

94 THE HINDUISM KWL CHART

Unit 5
Lesson 5

- 1 a) Before reading the text, fill in the first two columns in the **KWL chart** below. Then read the text and fill in the last column.

- 1 Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world. Many people think that Hindus have a lot of gods, but not many know that they worship one Supreme Being, who appears to them under different names in the form of various gods and goddesses. This is because Indians have many different languages and cultures, so every culture understands the deity in their own way. This Supreme Being is called Brahma and has four faces, four heads and four arms.
- 2 By now, you already know that Hindus don't eat beef. They see all living things, especially cows, as sacred. Cows are their holy animals because of their gentle nature, and because they are generous creatures who give more to people than they take from them. The Hindus have a very special relationship with animals, and, because they believe that all living things have souls, a lot of them are vegetarians.
- 3 *Mandirs* are Hindu temples, the places of worship. They look very different depending on where they are in the world, but they are usually very tall because they are the places where the earth meets heaven. Each *mandir* is dedicated to one god. People go there to worship and to offer gifts or food to the *murtis*, or the statues of the deities, as a sign of respect.

What do you know about the topic?	What do you want to know?	What have you learned?

- b) Use the table in Exercise 1 a) to retell what you have learned about Hinduism.