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## Day Two

# Being a Muslim in Maryland

## Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- they join Muslims from other West African countries
- also has an international mix of students
- but some follow different religious customs
- just as there are many ways to be Christian
- Muslim leaders asked Montgomery County schools
  
- Nigeria                      neye | **JIH** | ree | uh
- mosque                        **MAHSK**
- Montgomery                munt | **GUM** | ree
- religious                    rih | **LIH** | jus
- atheist                      **AY** | thee | ist
- recognize                  **REK** | ig | neyez
- Eid                            **EED**
- penalize                    **PEN** | uh | leyez
- Senegal                     **SEN** | uh | gahl



### Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables between double consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the double consonants.
- Draw a line between the double consonants.
- Put a short vowel sign <sup>˘</sup> over the first vowel.
- Say the word with your partner.

The first one is done for you.

different

billion

follows

Allah

attend

missing



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### Part 2: Last read

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Hakeem Kolo’s family lives in Maryland now, but they are originally from Nigeria. 96

Hakeem’s new hometown includes families who come from all over the world. 110

The Kolos attend a local mosque regularly to pray. There, they join Muslims from 122

other West African countries, like Ivory Coast and Senegal. “It feels like back home,” 136

Hakeem says. His middle school in Montgomery County also has an international mix 143

of students. Many are Muslim, like Hakeem, but some follow different religious customs. 153

In reality, there are many ways to be Muslim, just as there are many ways to be 168

Christian, Jewish, or atheist. Worldwide, there are over a billion Muslims. It is the 181

second largest world religion, after Christianity. A Muslim follows the religion of 194

Islam. Like Christians and Jews, Muslims believe there is only one god. They call 206

him “Allah,” the Arabic word for god. 218

Muslim leaders asked Montgomery County schools to recognize the Muslim 232

holiday, Eid. Eid marks the end of a month-long period of fasting and prayer. The 247

month of fasting is called Ramadan. Muslim families attend services on Eid and 253

then head home for a special feast. Because schools close for Christian and

Jewish holidays, Muslim parents wanted school closed on their one main holiday.

It felt unfair for Muslim students to be penalized for missing school.

In 2015, the school board responded to Muslim leaders’ requests. They voted to hold

a teacher work day on Eid, so students wouldn't have to come to school. Muslim

families were pleased with this outcome.

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What would you tell the Montgomery County schools about closing for the Muslim holiday, Eid?

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Get your partner’s input, too. What would your partner say to the schools?

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