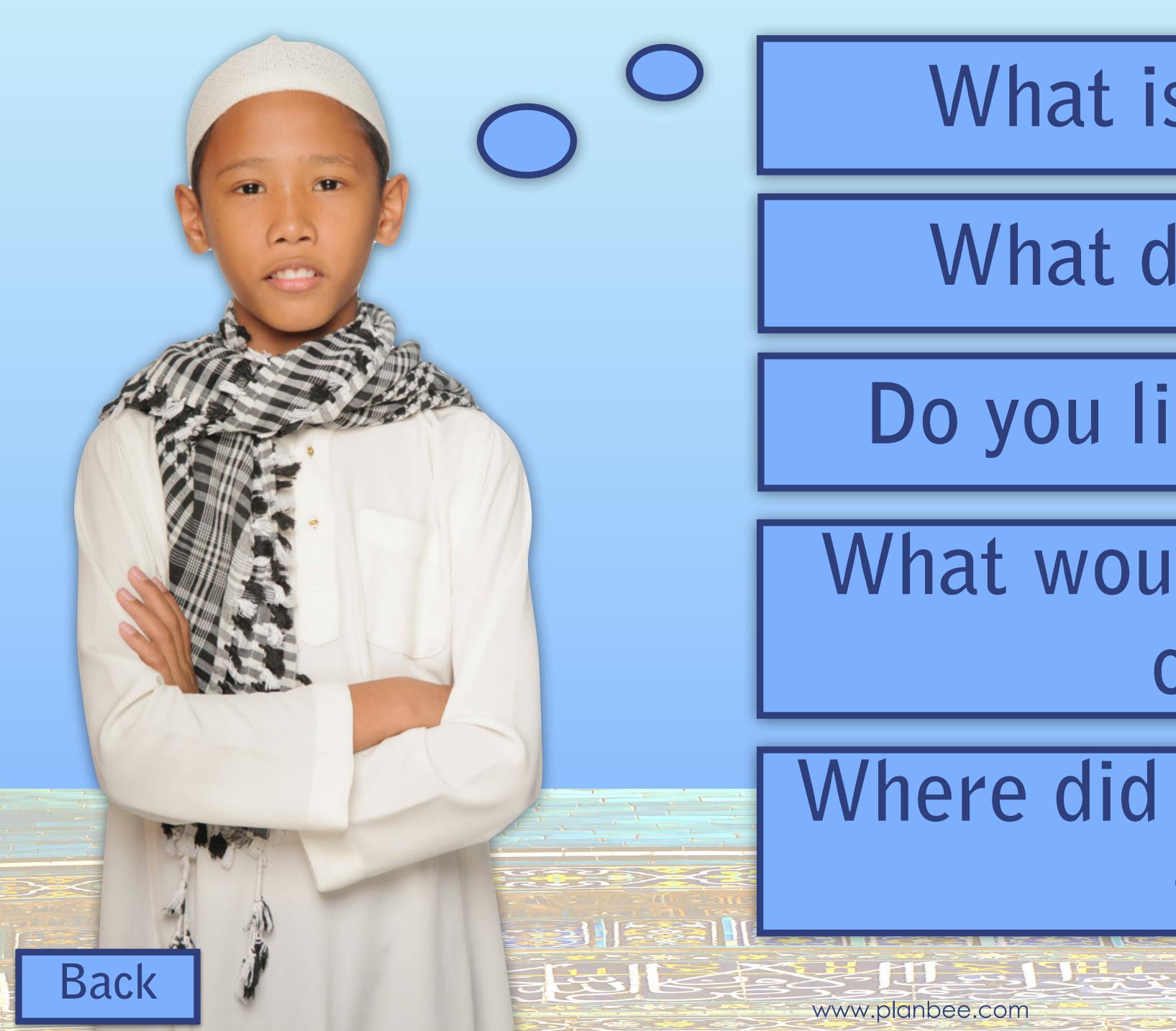
Islamic Rites of Passage

Learning Objective:

To explore Muslim birth ceremonies and naming days.





What is your name?

What does it mean?

Do you like your name?

What would you like to be called?

