

Vocabulary in alphabetical order (Islam)

<i>English</i>	<i>German</i>	<i>English explanation</i>
abattoir	Schlachthaus	slaughterhouse, a place where animals are killed for their meat
(to) abstain from	sich enthalten von	to not do or have something you enjoy, especially alcohol or sex, usually for reasons of religion or health
altar	Altar	a holy table or surface used in religious ceremonies
Angel Jibril	Engel Gabriel / Erzengel ...	Gabriel, the angel who communicated the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad
(to) appeal to sb.	sich an jemd. wenden, jemd. ansprechen	to make a serious public request for help, money, information etc.
BCE	v. Chr., vor unserer Zeit	Before the Common Era instead of BC which is used after a date to show that it is before the birth of Christ
beneath	unter, darunter, unterhalb	in or to a lower position than something, or directly under something
(to) beware (of)	sich hüten, sich in Acht nehmen, vermeiden	used to warn someone to be careful because something is dangerous
billion	Milliarde	the number 1,000,000,000
(to) bow down	sich niederbeugen	to bend your body forward, especially when you are already kneeling, in order to show respect
burqa, burka	Burka , der alles verhüllende Schleier – z. B. Frauen in Afghanistan	a long piece of clothing worn by Muslim women in some countries, which covers the head, face, and body, with only a small square to see through
caliph	Kalif	a Muslim ruler, especially in the past
calligraphy	Kalligrafie, Schönschrift	the art of producing beautiful writing using special pens or brushes, or the writing produced this way
(to) capture	fangen, ergreifen, verhaften, gefangen nehmen	to catch a person and keep them as a prisoner
cave	Höhle	a large natural hole in the side of a cliff or hill, or under the ground
CE (570 CE)	n. Chr., nach Christus, unserer Zeitrechnung	CE = Common Era = used after a date to show it was after the birth of Christ instead of AD = Anno Domini
(to) celebrate	feiern	to show that an event or occasion is important by doing something special or enjoyable
(to) cheat sb.	hintergehen, betrügen, täuschen, übervorteilen	behave in a dishonest way in order to win or to get an advantage, esp. in a competition, game, or examination; to trick or deceive someone so that they do not get

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		or keep something they have a right to have
climax	Höhepunkt	the most exciting or important part of a story or experience, which usually comes near the end
clot	Klumpen	a thick almost solid mass formed when blood, milk or mud dries
cloth, a piece of cloth	Stoff, Tuch, ein Stück Stoff	material used for making things such as clothes
compulsory	verpflichtend	
(to) conceal	verbergen, verdecken, verschleiern, verborgen halten	to hide something carefully
congregation	Gemeinde, Versammlung, Kongregation, Zusammenkunft	a group of people gathered together in a church, the people who usually go to a particular church
(to) cover	bedecken, überziehen, umfassen	to put something over or be over something in order to hide, close, or protect it
creation	Schöpfung, Erschaffung, Bildung, Herstellung	the act of creating something, the act by God, according to the Bible, of making the universe, including the world and everything in it
crescent moon	Sichelmond, Mondsichel, Halbmond	crescent is a curved shape that is wider in the middle and pointed at the ends; the curved shape that is used as a sign of the Muslim religion
cube	Würfel	a solid object with six equal square sides
custom	Brauch, Sitte	something that is done by people in a particular society because it is traditional
date	Dattel	a sweet sticky brown fruit with a long hard seed inside
dawn	Morgendämmerung	the time at the beginning of the day when light first appears; synonym daybreak; see also dusk
Day of Judgement, Judgement Day	der Jüngste Tag, Jüngstes Gericht	the last day of the world when all people will be judged by God for what they have done, according to Christianity and some other religions
deed	Handlung, Tat	something someone does, especially something that is very good or very bad
(to) deliver	liefern, beliefern, ausliefern	to take goods, letters, packages etc to a particular place or person
(to) deny	ablehnen, verweigern, leugnen	to refuse to allow someone to have or do something, to say that something is not true, or that you do not believe something
Dhul-Hijjah	der 12. Monat des islamischen Kalenders, Monat, in dem die Pilgerreise durchgeführt wird	the 12 th month of the Islamic calendar

