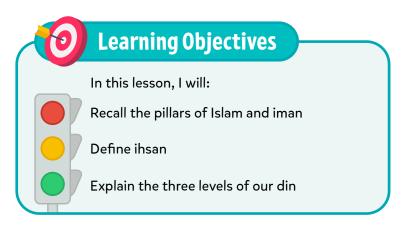
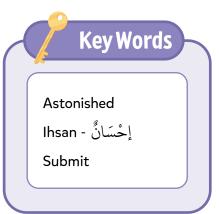
Lesson 1

Level 4

Know Your Din





Thinking Starter

If you were lucky enough to sit in the gathering of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, what would you ask him?



The Mysterious Man

One day, the Companions رضيالله عليه were sitting around Prophet Muhammad صلى Suddenly, a handsome man entered the gathering. His hair was jet black, and his clothes were pure white. Nobody knew who this man was. He wasn't from the people of Madinah and it was strange that he didn't look like a traveller either: there was no dust on his clothes or body.

But then, the man did something even more surprising. He went up to Prophet Muhammad ملى الله عليه وسلم and sat directly in front of him, so close that his knees touched the Prophet's knees. He then placed his hands on the Prophet's thighs and began to ask him questions.



The man asked:

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied:

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Muhammad! Tell me about Islam! Islam is that you testify that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and that you establish salah, give zakah, fast Ramadan, and perform hajj of (Allah's) House if you are able to.



The man then said, "You have spoken the truth." The Companions were astonished!

This man was asking the Prophet من الله عليه وسلا questions and then telling him 'Well done' after he answered.

The man asked:

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied:

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Tell me about iman.

That you believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His Messengers, the Last Day, and you believe in al-Qadar: its good and bad.



The man once again said, "You have spoken the truth."

The man asked:

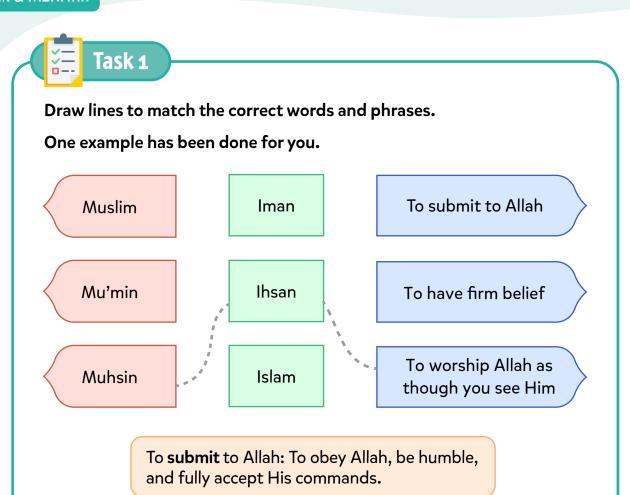
The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied:

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Tell me about ihsan.

That you worship Allah as if you see Him. If you cannot see Him, then indeed He sees you.





Who Was This Mysterious Man?

The man continued asking the Prophet هلى الله عليه وسلم about the Day of Judgement and its signs. Then, after finishing his questions, the man disappeared.

All of the Companions were intrigued by what had just happened. They wondered who this mysterious man could be. After a short while, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم turned to the great Companion 'Umar ibn al-Khattab مني الله عنه and asked, "'Umar, do you know who the questioner was?" 'Umar ضي الله عنه replied, "Allah and His Messenger know best."

"That was Jibril! He came to teach you your din!" declared the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم.



