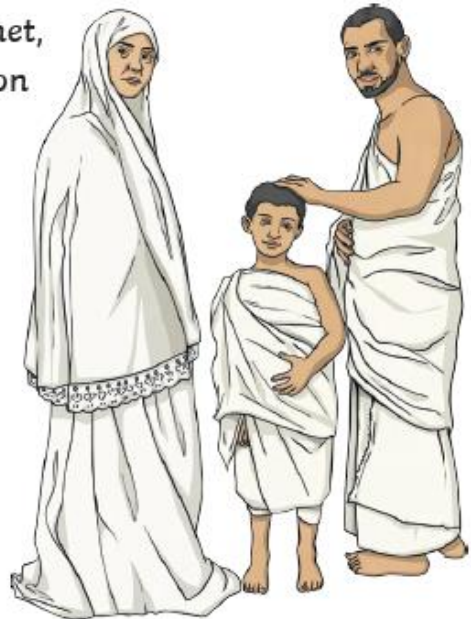


Hasim's First Hajj

11 This weekend, I will begin one of the most special and
21 sacred journeys of my life. I have waited many years
35 to be able to do this and I have saved all of my money
45 towards my first Hajj pilgrimage. I have packed my clean
56 white clothes, called Ihram, and I cannot wait to see all
64 of the holy places on my Hajj journey.

76 Hajj is one of the five most important parts of my religion:
87 Islam. At least once in a lifetime, any Muslim who is
98 healthy and can afford it must travel to Mecca to stand
107 together with other Muslims to praise Allah. Mecca is
114 special to us because it is the
118 place where our prophet,
122 Muhammad (peace be upon
125 him), was born.



Quick Questions



1. Which two words does Hasim use to describe his Hajj journey?



2. Who was born in Mecca?



3. Why might someone not be able to do Hajj once in their lifetime?



4. Sum up this text in 20 words or less.

