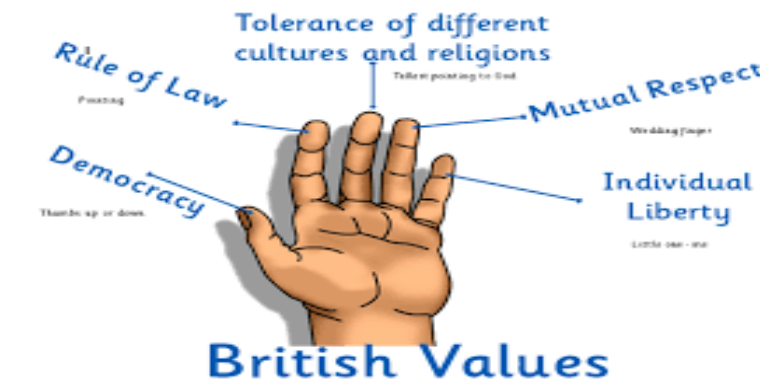




## Task: Tolerance of different cultures and religions



We are going to be learning about  
British values

- **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

In Britain we accept that other people might have different beliefs than ours and they may believe in different religions.



Take some thinking time to read through the tables below. What conclusions can you draw from your analysis of both these census reports...

**Religion in the UK today**

2001 census report			2011 census report		
Religion	Number	%	Religion	Number	%
Christianity	40,633,031	65.1	Christianity	36,093,374	58.8
Islam	1,589,183	0.8	Islam	2,782,803	4.5
Hinduism	557,985	0.1	Hinduism	833,012	1.4
Sikhism	335,930	0.1	Sikhism	432,213	0.7
Judaism	266,375	0.1	Judaism	269,233	0.4
Buddhism	151,283	0.1	Buddhism	260,538	0.4
Other religion	177,694	0.5	Other religion	255,726	0.4
<i>Total non-Christian religion</i>	<i>3,078,450</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>Total non-Christian religion</i>	<i>4,833,525</i>	<i>7.9</i>
No religion	9,103,727	27.6	No religion	16,038,345	26.1
Religion not stated	4,288,719	5.5	Religion not stated	4,406,071	7.2
<i>No religion and Religion not stated</i>	<i>13,392,446</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>No religion and Religion not stated</i>	<i>20,444,416</i>	<i>33.3</i>
Total population	57,103,927	100.0	Total population	61,371,315	100.0

**Religious identity**

The most recent census of the UK population in 2011 asked people to indicate their religion and 95% of people completed this information on the census form. The results showed that the dominant faith in the UK is Christianity with 58.8% of people saying they were Christians. But, only 6% attend church services regularly.

Religious identity is not about practising religion. They celebrate Christmas or Easter in a commercial way, buy presents, take time off work or school but do not always celebrate with prayers and religious services.



### The Golden Rule

Each faith has teachings about the importance of dealing rightly with other people. This principle – to treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves – is sometimes called the “Golden Rule”.

### Bahá'í faith



Lay not on any soul a load which ye would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for any one the things ye would not desire for yourselves.

This is My best counsel unto you, did ye but observe it.

Baha'u'llah, Gleanings, 128

### Buddhism



Just as a mother would protect her only child with her life, even so let one cultivate a boundless love towards all beings.

Khuddaka Patha, from the Metta Sutta

### Christianity



Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6:31

# Shared Values

### Islam



No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.

An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith, 13

### Jainism



I forgive all beings, may all beings forgive me, I have friendship towards all, malice towards none

Pratikraman Sutra 35:49

### Judaism



What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man.

Talmud: Shabbat 31a

### Sikhism



No one is my enemy, and no one is a stranger. I get along with everyone.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib p.1299

Use the internet and have a discussion with your friends and family to support you to answer the following questions.

## Task 1 - Religion in your country

- What is the main religion practised by people in your country?

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- What other religious groups exist?

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- Do many people attend church services or other types of service?

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- Is there a difference between generations?

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- Are older people more or less religious?

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## Task 2 - Your beliefs

- Which of the following would you use to describe yourself?

A religious person

A fairly religious person

Not interested in religion at all

Other...



- Do you receive any religious education at school or outside school?

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- What types of religious activity are you involved in?

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- Do you study any religious texts?

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- Do you know anything about world religions?

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- Do you believe in any of the following ideas?

Life after death

Reincarnation

Spirits or ghosts

God or some greater power



- Do you have the same religious beliefs as your family and your ancestors?

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- Is there something that you really believe in?

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- Do you have any political beliefs?

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- Who influenced the development of your beliefs?

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