

# Benhurst Primary School

Urdu



# Information

## Where is Urdu spoken?

Urdu is a living language which, according to estimates, is spoken by close to 100 million people around the world. It is the official language of **Pakistan**, a status which it shares with English. It is also spoken and understood in parts of **India, Bangladesh, Nepal, the Middle East**, and many other countries around the world where Pakistani communities have settled.

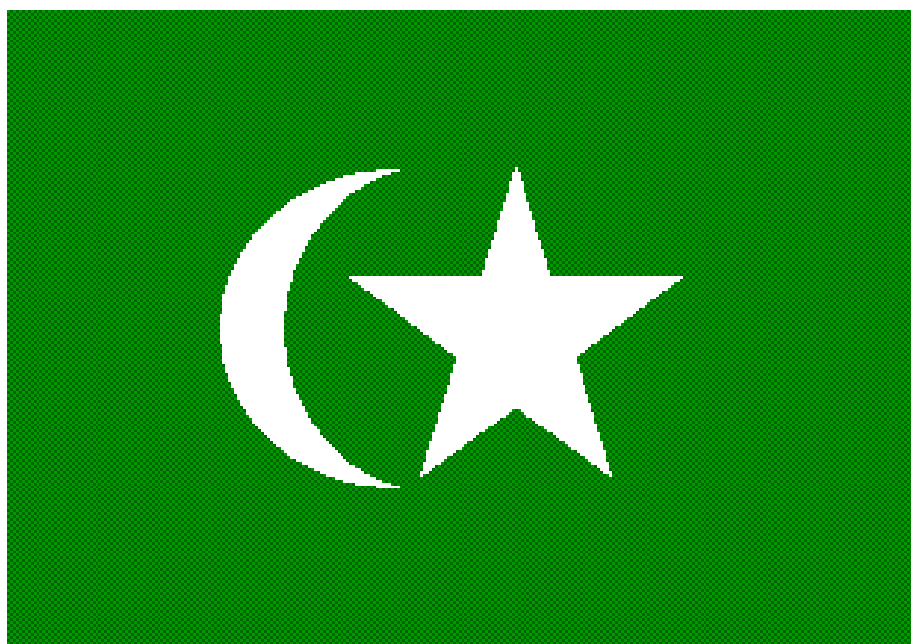
In India, Urdu is spoken in places with large **Muslim communities** or cities that were once power centres of Muslim Empires. They include parts of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Kashmir, Bhopal and Hyderabad. Some Indian schools teach Urdu as a first language and have their own syllabus and exams.

The Urdu community in the UK numbers about four hundred thousand speakers.

# Country



# Flag



# Traditional dress



## Place of Interest

# Lahore Fort

Built, damaged, demolished, rebuilt and restored several times before being given its current form by Emperor Akbar in 1566 (when he made Lahore his capital), the Lahore Fort is the star attraction of the Old City.



# Famous Person

## Imran Khan

The Pakistani politician, celebrity, and former cricketer. He played international cricket for two decades in the late twentieth century. He was Pakistan's most successful cricket captain, leading his country to victory at the 1992 Cricket World Cup.