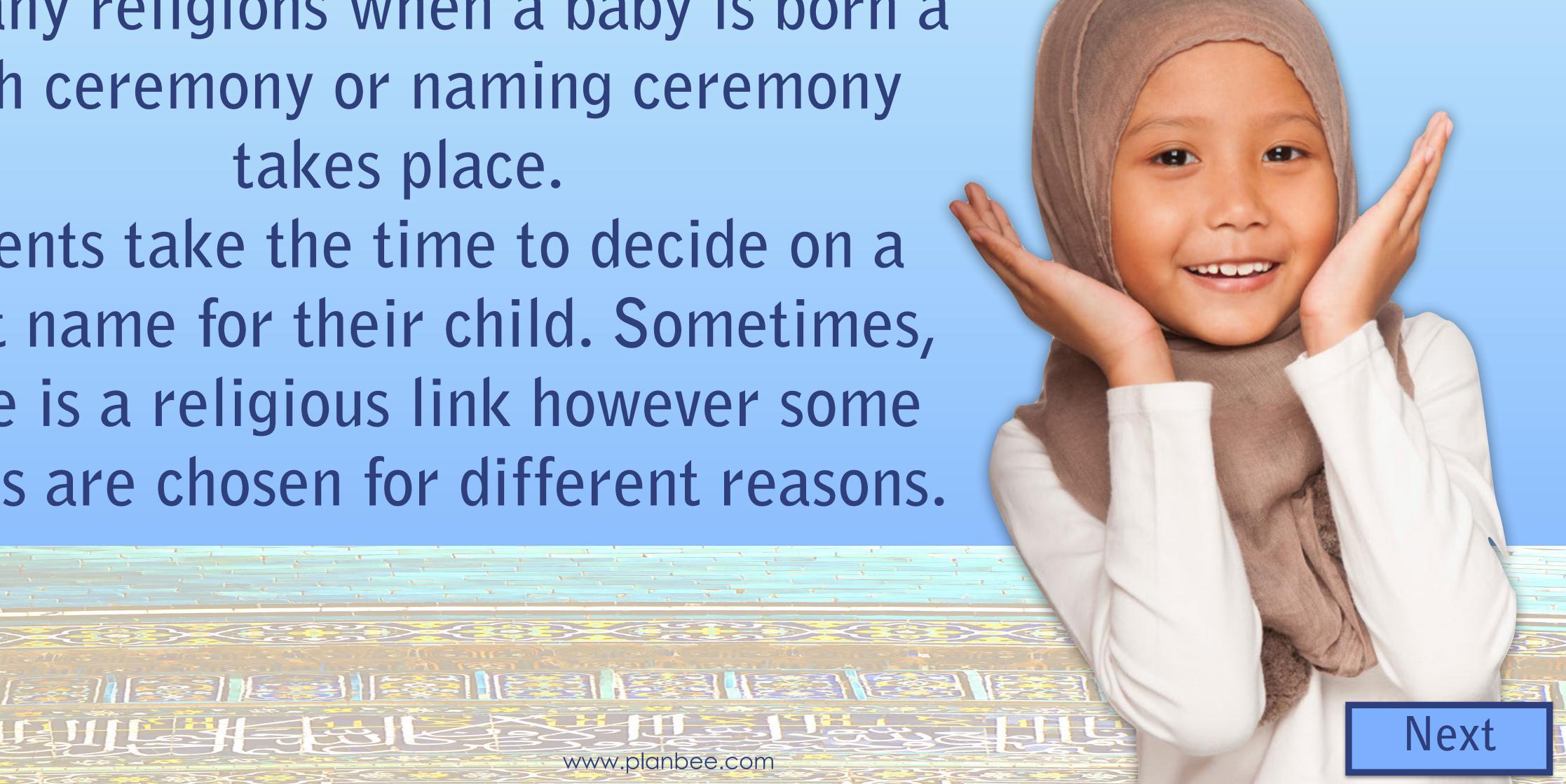
Where did your name come from?

How do parents decide what to name a baby?

