

RE Week 1

What Does it mean to be a Buddhist?

What are symbols?

What are they used for?



Which symbols are most important?

Why?



Which of these symbols is the odd one out?

Why?

Discuss your answer.

What do you already know about these symbols?



These are Buddhist symbols and they all have different meanings within that religion. Here is a list of what they are and what they symbolise:

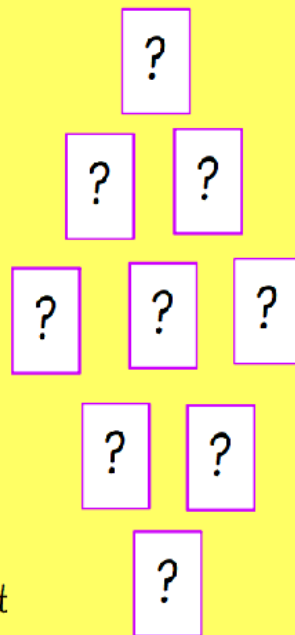
1. Victory banner - victory of Buddha's teaching and wisdom over ignorance.
2. Buddha - a prophet.
3. Parasol - royalty and power
4. Conch shell - the fame of Buddha's teachings.

5. Wheel - the teachings of Buddha.
6. Endless knot - the never ending wisdom of Buddha
7. Treasure vase - spiritual and material abundance
8. Golden fishes - good fortune, fertility and salvation
9. Lotus flower - mental and spiritual purity

Which symbol do you think is the most important?  
Why?

You could print off the symbols from the website, cut them out and create a diamond of 9 to show the order of importance.

most important



least important

★ Can you justify your answers?

### Extra task

Using either origami paper, tissue paper or newspaper (it needs to be thin paper to work properly) follow the instructions in the video to make an origami lotus. Once you have made your lotus, you can write a prayer on a small piece of paper, fold it up and keep it inside your lotus.

Good luck!