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dispute	Disput, Auseinandersetzung	a serious argument or disagreement
(to) distribute	verteilen	to share things among a group of people, especially in a planned way
distribution	Verbreitung	the way in which something exists in different amounts in different parts of an area or group
dome	Kuppel, Kuppelgewölbe	a round roof on a building; a shape or building like a ball cut in half
domination	Herrschaft	(to) dominate = to control someone or something
dusk	Abenddämmerung	the time before it gets dark when the sky is becoming less bright
duty, plural: duties, religious duty	Pflicht, religiöse Pflicht	something that you have to do because it is morally or legally right, a religious obligation
edge	Rand, Kante, Saum, Ecke	the part of an object that is furthest from its centre
eleveses	2. Frühstück	a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit, that you have in the middle of the morning
(to) fail	versagen, fehlen, nicht bestehen, scheitern, fehlschlagen, misslingen, durchfallen (exams)	to not succeed in achieving something
faith	Glaube	belief and trust in God, a strong feeling of trust or confidence in someone or something
faithful	gläubig, treu	remaining loyal to a particular person, belief, political party etc and continuing to support them
fasting	das Fasten	to fast is to eat little or no food for a period of time, especially for religious reasons
father-in-law	Schwiegervater	the father of your husband or wife
fictitious	fiktiv	not true, or not real
final	letzte, endgültige	if a decision, offer, answer etc is final, it cannot or will not be changed, last in a series of actions, events ...
firmly	fest	not completely hard, but not soft
five-pointed star	fünfeckiger Stern	pointed = having a point at the end; point = a sharp end of something
(to) flee, fled, fled	fliehen	to leave somewhere very quickly, in order to escape from danger
follower	Anhänger, Unterstützer, Gefolgsmann	someone who believes in a particular system of ideas, or who supports a leader who teaches these ideas
foreigner	Ausländer, Fremdstämmiger	someone who comes from a different country, place
foster mother	Pflegemutter, Ziehmutter, Amme	the woman who fosters a child, to take someone else's child into

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		your family for a period of time but without becoming their legal parent
(to) found sth.	etw. gründen	to start something such as an organization, company, school, or city, often by providing the necessary money
founder	Gründer, Begründer	someone who establishes a business, organization, school or even a religion etc
frightened, to be frightened	verängstigt, Angst haben, sich fürchten	feeling afraid, synonym scared
fundamentalism	Fundamentalismus	A fundamentalist is someone who follows religious laws very strictly.
(to) go astray	vom rechten Weg abkommen, auf Abwege geraten, fehlgehen	to do bad or illegal or morally wrong, immoral things
government	Regierung	the group of people who govern a country or state
grab	greifen, packen, anfassen	to take hold of someone or something with a sudden or violent movement
gracious	gütig, gnädig, barmherzig	behaving in a polite, kind, and generous way
Hadith	Hadith – Teil der heiligen Schriften im Islam, Hadith und Sirah bilden zusammen die Sunna	record of the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad
hafiz	Titel für jemanden, der den Koran auswendig aufsagen kann	a title for a Muslim who has memorised the Qur'an
hajj	Hadsch , die Pilgerfahrt nach Mekka, 5. Säule des Islam	the 5 th pillar of Islam, the pilgrimage to Makkah / Mecca at least once in a Muslim's lifetime
halal	halal – erlaubt – bes. Speisen, Getränke	permitted, often referring to food or drink, halal meat is meat from an animal that has been killed in a way that is approved by Muslim law
haram	verboten – bes. in Bezug auf Speisen und Getränke	forbidden, often referring to food and drink
herd	Herde	a group of animals of one kind that live and feed together
(to) hide	verstecken	to cover something so that it cannot be seen clearly, to deliberately put or keep something or someone in a place where they cannot easily be seen or found
hijab [hr'dʒɑ:b]	Kopftuch, Schleier, das von muslimischen Frauen getragen wird	the traditional covering for the hair and neck that is worn by Muslim women
Hijra / hijra (migration) [ˈhɪdʒrɑ]	Hedschra , Flucht von Mekka nach Medina, Flucht Mohammeds und seiner Anhänger von Mekka nach Medina, 622 – ist auch der Beginn der islamischen Zeitrechnung	The flight of the Prophet Muhammad and his companions from Makkah / Mecca to Madinah – 622 – it's also the beginning of the Islamic calendar
honesty	Ehrlichkeit, Ehrbarkeit, Anständigkeit, Aufrichtigkeit	the quality of being honest