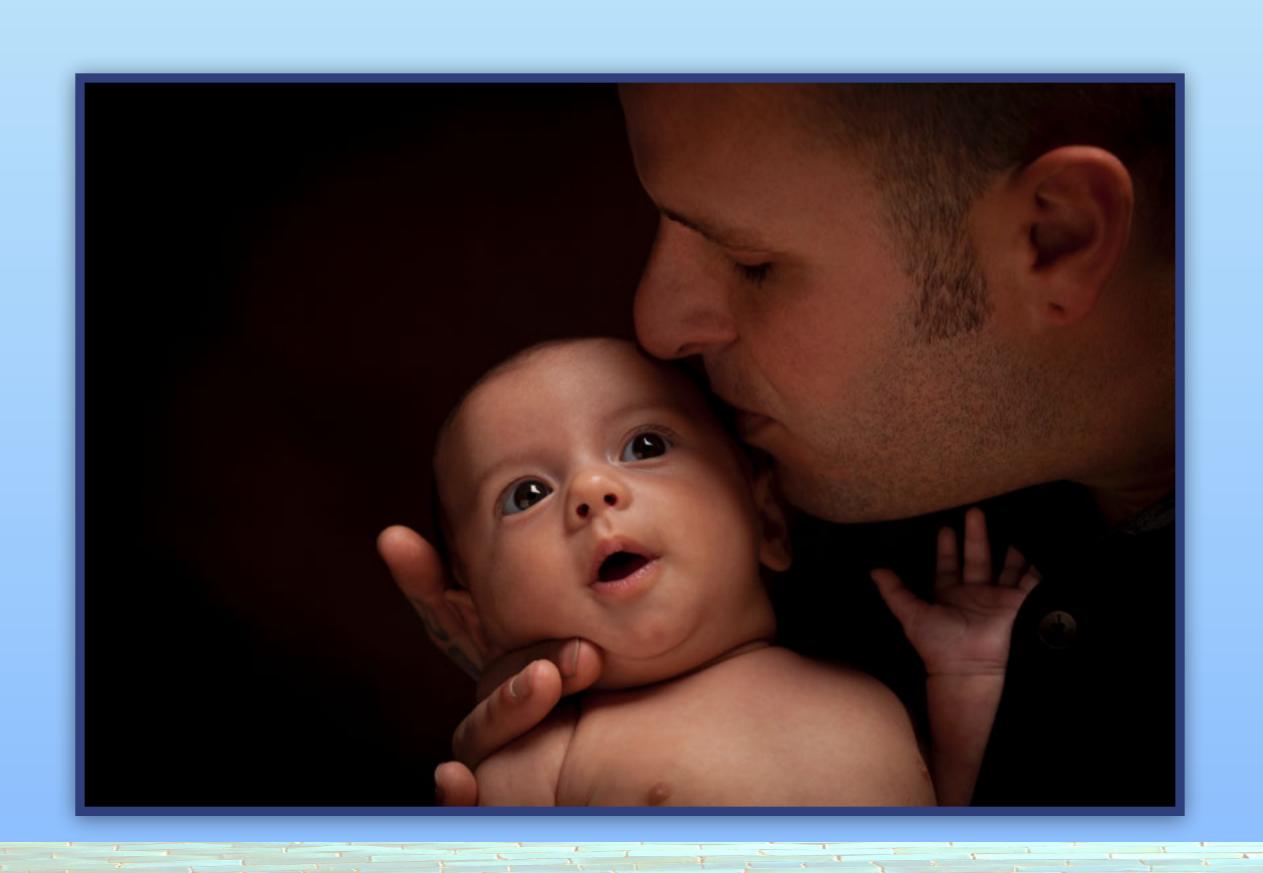
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In many religions when a baby is born a birth ceremony or naming ceremony takes place.

Parents take the time to decide on a great name for their child. Sometimes, there is a religious link however some names are chosen for different reasons.



When a Muslim baby is born



When a new baby is born in a Muslim family the father whispers a prayer in the baby's right ear.

This prayer is called the Adhan.

"God is great. There is no God but Allah. Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. Come to prayer."





The naming ceremony

The naming ceremony lasts for seven days and is called Tasmiyah.

The ceremony allows the new baby to be accepted and protected by Allah.

Parents take requests for names from family members and the name has to be given to the baby by the seventh day.



The seventh day

To thank Allah for the new baby a ceremony takes place, called Ageegah. Here the baby's hair is shaved and weighed.

The weight of the hair is measured and the same amount in gold is given to charity.

Two livestock from the family are sacrificed and a huge feast is cooked. Everyone in the community shares the food and celebrates.

