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Unit 1: Surah Al-An'am

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Surah Al-An'am is the 6th surah of the Holy Quran. It is a Makki surah with 165 ayaat, and its name means **the cattle** (livestock), because it mentions customs the Arabs of that time had made up about their cattle and crops. The surah's central message is **Tawheed**: Allah alone is the Creator and Sustainer, and worshipping anything beside Him is wrong. It points to the signs of Allah in nature, recalls how Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) turned away from the idols and false gods of his people, names many earlier prophets, and reminds people that everyone will answer for their deeds in the Akhirat. Your class studies selected ayaat from the textbook: the notes PDF on this page gives their word meanings and translation, so check the exact portion with your teacher.



Topics at a glance

- **1.1 Introduction to the surah** Surah 6, Makki, 165 ayaat
  Number, classification, ayaat and meaning of the name.
- **1.2 Key words to know** Terms used in this surah
  The key Arabic terms in the unit and their simple meanings.
- **1.3 Main themes** Tawheed and signs of Allah
  Tawheed, rejection of shirk, prophets and the Akhirat.
- **1.4 Lessons for life** Worship Allah alone
  Practical lessons for a student today.

- **1.5 Questions students ask** Short answers for revision
  Common questions about the surah, with short answers.

Key terms

- **توحید (Tawheed)** means believing that Allah is One, with no partner in His being, power or worship.
- **شرک (Shirk)** means associating anyone or anything with Allah in worship or in His qualities.
- **انعام (An'am)** means cattle or livestock, such as camels, cows, sheep and goats.
- **آیت (Ayat)** means a sign; it is also the word for a single verse of the Holy Quran.
- **مکی (Makki)** describes a surah commonly understood to have been revealed in Makkah, before the Hijrah.
- **آخرت (Akhirat)** means the life after death, when every person will be judged for their deeds.

Questions students ask

Q. Why is the surah called Al-An'am?

Al-An'am means the cattle. The surah mentions the customs the Arabs had invented about their cattle and crops and shows that such rules do not come from Allah.

Q. How many ayaat are in Surah Al-An'am?

It has 165 ayaat. It is the 6th surah of the Holy Quran and is a Makki surah.

Q. Do we study the whole of Surah Al-An'am in Class 10?

No. The class studies the selected ayaat given in the Punjab Board textbook. Ask your teacher which ayaat are included.

Q. What is the main message of Surah Al-An'am?

Tawheed: Allah alone is the Creator, and worship belongs to Him only. The surah also speaks about the prophets and the Akhirat.

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