Grade 9 Islamic Religious Education

CBC NOTES | Terms 1, 2 and 3 - notes for 20 topics

IN EVERY TOPIC

- What you will learn, the key words and key terms explained.
- Clear notes under headings and subheadings, with labelled pictures and step-by-step procedures.
- Comparison tables, and advantages and disadvantages where methods are compared.
- Key points to remember, then multiple-choice and structured questions.
- All the answers and a glossary at the back.

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1.1 Ulum al-Qur'an: Miraculous Nature, Language and Styles of the Qur'an

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

By the end of this topic you should be able to:

- describe the miraculous nature of the Qur'an to strengthen iman
- explain the language of the Qur'an for better understanding
- identify different styles of the Qur'an for better understanding

KEY WORDS

Ulum al-Qur'an, mu'jizah (miracle), i'jaz, Arabic, style, parable, oath, revelation.

Muslims believe the Qur'an is the word of Allah and the greatest miracle (mu'jizah) given to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Unlike earlier miracles, which only those present could see, the Qur'an remains for every generation. In this topic we describe the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, its language and its different styles.

1. Ulum al-Qur'an and the Qur'an as a miracle

> **Ulum al-Qur'an**
> The sciences of the Qur'an: the study of its revelation, compilation, language, styles and interpretation.

Muslims believe the Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through Angel Jibril over about 23 years, and that it is his greatest miracle.

2. Aspects of the miraculous nature of the Qur'an

The Qur'an as a miracle

Eloquence	The challenge	Preservation
Unmatched language and style	Produce even one chapter like it	Unchanged and widely memorised

Consistency	Past nations	Guidance
No contradictions	Accounts of earlier peoples	For every part of life

Aspects Muslims point to

The Prophet (PBUH) was unlettered (ummi), which Muslims see as further evidence that the Qur'an came from Allah. Reflecting on these aspects strengthens iman (faith).

3. The language of the Qur'an

- Revealed in clear Arabic, the language of the Prophet (PBUH) and his people, who were masters of poetry and speech.
- Rich vocabulary and words with layered meanings.
- Rhythm and rhyme that make memorisation easier.
- Brevity with great depth of meaning.

TRANSLATIONS
A translation conveys the meanings only; the Arabic text is the Qur'an itself. Learning Arabic helps understanding.

4. Styles of the Qur'an

Styles of the Qur'an

Style	Example or purpose
Narratives	Stories of prophets such as Yusuf and Musa
Parables	A good word likened to a good tree
Questions	Make the reader think and reflect
Commands and prohibitions	Guide behaviour
Promises and warnings	Glad tidings of Paradise; warnings of Hell
Oaths	By the sun, by time, by the fig: draw attention to what follows
Repetition and contrast	Emphasis; believers and disbelievers compared
Dialogue and direct address	Prophets and their people; "O you who believe"

Meccan and Medinan surahs

	Meccan	Medinan
When	Before the Hijrah	After the Hijrah
Length	Often short	Often longer
Main themes	Belief, the Last Day, prophets	Laws for worship, family and society

Meccan and Medinan surahs

Knowing the style and the context, including the occasions of revelation (asbab al-nuzul), helps correct interpretation.

5. The Qur'an as guidance

The Qur'an guides belief, worship, character, family life, trade and justice, and brings peace to the heart.

Etiquette with the Qur'an

1. Make wudhu before touching the Mushaf, as is widely practised.
2. Recite with tajwid and listen attentively.
3. Reflect on the meanings.
4. Act on its teachings; read a daily portion with understanding.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The Qur'an is the word of Allah revealed through Jibril over about 23 years.
- Muslims see it as the Prophet's greatest, lasting miracle.
- Aspects: eloquence, the unmet challenge, preservation, consistency and guidance.
- Styles include narratives, parables, questions, oaths, promises and warnings.
- Meccan surahs stress belief; Medinan surahs include laws for society.

CHECK YOURSELF: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D. The answers are at the back.

1. Through which angel was the Qur'an revealed?
A. Mikail B. Israfil
C. Jibril D. Malik

2. Over about how many years was the Qur'an revealed?
A. 23 B. 10
C. 40 D. 63

3. Swearing "by the sun" or "by time" is the Qur'anic style of
A. parable B. narrative
C. dialogue D. oath

4. The occasions of revelation are called
A. tajwid B. asbab al-nuzul
C. isnad D. matn

5. Surahs mainly about belief and often short were usually revealed in
A. Abyssinia B. Madinah
C. Taif D. Makkah

ANSWER THESE

1. State four aspects of the miraculous nature of the Qur'an. (4 marks)
2. Describe three features of the language of the Qur'an. (3 marks)
3. Name five styles used in the Qur'an. (5 marks)
4. Give three differences between Meccan and Medinan surahs. (3 marks)

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1.2 Selected Chapter: Surah Al-Hujurat (Q 49)

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

By the end of this topic you should be able to:

- read Surah Al-Hujurat (Q 49) correctly for spiritual nourishment
- explain the meaning of the verses of Surah Al-Hujurat for better understanding
- deduce lessons of Surah Al-Hujurat for application in daily life
- apply the teachings of Surah Al-Hujurat in daily life to earn rewards from Allah
- treasure the teachings from Surah Al-Hujurat as a guide in relationships

KEY WORDS

Surah Al-Hujurat, verify, reconcile, brotherhood, backbiting (ghibah), suspicion, taqwa.