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honour	Ehre	the respect that you, your family, your country etc receive from other people, which makes you feel proud
(to) hug sb.	jemd. umarmen	to put your arms around someone and hold them tightly to show love or friendship
Ibrahim	Abraham	Abraham, an early prophet of Islam
Id-ul-Adha / Eid-al-Adha [i:d ul 'a:də]	Das große Fest, Opferfest am Ende der Hajj	the festival of sacrifice at the end of the hajj
Id-ul-Fitr [i:d ul 'fitrə], also Eid ...	Fest des Fastenbrechens am Ende des Fastenmonats Ramadan	the festival at the end of Ramadan
ihram	die (saubere, reine, weiße) Kleidung für die Pilger, auch der Zustand der Reinheit und des Bereitseins für die Durchführung der Pilgerfahrt	pilgrim clothes and the state of purity and readiness for the hajj
Islamic	islamisch	adjective referring to Islam
jammah	regionale, locale muslimische Gemeinde	congregation or the local Muslim community
Jibril	Gabriel, der Erzengel, der nach muslimischen Glauben, Mohammed den Koran offenbart hat	Gabriel, the angel who communicated the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad
(to) judge	entscheiden, beurteilen, richten, urteilen, einschätzen	to form or give an opinion about someone or something after thinking carefully about all the information you know about them, decide
Ka'aba	Kaaba – das Heiligtum in Mekka	small stone building in the court of the Great Mosque at Mecca that contains a sacred black stone and is the goal of Islamic pilgrimage and the point toward which Muslims turn in praying
keen, be keen on sth., keen to do sth.	begeistert, eifrig	to like someone or something, wanting to do something or wanting something to happen very much
Khadijah	Chadidscha	Muhammad's wife
law	Gesetz	the whole system of rules that people in a particular country or area must obey
Laylat ul-Qadr, Night of Power	27. Nacht des Ramadans (Fastenmonats), die "Nacht der Bestimmung", Nacht als der Koran offenbart wurde	it's the night, when Muhammad received the first revelation of the Qur'an
Madinah / Medina	Medina	the city in Saudi Arabia where the first mosque was built, the second most important city in Islam, the tomb of Muhammad is in M.
Makkah, Mecca	Mekka	the city in Saudi Arabia, it's Muhammad's birthplace, the most important city in Islam, the Ka'aba is in the centre of the Grand

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		Mosque in Makkah
Makkan	Bewohner von Mekka	people from Makkah
(to) marry, be married	heiraten, verheiratet sein	if you marry someone, you become their husband or wife
masjid	arab. Moschee	Arabic word for mosque
merchandise	Handelsware, Handelsgüter	goods that are being sold
merciful	barmherzig, gnädig	being kind to people and forgiving them rather than punishing them or being cruel
messenger	Bote	someone whose job is to deliver messages or documents, or someone who takes a message to someone else
mihrab	Mihrab, die Nische in einer Moschee, die die Gebetsrichtung Mekka anzeigt	niche, alcove or plaque on a mosque wall showing the direction for prayer (the Ka'aba in Makkah)
militant	militant, kämpferisch, kämpfend	a militant organization or person is willing to use strong or violent action in order to achieve political or social change
Mina	Mina – Stadt, in der die Pilger auf der Pilgerfahrt den Teufel steinigen	the town in which the pilgrims stone the devil (the 3 pillars)
Minaret [ˌmɪnə'ret]	Minarett , Turm an Moscheen, von denen aus die Muslime vom Muezzin zum Gebet gerufen werden	a tall thin tower on a mosque, from which Muslims are called to prayer
modestly	bescheiden, züchtig (bekleidet)	modest clothing covers the body in a way that does not attract sexual interest
mosque [BE mɒsk / AE məːsk]	Moschee	a building used for public worship by Muslims
Muezzin [mu:'ezɪn; mju:'ezɪn]	Muezzin	a man who calls Muslims to prayer from a mosque
Night Journey	Mohammeds Himmelfahrt und nächtliche Reise nach Jerusalem	Muslims believe that Muhammad made a miraculous journey by night to Jerusalem in 620. He rode on a horse-like creature, was taken through the seven heavens, where he spoke to earlier prophets and finally reached the throne of Allah and experienced Allah's presence. On this journey Muhammad was told that people should pray 5 times each day.
noon	Mittag	12 o'clock in the daytime
obedience to	Gehorsam, Folgsamkeit, Gefügigkeit gegenüber	when someone does what they are told to do, or what a law, rule etc says they must do
oneness	Einzigartigkeit	the quality or state or fact of being one
(to) oppress	unterdrücken, knechten, tyrannieren	to treat a group of people unfairly

