

## Why is the Qur'an important to Muslims?

### Key words and phrases

<b>Qur'an</b>	The holy book of Islam. Believed by Muslims to be literally God's words.
<b>revelation (wahy)</b>	The Muslim belief that the words received by Muhammad were the words of God.
<b>infallible</b>	The Qur'an is believed to be never in error. It has no mistakes and is believed to be God's words.
<b>Muhammad</b>	The prophet Muhammad received revelations from God (Allah). These words from God were written down to become the Qur'an. Muhammad did not write the Qur'an.
<b>The Seal of the Prophets</b>	The belief that Muhammad was the last and final prophet (messenger from God).



The Qur'an is treated with great care and respect by Muslims.

Muslims wash their hands before reading from the Qur'an.

It is kept on a high shelf when not in use. It is often read on a stand and is not placed on the floor.

Many Muslims learn parts of the Qur'an by heart - some learn the whole of the Qur'an. People who have learned the whole Qur'an are called hafiz.

The Qur'an is written in Arabic.

