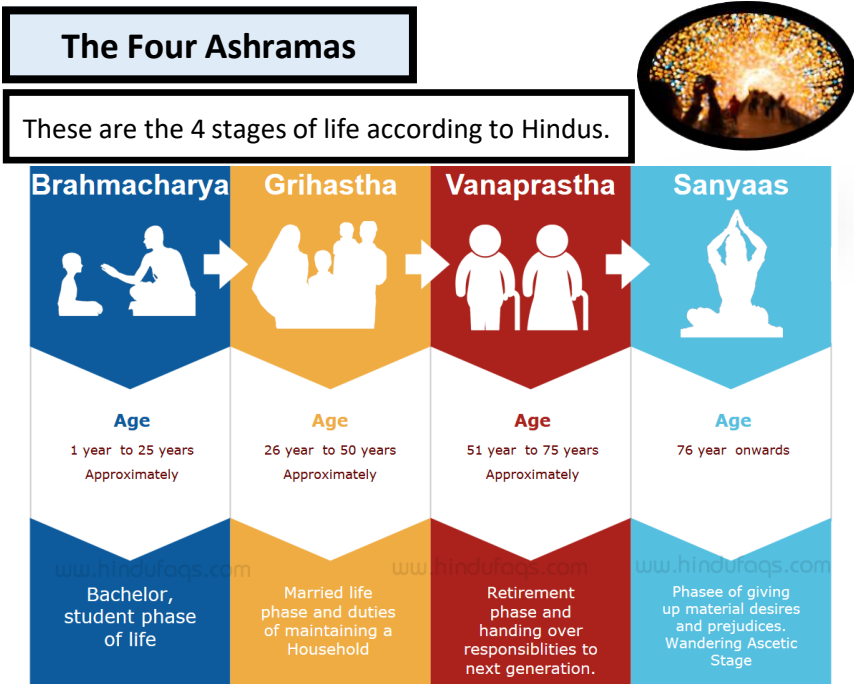


Karma	Good or bad luck with results from how a person has acted.
Reincarnation	The rebirth of a soul in another body

Vocabulary you will hear...

Ceremony, rites of passage, tradition, symbolises



Samskaras

Hindus follow many rites and rituals and they use these to mark the important stages of life.

These rites and rituals are known as Samskaras. There is a total of 16 different Samskaras.

Name	When	What happens
Upanayana (Sacred Thread)	Brachmacharya Stage (1st Stage of Life)	A ceremony for boys in some Hindu communities to confirm they are of an age to take on religious responsibility. The male participant's head is shaved for the ceremony, symbolising a cleansing from their old ways of living. New clothes are put on after bathing. Gifts and blessings from family and friends are often received.