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	nisieren	or cruelly, and prevent them from having the same rights that other people in society have
Peace be upon you.	Friede sei mit dir.	Islamic greeting
peace treaty	Friedensvertrag, Friedensabkommen	a formal written agreement between two or more countries or governments agreeing on peace
pebble	Kieselstein	a small smooth stone found especially on a beach or on the bottom of a river
(to) persecute, persecuted	verfolgen, verfolgt	to treat someone cruelly or unfairly over a period of time, especially because of their religious or political beliefs
(to) persuade	überzeugen, überreden	to make someone decide to do something, especially by giving them reasons why they should do it, or asking them many times to do it
pilgrimage	Pilgerfahrt, Pilgerreise	a journey to a holy place for religious reasons
pillar	Säule	a tall upright round post used as a support for a roof or bridge, a tall upright round post, usually made of stone, put up to remind people of an important person or event; a very important part of a system of beliefs or ideas
pledge	Gelöbnis, Ehrenwort, Zusage	a serious promise or agreement, especially one made publicly or officially
(the) poor and needy	die Armen und Notleidenden	people having very little money and not many possessions, the needy are people having very little food or money
poor due	Armenabgabe	dues are regular payments you make to an organization of which you are a member
praise, Praise be to Allah.	Lob, Gelobt sei Allah.	
(to) pray	beten	to speak to God in order to ask for help or give thanks
prayer mat / prayer rug	Gebetsteppich	a small cloth on which Muslims kneel when praying
(to) preach	predigen	to talk about a religious subject in a public place, especially in a church during a service
(to) prohibit	verbieten, untersagen, verhindern, unterbinden	to say that an action is illegal or not allowed
prohibition	Verbot, Untersagung ...	the act of saying that something is illegal
prophet	Prophet	a man who people in the Christian, Jewish, or Muslim religion believe has been sent by God to lead them and teach them their religion
(to) propose to sb.	jemd. einen Heiratsantrag ma-	to ask someone to marry you, es-

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	chen	pecially in a formal way
prose	Prosa	written language in its usual form, as opposed to poetry
purification, (to) purify	Reinigung, Läuterung, Reinheit	to purify is to make someone pure by removing evil from their soul or to remove dirty or harmful substances from something
qibla, qiblah [ˈkɪblə]	Qibla, die Gebetsrichtung – gen Mekka (in Richtung des Heiligtums der Kabah)	direction of the Ka'aba
(to) quarrel	straiten, zanken, sich auseinandersetzen	to have an argument
Qur'an / Koran [kəˈrɑːn]	Koran , heilige Schrift der Muslime	the holy book for Muslims
rahle	Rahle , Leseständer für den Koran	low reading desk, Qur'an holder
rak'ah	die Gebetsbewegungen	prayer movements
Ramadan [ˈræmədæn; ˌræməˈdæn]	Fastenmonat Ramadan	the ninth month of the Muslim year, during which Muslims do not eat or drink anything during the day while it is light
reading	Lesung	an occasion when a piece of literature is read to a group of people, the act of reading, when you read something
(to) recite	rezitieren, auswendig aufsagen, vortragen	to say a poem, piece of literature etc that you have learned, for people to listen to
reciting	Vortrag, Rezitation, Lesung	
(to) recognise	anerkennen; eingestehen, dass; erkennen	to officially accept that an organization, government, document etc has legal or official authority
relatives	Verwandte	a member of your family
(to) remind sb. of sth.	jmd. an etwas erinnern	to make someone remember someone they know or something that happened in the past
representation, figurative r.	hier: Darstellung; bildliche Darstellung	a painting, sign, description etc that shows something
(to) respond	erwidern, antworten auf, reagieren auf	to do something as a reaction to something that has been said or done, to say or write something as a reply
(to) reveal sth.	offenbaren, enthüllen	to make known something that was previously secret or unknown, to show something that was previously hidden
revelation	Offenbarung	an event, experience etc that is considered to be a message from God
righteousness	Rechtschaffenheit, Gerechtigkeit	the state of being morally good and fair
(to) sacrifice	opfern, aufopfern	to kill an animal or person and offer them to a god in a religious ceremony
sajjadah	Sajjadah , Gebetsteppich,	prayer mat / prayer rug

