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The Olympic Games

Preparing / Training

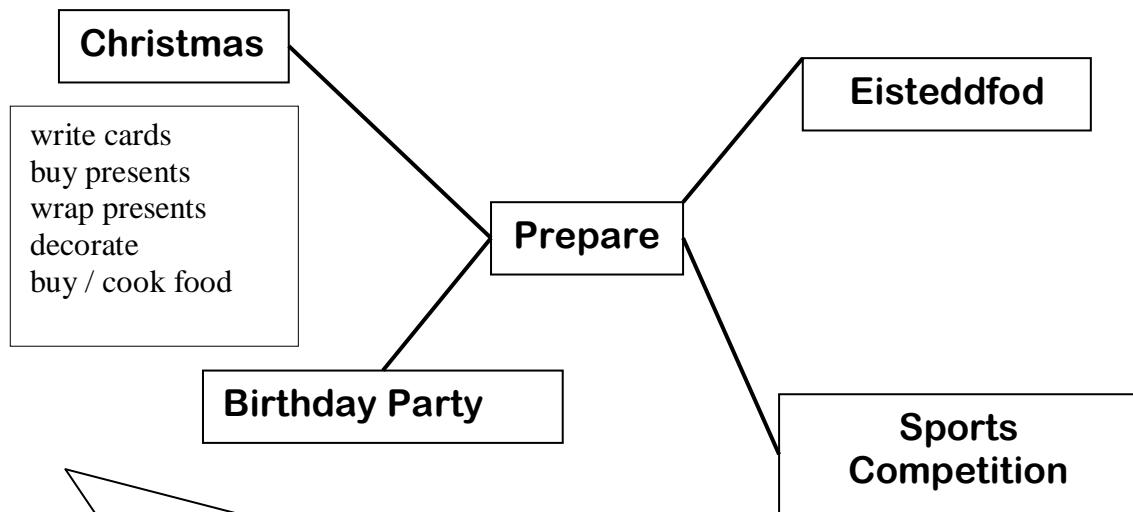
Athletes have to train for years before they are good enough to compete in the Olympics.

When do you prepare or train for anything? What do you do?

Discuss as a class/in your group / with your partner.

Make a mind map showing what you do to prepare for these occasions:

I've already started one. Change the headings if you like and add more.



Discuss

- * When do we follow a particular order in our lives ? (e.g get up, breakfast, wash, clean teeth.....)
 - * do you follow a particular order during the school day? (e.g before lunch – wash hands, pray, lines, walk to the canteen, eat, clear up....., service....)
 - * is there a particular order to the service in school / chapel / church?
 - * **Is it important to follow a particular order ?**
- What is the point of this?**

Islam

Muslims prepare their bodies and their minds before they pray.

It is important for them to be ready to speak to God / Allah

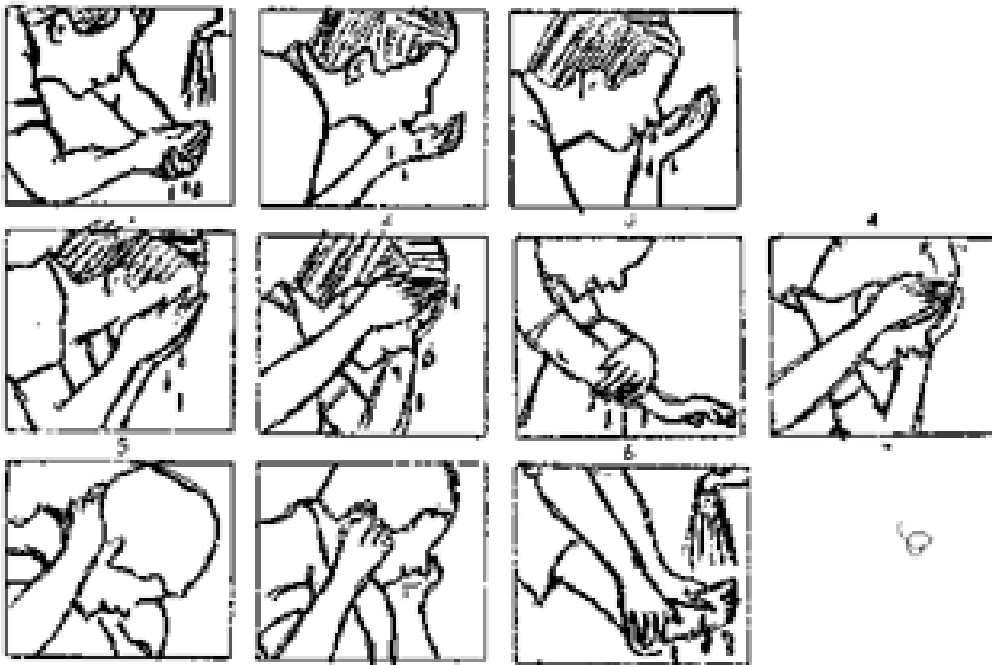
They need to have a pure mind and clean body.

