

‘Learn Jainism’ Teachers’ Notes

Building a Jain Vocabulary

Once your pupils have grasped the central beliefs of Jainism it is important that they are comfortable with the vocabulary of Jainism. The glossary on pages 26 and 27 of ‘Discover Jainism’ provides them with the words that they need to know about.

In the following pages are some activities that you can do in the classroom to help your pupils develop their Jain vocabulary.

Classroom Activities

Jain Wordsearch

On the ‘Learn Jainism’ website there is an interactive wordsearch in the ‘Fun and Games’ section.

Jain Words – Make the Link

An activity in which pupils identify the correct meanings of Jain words. The answers are on the next page.

Jain Words Bingo

We have created 14 Bingo sheets for you which contain 16 Jain words. Just call out the definition of a word and ask the class who knows the answer. Your class should be in pairs or threes so that they can work together.



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Jain Words Bingo

Read out the following definitions to your pupils. The answers are below each definition.

One of the two sects of Jainism.
The monks and nuns wear white

Svetambara

One of the two sects of Jainism.
The monks wear no clothes

Digambara

The word for the 24 teachers of
Jainism

Tirthankara

The last and 24th of the teachers of
Jainism

Mahavira

The Jain belief in non-violence

Ahimsa

The celebration of the birth of the
Mahavira

Mahavira Jayanti

The five 'great vows' taken by Jain
monks and nuns

Maha Vrata

The second jewel of Jain life – right
knowledge

Samyak Jnana

One of the five great vows taken by
Jain monks and nuns. It means

'truth'

Satya

A period of fasting that lasts about
8-10 days

Paryushana

The first jewel of Jain life – right
faith

Samyak Darshana

The Festival of Light

Diwali

Assistants in Jain Temples

Pujaris

One of the first prayers learnt by
Jain children

Namaskara Mantra

The name given to the set of Jain
holy books

Agamas

The third jewel of Jain life – right
conduct

Samyak Charitra



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Jain Words – Make the Link

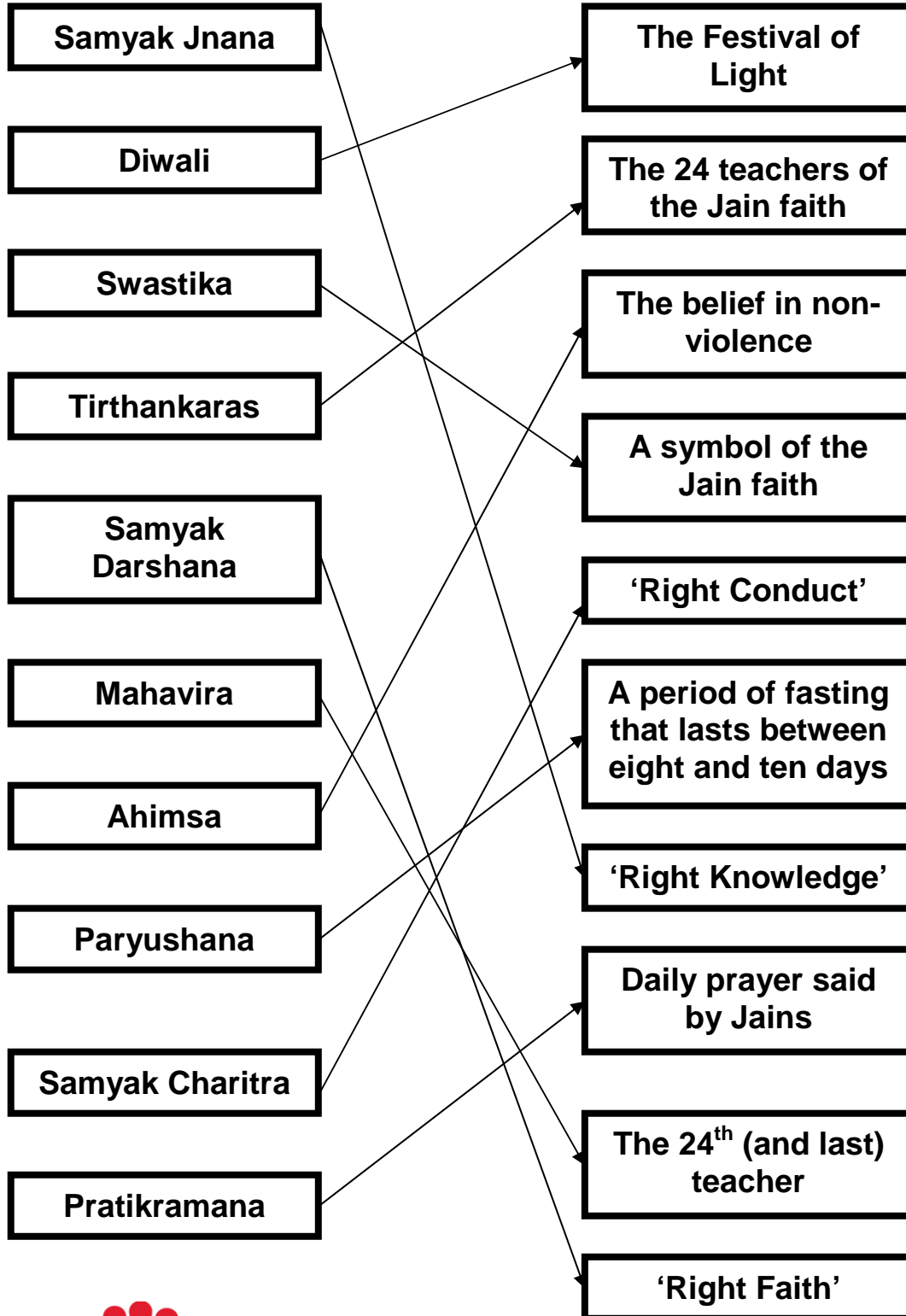
Draw arrows from each word in the box to the correct definition of that word.