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	Gebetsmatte	
salah / salat	Salah, Salat , Gebet, 2. Säule des Islam	2 nd pillar of Islam, prayer 5 times a day
sawm / saum [səʊm]	Sawn, Saum , das Fasten im Fastenmonat Ramadan, 4. Säule des Islam	4 th pillar of Islam, the fast / fasting in the month of Ramadan
scripture, holy scripture	Schrift, Heilige Schrift	scriptures: the holy books of a particular religion
sermon	Predigt	a talk given as part of a Christian church service or of any other religion's service, usually on a religious or moral subject
sermon, farewell sermon	Predigt, Abschiedspredigt	
servant	Diener	one that performs duties about the person or home of a master or personal employer
shahada	Shahada , Glaubensbekenntnis, 1. Säule des Islam	1 st pillar of Islam, statement of belief, declaration of faith
(to) sign	unterschreiben, unterzeichnen	to make a document, agreement etc official and legal by writing your signature on it
Sirah	Teil der heiligen Schriften, Sirah und Hadith bilden zusammen die Sunna	biography of Muhammad
sjadah	Name für den Gebetsteppich	prayer mat
social gathering	gesellschaftliches Beisammensein	gathering is a meeting of a group of people
statement of belief	Glaubensbekenntnis	belief is the feeling that something is definitely true or definitely exists
steadfastness, steadfast (adj.)	Standhaftigkeit, unerschütterlich, treu	faithful and very loyal
stray	abweichen, umherirren, verlaufen	to move away from the place you should be
submission to	Unterwerfung unter	the state of being completely controlled by a person or group, and accepting that you have to obey them
(to) succeed sb.	nachfolgen, folgen, jmds. Nachfolge antreten; auch: Erfolg haben	to be the next person to take a position or job after someone else
Sunnah	Sunna , Bezeichnung für die heiligen Schriften neben dem Koran – Hadith und Sirah bilden zusammen die Sunna	Hadith and Sirah together
sunrise, at ...	Sonnenaufgang	the time when the sun first appears in the morning, also day-break
sunset, at ...	Sonnenuntergang	the time of day when the sun disappears and night begins
sura, surah, pl. suras [ˈsʊərə]	Sure , Pl. Suren	chapter in the Qur'an
(to) threaten, threatened	drohen; bedroht	to say that you will cause someone harm or trouble if they do not do what you want
(to) trade in	handeln mit (Waren)	to buy and sell goods, services

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		etc as your job or business
tribe	Stamm, Volk, Sippe	
trustworthy	zuverlässig, vertrauenswürdig, glaubwürdig	someone who is trustworthy can be trusted and depended on
truthfulness, truthful	Aufrichtigkeit, Ehrlichkeit, Wahrhaftigkeit	someone who is truthful does not usually tell lies
two-tiered	Zweistufig	
ummah	Ummah , die weltweite muslimische Gemeinde	the world-wide Muslim community
umra	Umra , die kleine Pilgerfahrt, 7maliges Umrunden der Kaaba und das 7malige Hin- und Herlaufen zwischen den Hügeln von Safa und Marwah	
(to) value	etw. wertschätzen	to think that someone or something is important
veil [veɪl]	Schleier	a thin piece of material that women wear to cover their faces at formal occasions or for religious reasons
violence	Gewalt	behaviour that is intended to hurt other people physically, extreme force
violently	gewaltsam	using violence
visualisation	Sichtbarmachung, Veranschaulichung, Visualisierung	to form a picture of someone or something in your mind
voluntary	freiwillig	done willingly and without being forced
welfare contribution	Wohlfahrtsbeitrag, Sozialabgabe	welfare: help that is provided for people who have personal or social problems contribution: an amount of money that you give in order to help pay for something
widow	Witwe	a woman whose husband has died and who has not married again
wisdom	Weisheit, Klugheit	knowledge gained over a long period of time through learning or experience, good sense and judgment, based especially on your experience of life
witness of belief	Bekenntnis, Glaubensbekenntnis	a public statement of strong belief
(to) worship	anbeten, verehren	to show respect and love for a god, especially by praying in a religious building
wudhu / wudu	Name für die rituelle Waschung vor dem Gebet	ritual washing before prayer and before reading in the Qur'an
zakah / zakat	Zakah / Zakat , Almosengabe, Armenabgabe, 3. Säule des Islam	3 rd pillar of Islam, the poor due once a year, 2.5 %, welfare contribution