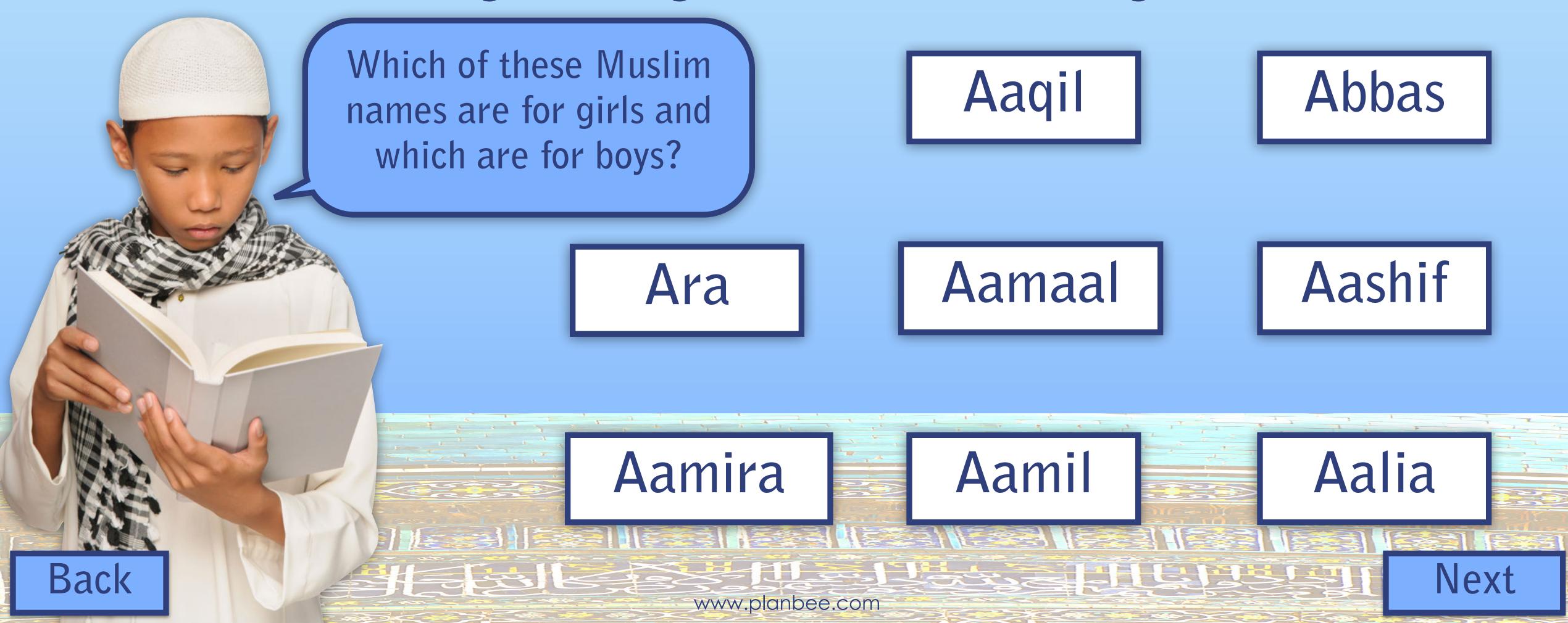
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Muslim names

Muslims must choose a name for their baby that has a strong meaning. This will bring blessings to that child throughout its life.



Girls

Aamaal

Aalia

Aamira

Ara



Boys

Aaqil

Abbas

Aamil

Aashif

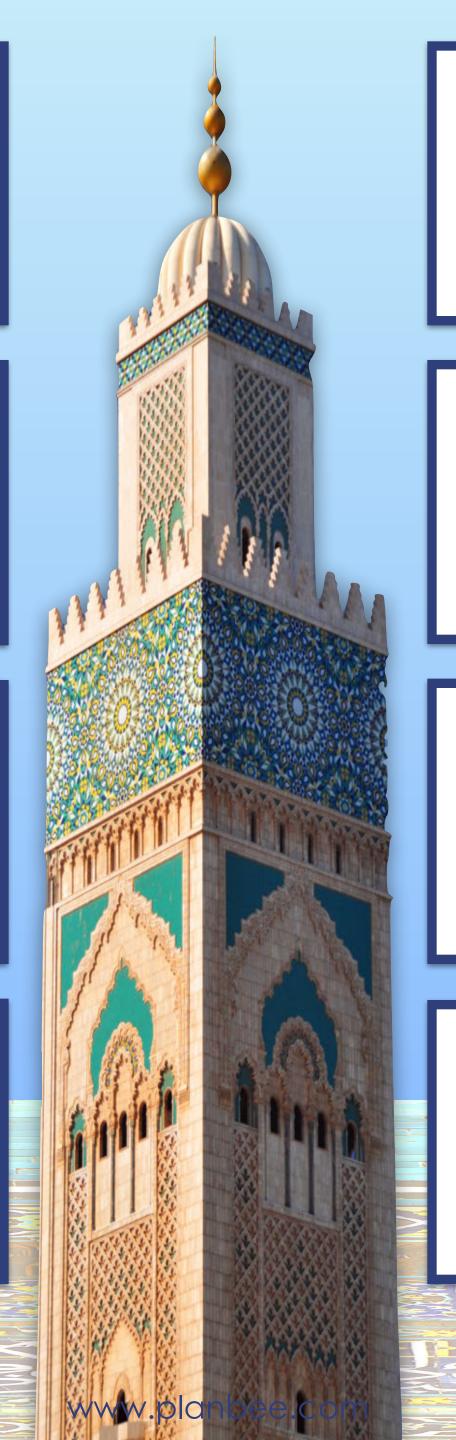
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Aamaal Hopes and wishes

Aalia Noble

Aamira Royal

Aara Adoring



Aaqil Intelligent

Abbas
Description of a lion

Aamil Work man

<u>Aashif</u> Courageous

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