Surah Al-Hujurat ("The Private Rooms" or "The Chambers") is the 49th surah of the Qur'an. It is a Medinan surah of 18 verses that teaches manners and good relationships. In this topic we read the surah, explain the meaning of its verses, deduce its lessons and apply them in daily life.

1. Reading the surah

The teacher or a qualified reciter leads the recitation; learners listen, repeat in sections and follow the rules of tajwid. These notes give meanings only: correct recitation must be learnt from the teacher and an authentic Mushaf.

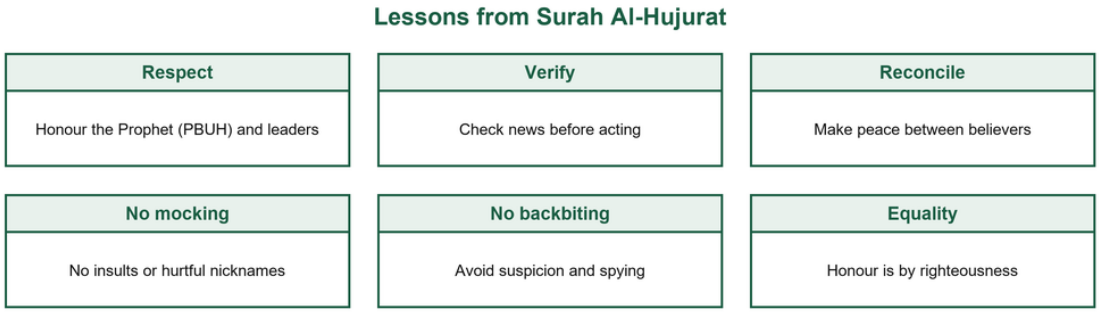
2. The meaning of the verses

Surah Al-Hujurat: meanings

Verses	Teaching (meaning)
1-5	Respect Allah and His Messenger; do not put yourselves ahead of them or raise your voices above the Prophet's voice
6	If a wrongdoer brings news, verify it, so you do not harm people in ignorance and later regret it
9-10	If two groups of believers fight, make peace between them justly; believers are brothers
11	Do not mock others (they may be better than you), insult one another or use offensive nicknames
12	Avoid much suspicion; do not spy or backbite. Backbiting is likened to eating the flesh of one's dead brother
13	People were made into nations and tribes to know one another; the most honoured with Allah is the most righteous (taqwa)
14-18	True faith is in the heart and shown by striving and sincerity

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3. Lessons from Surah Al-Hujurat



Lessons from Surah Al-Hujurat

4. Applying the teachings

Living the surah

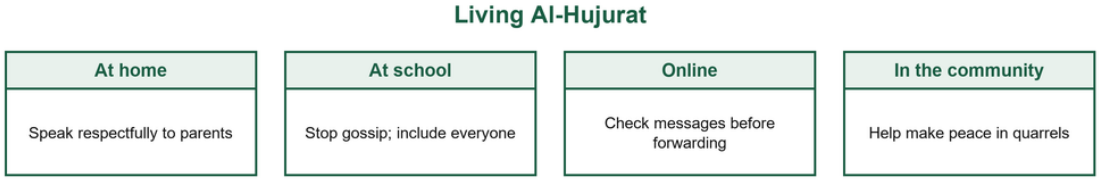
Teaching	In daily life
Verify news (verse 6)	Check messages before forwarding them on WhatsApp
Reconcile (verses 9-10)	Help two quarrelling friends make peace
No mocking (verse 11)	Stop nicknames that hurt a classmate
No backbiting (verse 12)	Change the subject when gossip starts
Equality (verse 13)	Include classmates from all communities

REWARDS
Practising these teachings earns Allah's pleasure.

5. Treasuring the surah

Surah Al-Hujurat is a guide for respectful, peaceful relationships in the family, school and society. Muslims treasure it by reciting it, learning its meanings, practising it and teaching others.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT
Choose one teaching to practise this week, for example no backbiting.



Surah Al-Hujurat at home, school and online

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Surah Al-Hujurat is the 49th surah: Medinan, 18 verses, on manners and relationships.
- Respect the Prophet (PBUH) and verify news before acting on it (verse 6).
- Make peace between believers, for they are brothers (verses 9-10).
- Do not mock, insult, suspect, spy or backbite (verses 11-12).
- The most honoured with Allah is the most righteous, not the richest or the tribe (verse 13).

CHECK YOURSELF: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D. The answers are at the back.

1. Surah Al-Hujurat is surah number

A. 36 B. 49
C. 67 D. 112

2. Verse 6 of Al-Hujurat teaches Muslims to

A. fast B. give zakat
C. verify news D. travel

3. Backbiting is likened to

A. eating the flesh of one's dead brother B. drinking poison
C. building on sand D. a tree without roots

4. According to verse 13, the most honoured with Allah is the

A. richest B. oldest
C. strongest D. most righteous

5. How many verses does Surah Al-Hujurat have?

A. 29 B. 7
C. 18 D. 114

ANSWER THESE

1. State four teachings of Surah Al-Hujurat. (4 marks)

2. Explain the teaching of verse 13 of Surah Al-Hujurat. (3 marks)

3. Give four ways a learner can apply Surah Al-Hujurat at school. (4 marks)

4. Why should a Muslim verify news before acting on it? (2 marks)

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