

# Cultural Safari Glossary

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## Vocabulary

**Amritsar** (*uhm-rit-sirr*): The holy city of the Sikhs. Located in northwest India in the state of Punjab.

**Baisakhi** (*bay-saa-khee*): Harvest festival, celebrated in the spring; also spelled **Vaisakhi** (*vai-saa-khee*)

**Bhangra** (*paang-ar-ah* OR *bang-gruh*): A traditional Punjabi dance

**Dastar Bandi** (*da-staar baan-dee*): Turban tying ceremony for a young boy around age 11 or 12

**Golden Temple**: The most well-known gurdwara. Located in the city of Amritsar. Also called **Harmandir Sahib**.

**Gurdwara** (*gr-dwaa-ruh*): The Sikh place of worship

**Guru** (*goo-roo*): A teacher

**Gurpurab** (*gurh-pur-ab*): A festival related to the lives of the Gurus

**Guru Granth Sahib** (*goo-roo grunth suh-heeb*): The Sikh holy book

**Guru Nanak** (*goo-roo naa-nuhk*): The founder and first Guru. Lived from 1469-1539



**Harmonium** (*haar-mow-nee-uhm*): A musical instrument similar to an accordion or keyboard.

**Kara** (*kaa-ra*): A steel bracelet worn by Sikhs

**Kaur** (*kor*): A common last name or middle name for Sikh women, meaning ‘princess’

**Langar** (*lung-gaar*): A free communal meal served at a gurdwara

**Patka** (*pat-kaa*): A small, square piece of cloth worn by Sikh boys that covers their hair

**Punjab** (*puhn-jaab*): A region in northwestern India where the Sikhs originated

**Ragi** (*raa-gee*): The person who sings the hymns at the gurdwara

**Sat Sri Akal** (*sut-sree-akaal*): A Sikh greeting, meaning ‘God is Truth’

**Singh** (*sing*): A common last name or middle name for Sikh men, meaning ‘lion’

**Sikh** (*sik-kh*): A person who belongs to the Sikh tradition, meaning ‘a student or seeker of knowledge’

**Sikhism** (*sik-izm*): The name of the Sikh religion

**Tabla** (*taa-bluh*): A small drum set

**Turban** (*tur-bin*): The head covering worn by most Sikh men and some Sikh women to cover long, uncut hair

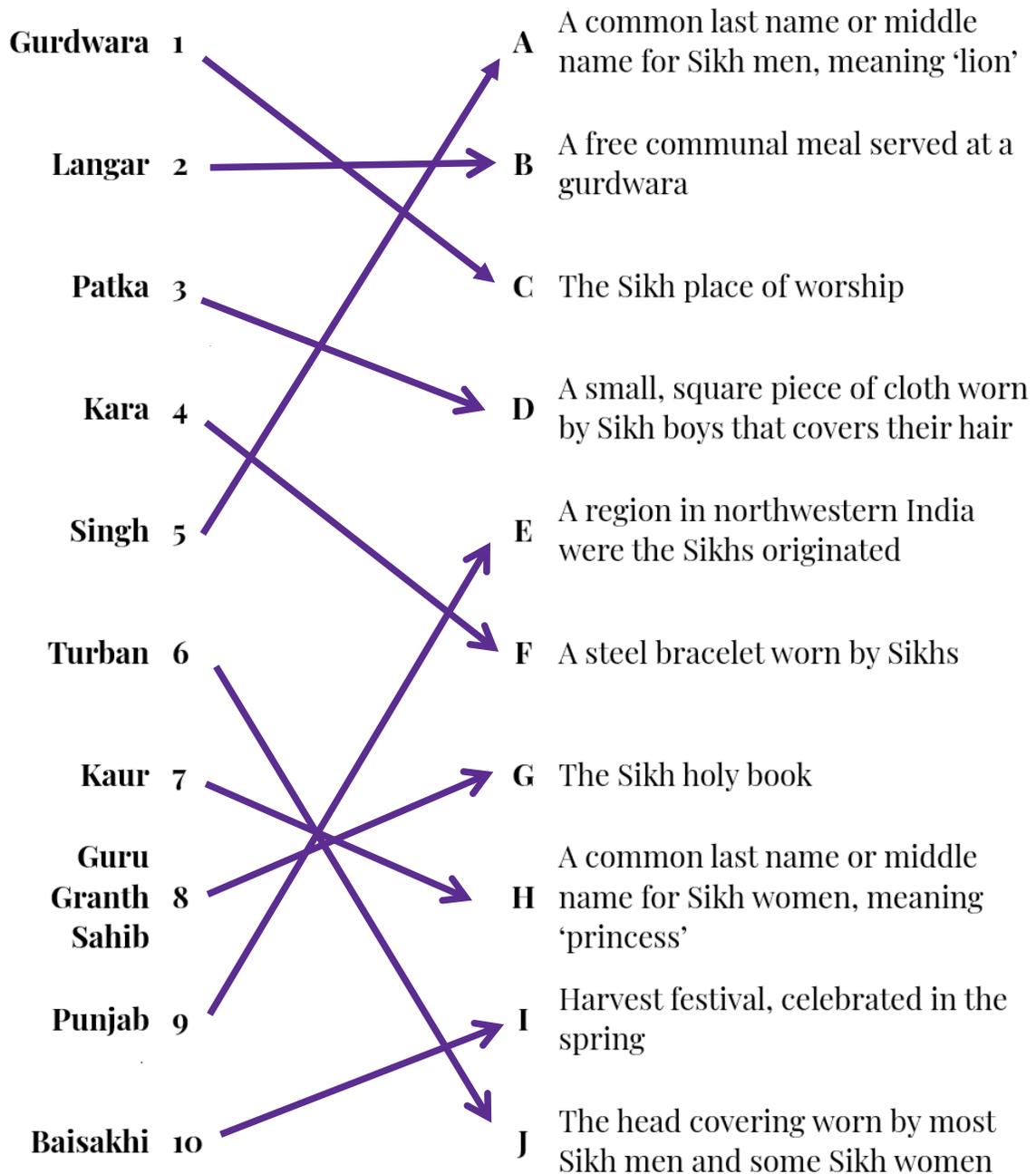
