

Name: _____

Date: _____

Draw and label a
Buddhist shrine.
Use the Picture
Cards to help you.
Make sure you
include:

- Buddharupa/s
- Candles
- Incense
- Flowers
- Food offerings



With a partner, discuss why each of the different objects are placed on the shrine.

What objects might you find in a Buddhist shrine, and why?



Why are there so many different depictions of Buddha?



What is a **Buddharupa**?



Why are **Buddharupas** placed higher than worshippers?



Why do Buddhists sit with their feet tucked under their body?



When Buddhists worship, what are they thanking Buddha for?



What is **vesak**?



What does 'bathing the Buddha' mean, and why is it done?



What does the release of lanterns or caged birds symbolise?



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Read the 'Letter to a Buddhist'. Imagine you are a follower of Buddhism, and write your reply to Alex below, trying to answer as many of the questions in as much detail as you can.

A large, blank, white rectangular area with a torn paper edge effect, intended for writing a reply to Alex.







