

Key Vocabulary

bereavement	Bereavement is something we experience when we lose someone important to us
death rites	A culture-bound ceremony, ritual, or other religions or customary practice with dying and the dead
grief	Grief is a reaction to loss, but it's also the name we give to the process of coping with the loss of someone who has died
remembrance	It gives people the chance to remember those who have died
mourning	The act of feeling or expressing sorrow

Death and Loss

All of us experience loss at times such as moving house, changes in our lives or death.

Death can be a time to celebrate a person's life and share memories with friends and family.

Grieving is an important stage of accepting and expressing loss. People can express grief in lots of different ways.

Key Learning

Most religions have beliefs about life after death and death rites.

In the Jewish tradition, burial should happen as soon as possible after death. The coffin should be simple to show equality, and the burial ceremony takes place at a cemetery, not in a synagogue.



Islam – the belief in life after death
Muslims believe that this world will come to an end on a day Allah has appointed.

Christian – Death and Burial
A funeral is held for friends and family to grieve for the person who has died and to give thanks for their life. The funeral can take place in a church or crematorium.