## Vocabulary Quiz

We've learned a lot of new words today. How many do you remember? Draw a line from the vocabulary word on the left to the correct definition of the right.

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| <b>Gurdwara</b> 1          | <b>A</b> A common last name or middle name for Sikh men, meaning 'lion'          |
| <b>Langar</b> 2            | <b>B</b> A free communal meal served at a gurdwara                               |
| <b>Patka</b> 3             | <b>C</b> The Sikh place of worship   |
| <b>Kara</b> 4              | <b>D</b> A small, square piece of cloth worn by Sikh boys that covers their hair |
| <b>Singh</b> 5             | <b>E</b> A region in northwestern India where the Sikhs originated               |
| <b>Turban</b> 6            | <b>F</b> A steel bracelet worn by Sikhs  |
| <b>Kaur</b> 7              | <b>G</b> The Sikh holy book  |
| <b>Guru Granth Sahib</b> 8 | <b>H</b> A common last name or middle name for Sikh women, meaning 'princess'    |
| <b>Punjab</b> 9            | <b>I</b> Harvest festival, celebrated in the spring                              |
| <b>Baisakhi</b> 10         | <b>J</b> The head covering worn by most Sikh men and some Sikh women             |

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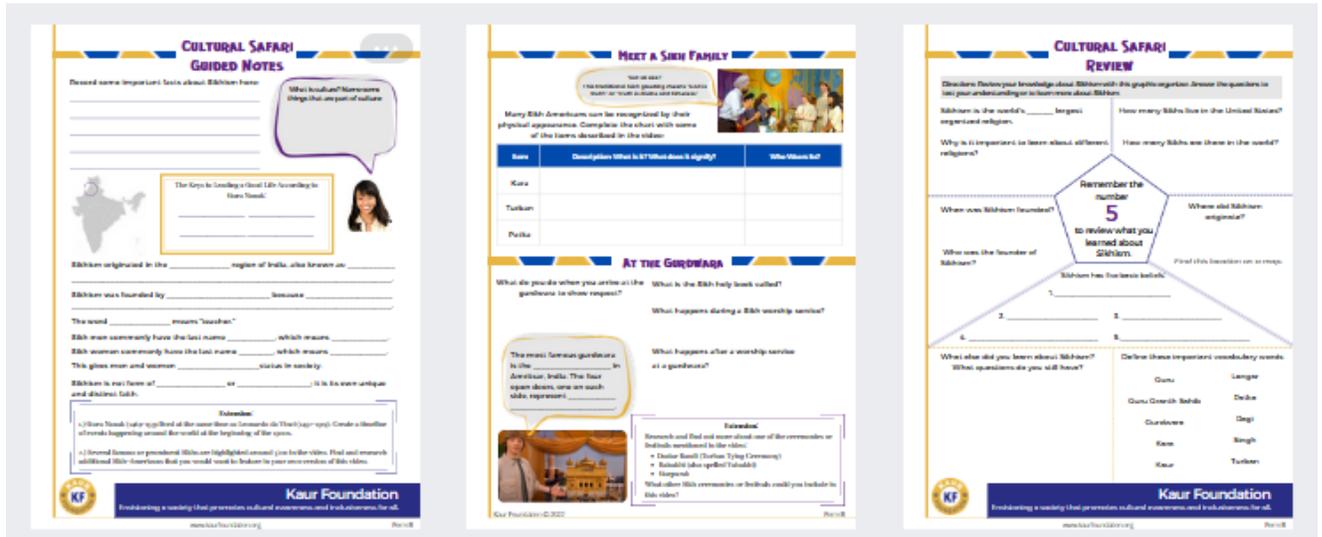
### Answer Key



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| 1. C | 4. F | 7. H | 10. I |
| 2. B | 5. A | 8. G |       |
| 3. D | 6. J | 9. E |       |

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