of the body we must cover for salah.



Task 2

Write down the condition that is indicated by each Quranic ayah:

Condition Before Salah	Quranic Ayah
	"O Children of Adam! Dress well whenever you are at prayer." (Surah al-A'raf:31)
	"So turn your face towards the Sacred Mosque in Makkah—wherever you are, turn your faces towards it." (Surah al-Baqarah:144)
	"...Indeed, performing prayers is a duty on the believers at the appointed times." (Surah an-Nisa:103)
	"And purify your garments." (Surah al-Muddaththir:4)



I am a servant of Allah.



Covering Your 'Awrah For Salah

'Awrah: parts of the body that must be covered.

Males

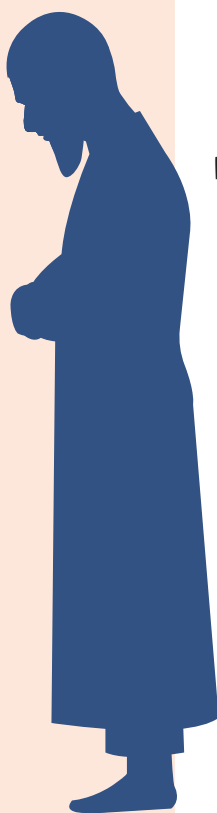
A man must cover from his **navel (belly button)** to his **knees**.



He should also cover the upper body, especially the shoulders and arms, as it's **disliked (makruh)** to leave these uncovered.



A man **must repeat** his salah if his private parts become uncovered.



Females

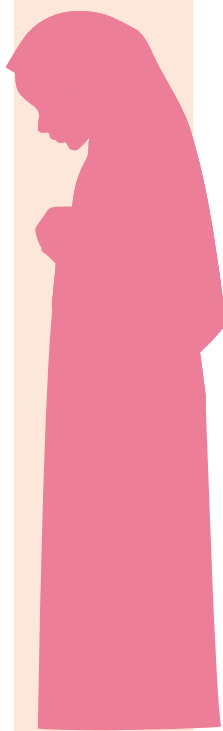
A woman **must** cover her **whole body** except her **face and hands**.



A woman **must repeat** her salah if her stomach to knee area becomes uncovered.



However, if any other part of her body becomes uncovered during salah, her salah is still valid as long as she had covered it properly before starting.



Makruh: something that is disliked but not haram.

When we pray salah, our clothes should not be see-through or tight.



When we stand in front of Allah, we should dress with modesty and respect, knowing that He sees us. Dressing well for salah shows that we honour the gift of salah.



How does dressing well show that we honour the gift of salah?

I love Allah and His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم





Task 3

Answer these children's questions:



My hijab slipped during salah but I fixed it straight away. Is my salah valid?



Can I pray salah in my t-shirt?

I Act On What I Learn

I will make sure all the conditions are met before I start my salah.



P Progress Check



1. What conditions have to be met before you start your salah?

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2. What is your 'awrah for salah?

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3. Why must these conditions be met before we start salah?

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