

UNIT 69

# Religion 1



## I. Express Yourself



## II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

wilderness

a. to move one's hand, a cloth, etc. over a surface or object with pressure and friction in a circular or back-and-forth motion

temptation

b. to be a symbol; stand for; to represent by a symbol

symbolize

c. an uncultivated, uninhabited region; waste; wild; empty for open area

rub

d. the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise

### III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

**Hiroshi:** Steve, I have a question. A lot of people came into work today with a dark spot on their foreheads. What's the reason for it?

**Steve:** Today is Ash Wednesday. It's a holy day for people who are Catholic. They go to church and receive a blessing and ash is rubbed on their forehead.

**Hiroshi:** What does the ash symbolize?

**Steve:** The ash symbolizes a time for repentance. It marks the beginning of a holy period called Lent, which occurs forty days before Easter. The ash mark on the forehead represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan.

**Hiroshi:** I see. How come you don't have it on your forehead?

**Steve:** Well Hiroshi, I'm Jewish so I follow a different religion.

**Hiroshi:** I see. It seems there are many different religions in America.

**Steve:** Yes, that's true. For example, there are Catholics, Jews, Protestants, Mormons, Muslims, Buddhists, and atheists.

**Hiroshi:** What do atheists believe?

**Steve:** Atheists do not believe in any God at all. God doesn't even exist.



#### Key Points

How come you don't have it on your forehead?

- Why don't you have it on your forehead?

I follow a different religion.

- I practice a different religion.  
- I believe in a different religion.

IV. Role-play




Talk to your teacher about the most popular religion in the world.  
Ask as many questions as you can.



**Part 2**

I. Introduction


Express Yourself

<p>Do <u>atheists</u> believe in God?</p>	
<p>What does the line "<u>I follow a different religion</u>" mean?</p>	
<p>Tell your teacher one thing that Catholics do on <u>Ash Wednesday</u>.</p>	

II. Discussion

 Exercise A

Explain in your own understanding the following quotes from famous spiritual and religious leaders:

<p>“There is no need for temples, no need for complicated philosophies. My brain and my heart are my temples. My philosophy is kindness.”</p> <p><b>Dalai Lama</b></p>	
<p>“An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind”</p> <p><b>Mahatma Gandhi</b></p>	
<p>“The future starts today, not tomorrow”</p> <p><b>Pope Francis</b></p>	

 Exercise B

Role-play



**Your childhood friend wants to invite you to join him on Sunday for a Christian fellowship.**

**Because you are an atheist, you don't really want to attend the event.  
However, you don't want him to feel bad.**

Talk to him and

- politely decline the invitation
- explain that you have a previously planned get-together with some college buddies
- say that you are an atheist and would like to stay that way for now
- thank him for the invitation