

## Crossword — "I am a Muslim"

Read this personal story of Mohammed Masroni and his religious beliefs. Then find answers to the clues in the crossword puzzle on the next page.

*"My name is Mohammed Masroni and my religion is Islam. The word Islam means "peace and security through surrender to God."*

*My home is in the city of Solo in east Java. My job is to carry paraffin oil for my employer's company to various shops. The oil is used as a fuel for cooking and heating in Indonesian homes.*

*As a Muslim there are six beliefs which are central to my religion. They are:*

Belief in God, the Almighty

Belief in angels of God

Belief in Prophets of God

Belief in the Holy Books: the Tautat (including the first five books of the Old Testament, the Book of Psalms and the Holy Koran).

Belief in the day of judgment and a new life after death

Belief that all that happens, good or bad, has been decided by God.

*There are five duties that I must fulfill as a Muslim:*

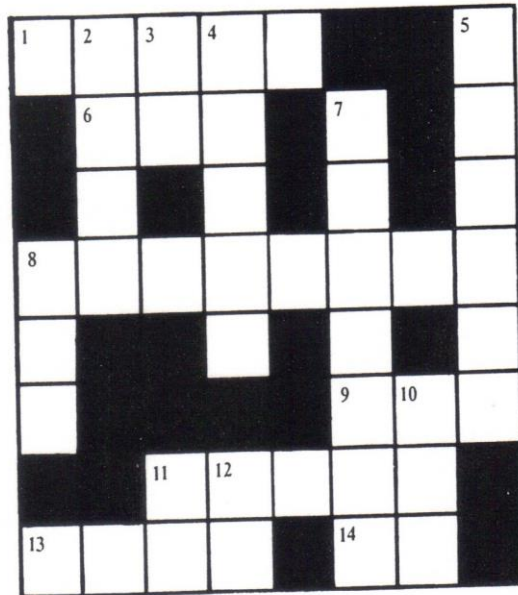
- 1. Constantly to repeat the Creed: "There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet."*
- 2. Pray 3-5 times a day, first at sunrise, then at midday, mid-afternoon, -sunset and at night usually before going to bed.  
Before I pray washing is essential for purifying my body, so I use a shallow pool in front of the mosque to wash in. I use a small prayer mat, placing it on the ground facing toward Mecca.*
- 3. Giving to the poor or deserving.*
- 4. Fasting during the month of Ramadan*
- 5. Making a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in my life time to pay homage to the birthplace of Mohammed.*

*I have the holy-book for Islam, the Koran, which I usually read each evening. This book provides guidance for achieving real happiness in my life and eternal life after death.*

*We Muslims do not eat pork because it is unclean. We do not eat blood or the meat of any animal which has died through disease or other natural causes, except fish and grasshoppers. We do not drink any alcohol and insist that all meat to be used for food is slaughtered according to the laws of Islam."*

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### ACROSS

1. What is Mohammed Masroni's religion?
6. What is the product he carries for his employer to shopkeepers?
8. Who does he believe is the Prophet of God?
9. As a believer in Islam, he is expected to pray five times a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. What is the name of the holy book he reads each day?
13. What meat does he believe is unclean and so should not be eaten?
14. Muslims take pride in speaking eloque~~nt~~ of the Prophet Mohammed especially when they celebrate his birth each year in mosques throughout Indonesia.

### DOWN

2. What is the name of the town in East Java where Mohammed Masroni lives?
3. One of the five beliefs of the Muslims is that each individual should make a pi~~gr~~mage to Mecca once in their life if they can afford it.
4. What name do Muslims call God?
5. What is the second time of the day when Muslims pray?
7. What is the name of the month when all Muslims go on a fast, not taking food between sunrise and sunset?
8. Muslims often carry with them a prayer \_\_\_\_\_ for use when they worship.
10. Mohammed Masroni is firm that he will not drink \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol.
11. The most important book for Mohammed is the ~~o~~an, which he frequently consults because it contains all the teachings of Islam.
12. All right