Samyak Jnana	The Festival of Light
Diwali	The 24 teachers of the Jain faith
Swastika	The belief in non-violence
Tirthankaras	A symbol of the Jain faith
Samyak Darshana	'Right Conduct'
Mahavira	A period of fasting that lasts between eight and ten days
Ahimsa	'Right Knowledge'
Paryushana	Daily prayer said by Jains
Samyak Charitra	The 24th (and last) teacher
Pratikramana	'Right Faith'



Jain Words – Make the Link

The Answers



Jain Words Bingo

Digambara	Svetambara	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Ahimsa	Agamas	Diwali	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Satya	Pujaris	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Namaskara Mantra	Samyak Jnana	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Digambara	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Ahimsa	Samyak Jnana	Satya	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Diwali	Pujaris	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Samyak Charitra	Digambara	Tirthankara	Mahavira Jayanti
Pujaris	Samyak Jnana	Satya	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Diwali	Ahimsa	Maha Vrata
Mahavira	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Svetambara

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Ahimsa	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Digambara	Samyak Jnana	Samyak Darshana	Paryushana
Satya	Diwali	Namaskara Mantra	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Pujaris	Agamas	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Digambara	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Ahimsa	Samyak Jnana	Maha Vrata	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Mahavira Jayanti	Pujaris	Satya
Diwali	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Digambara	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Pujaris	Samyak Jnana	Mahavira Jayanti	Diwali
Samyak Darshana	Paryushana	Ahimsa	Maha Vrata
Satya	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Diwali	Satya	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Ahimsa	Samyak Jnana	Digambara	Paryushana
Samyak Charitra	Svetambara	Pujaris	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Samyak Darshana

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Digambara	Mahavira Jayanti	Mahavira
Agamas	Samyak Jnana	Satya	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Diwali	Namaskara Mantra	Maha Vrata
Tirthankara	Pujaris	Ahimsa	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Digambara	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Diwali	Samyak Jnana	Satya	Pujaris
Samyak Darshana	Ahimsa	Paryushana	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Pujaris	Digambara	Tirthankara	Diwali
Ahimsa	Samyak Jnana	Agamas	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Mahavira	Svetambara	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Namaskara Mantra	Satya	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Samyak Charitra	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Agamas	Samyak Jnana	Ahimsa	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Diwali	Pujaris	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Namaskara Mantra	Satya	Digambara

Jain Words Bingo

Svetambara	Ahimsa	Tirthankara	Mahavira
Digambara	Samyak Jnana	Satya	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Diwali	Mahavira Jayanti	Maha Vrata
Pujaris	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Namaskara Mantra	Digambara	Agamas	Mahavira
Ahimsa	Svetambara	Satya	Paryushana
Samyak Darshana	Diwali	Pujaris	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Samyak Jnana	Tirthankara	Samyak Charitra

Jain Words Bingo

Paryushana	Digambara	Tirthankara	Pujaris
Ahimsa	Samyak Darshana	Satya	Svetambara
Samyak Jnana	Diwali	Mahavira	Maha Vrata
Mahavira Jayanti	Namaskara Mantra	Agamas	Samyak Charitra