

## Activity: The Swirling Hijab

### Curricular Connections: Grade 1 and 2 Social Studies

Read the book, *The Swirling Hijab* with dual language text. If you know the specific language of your Muslim students, then you can choose the book accordingly. If it is possible, ask a parent volunteer to come into the classroom to read the non-English text.

Compare sounds and how letters and symbols represent those sounds. For example, an 's' in English may be represented by a different symbol in Arabic. Talk about the direction of text and whether it is read from left to right, or right to left. How can you tell the difference between a letter, a word, a sentence, and a paragraph? What about the order of nouns and adjectives? Is it red table, or table red?

Make a list of all your discoveries on large chart paper and hang it in a prominent place in the classroom.

### Book:

[The Swirling Hijaab by Na'ima Bint Robert & Nilesh Mistry](#) - Dual Language Book in Urdu

[The Swirling Hijaab by Na'ima Bint Robert & Nilesh Mistry](#) - Dual Language Book in Arabic

[The Swirling Hijaab by Na'ima Bint Robert & Nilesh Mistry](#) - Dual Language Book in Panjabi