

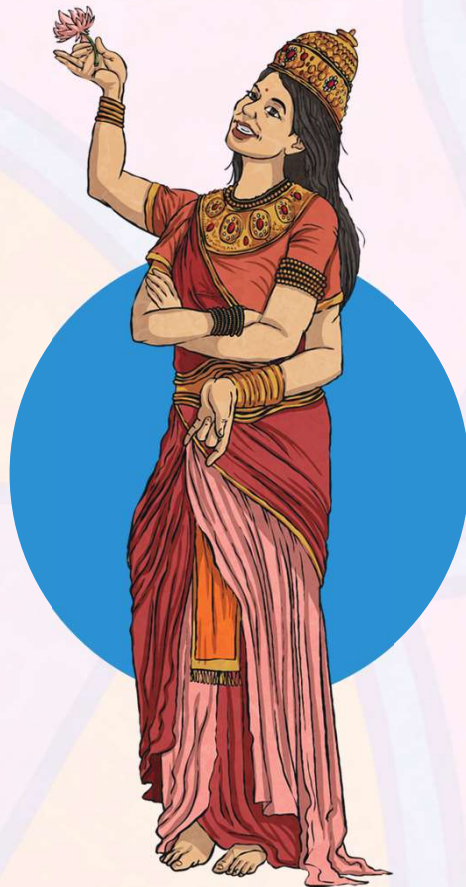
# Symbolism in Hinduism



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# Symbolism

Symbolism is used in most religions. Here are a few Hindu symbols...



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# Lotus Flower

This is a very important symbol as Hindus believe that Brahma the Creator came from a lotus flower.

Despite growing in muddy waters, the lotus turns into a beautiful flower.

It represents how people should always be kind and good.



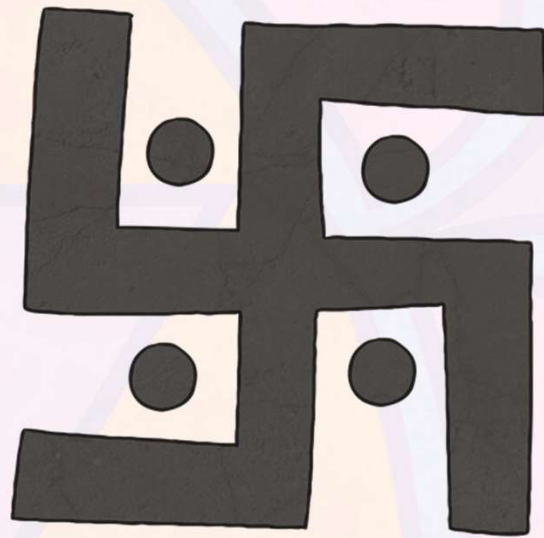
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# Hindu Swastika

The Swastika represents the sun god Surya.

It represents how Hinduism is present in every aspect of your life.

What do you think the four spokes represent?



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# Aum

This is the most important symbol in Hinduism.

It represents Brahman and the universe.

It is pronounced 'Ohm'.



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# Hindu Symbols and their Meanings

## Hands Together

When Hindu people greet each other they place two hands together, bow their head slightly and say Namaste.



This is the same when they greet a god in a temple or a holy person.

This is seen as offering respect to the atman (soul) of whoever is being greeted.



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## Conch Shell

This is used as part of the ritual while praying.

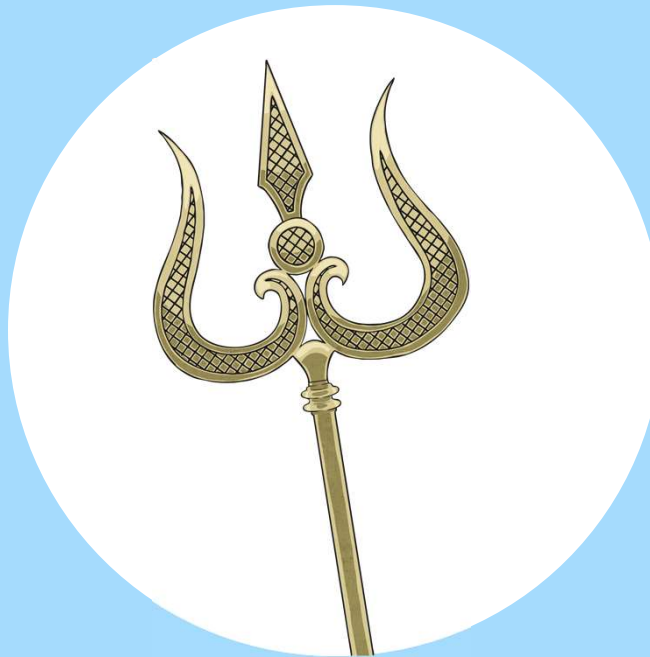


It is one of the symbols of Lord Vishnu.

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## Trident (Trishul)

The Trident is the symbol of the Lord Shiva.





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## Kalasha

The kalasha is a coconut circled with mango leaves on a pot.



It is often used in rituals such as the fire sacrifice.

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## Cow

Cows are considered to be symbolic of purity, motherhood and ahimsa (non-violence).



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## Diya

Diya lamps are the symbols of light.





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## Pranama

This is considered a respectful greeting for an elder in the family, for someone who is deeply respected and for statues of deities.



The pranama is usually followed by a blessing from the person (or is assumed in the case of a deity statue).

# Your first task...

I would like you to write about different symbols from Hinduism.

You can either complete the 'Hindu symbolism' worksheet or write independently, in a Word document or on paper.

The worksheet asks you to write about Hindu symbols in detail.

You could use the internet to help you find out more.



# Your next task...

Now design a symbol that represents you. Think about how you can represent your name, your hobbies and interests and your personality, all in one symbol!





