

Unit 2: Vocabulary

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Unit 2 Vocabulary

- **Peninsula:** a piece of land almost surrounded by water, jutting into a body of water
- **Oasis:** a fertile place in the desert where water is found
- **Nomad:** person who travels from place to place with no permanent home
- **Arab:** member of the people originally from the Arabian peninsula
- **Islam:** religion practiced by Muslims as revealed through the prophet Muhammed
- **Prophet:** a person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God

Unit 2 Vocabulary

- **Convert:** to change religious faith
- **Caravan:** a group of people traveling together
- **Quran:** Islamic holy book believed to be the word of Allah as told to Muhammed
- **Mosque:** Muslim place of worship
- **Minaret:** tall, thin tower at a Mosque from which prayers are called
- **Martyr:** a person who is killed because of their religious beliefs
- **Sunni:** largest branch of Islam, who accepted the rule of the Umayyad caliphs

Unit 2 Vocabulary

- **Shia:** branch of Islam who follow believe the descendants of Ali should rule
- **Caliph:** an Islamic leader regarded as the successor of Muhammed
- **Astrolabe:** an astronomical instrument used in navigation
- **Sheikh:** An Arab leader, often the head of a tribe or village