They prepare the soul and mind before turning to Allah.

The name of this ritual is Wudu and it follows a particular order.

What parts of the body are being washed?

Role play – now it's your turn to practice this ritual



Discuss –

Many Muslims pray 5 times a day, and they perform the ritual WUDU every time. What do you think of this? Do they have to be clean before they turn to Allah?

Sometimes there is no water to carry out the ritual of WUDU. What could they use instead? Do they have to have water in order to cleanse their mind / body, or is preparing their mind only enough ?

Sikhism

The Gurdwara, the Sikh's place of worship is always open to everyone – from any background and any religion.

The Sikh believes that everyone should be treated the same.

In order to show respect for their religion, they have to dress tidily before entering the Gurdwara.

They have to cover their heads to show respect to the **Guru Granth Sahib** – the Holy Book.

They also have to cover their arms and legs in order to show respect.

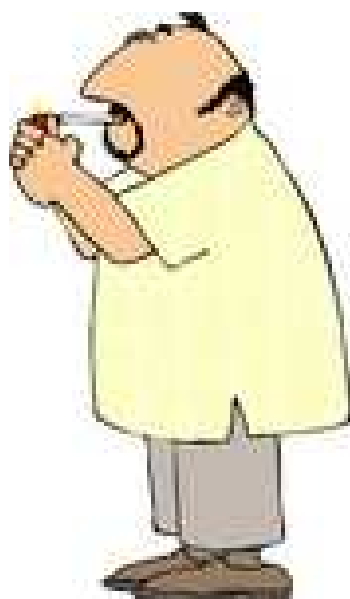
There is a special place near the entrance where they can leave their shoes. They have to walk in barefooted.

The Sikh believes that the body is a gift from God and so it should be treated specially – no alcohol, smoking or drugs.

These rules show respect. They are signs that you are leaving the everyday life and entering a different world with different rules.

Imagine that these two people wish to enter the Gurdwara.

Explain to them how they must prepare before entering the place of worship.



1. Discuss as a group / with your partner/ as a class.
2. Circle the pictures to show what is wrong in them.
3. Design a poster to show how a person should dress before entering the Gurdwara and explain why.

Discuss: Whom do you respect? Why? Who deserves respect? Explain.
Do you respect property as well as people?
How do you show respect for people / property?
Should we show more respect? How?

Judaism

The Sabbath is the Jewish holy day – from sunset on a Friday night to sunset on Saturday. During the Sabbath, the Jew does no work for the whole day in order to worship and spend time with the family. Several ceremonies are held during the Sabbath, one of them being welcoming the Sabbath to the home.



Preparing in the home – Friday evening

The wife / mother will cover her head, light two candles, move her hands over the candles in order to welcome the Sabbath and then they will recite the blessing. On the table, there will be wine, two special plaited loaves – Challot/ Challah, and, covered, a pot of salt and candles.

When the husband / father returns from the synagogue he will greet the family by saying 'Shabbat Shalom' which means 'Peace for the Sabbath. Then he will bless the children and recite the 'Kiddush' – a special prayer. After this he will bless the bread, pour the salt over the bread to remind them of the Temple sacrifice, will take the two loaves, break them and share them with everyone present. He will do the same with the wine – the father will drink from the cup himself before sharing with everyone present. Then the Sabbath meal will be ready to be eaten.



Find out from the website below what is the importance of these items for the Jews as they prepare for the Sabbath :-

Box of herbs; Havdalah candle, candles, salt, challah (2 two plaited loaves); covering for the bread, wine

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/sabbath.shtml>

For or Against Keeping the Sabbath / Sunday?

By now, Sunday is like any other day in the week. Many shops and other attractions are open. Should Sunday be a day of rest, in order to worship and spend time with the family?

Give reasons for and against this.

RESOURCES from REMW (Religious Education Movement Wales)

Resources Catalogue, Publications and past copies of '*R.E. Ideas*' available

Primary Publications – *Pobl Arbennig*; *Adegau Arbennig*; *Iesu*;

Y Nadolig – o flwyddyn i flwyddyn; *Mannau Arbennig*

NEW TITLES – Cyfres Ymchwilio i Thema: *i Codau Byw*; *i Ddathliadau*; *i Gredoau ac i Gwestiynau Dyrys*.

NEW ENGLISH TITLE *Amazing Lives* (100 stories of faith- useful for Cwricwlwm Cymreig)

Secondary Publications – *What the Welsh Churches say on moral and social issues*;

Barn yr Eglwysi ar faterion moesol a chyndeithasol.

General: *More than Just RE* (CEMW Annual Lectures)

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