

Celebrating Diwali: The Festival of Lights

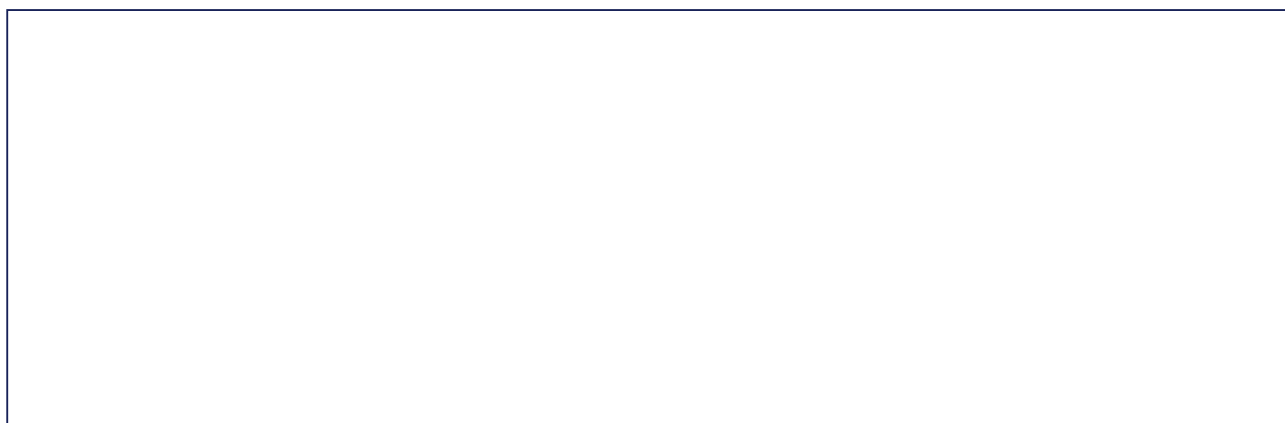
Learning objective: To understand the key beliefs, symbols, and traditions associated with Diwali.

Max the monkey is helping to prepare for a Diwali celebration! He has found a list of important words and descriptions, but they have become all mixed up. Match the correct word from the word bank to the description that explains what it is or why it is important.

Word bank: Diya · Rangoli · Sweets · Fireworks · Light · Family

1. A small oil lamp made from clay that represents the victory of light over darkness. (1 mark)
2. Brightly coloured patterns made on the floor using powder or rice to welcome guests. (1 mark)
3. These are shared with friends and loved ones as a sign of happiness and generosity. (1 mark)
4. Used to make a loud noise and create bright colours in the sky to celebrate. (1 mark)
5. The main theme of Diwali, symbolising knowledge and goodness winning over ignorance. (1 mark)
6. People gather together to pray, share meals, and exchange gifts during the festival. (1 mark)

Draw: Zara the zebra wants to help! In the space below, design your own colourful Rangoli pattern using geometric shapes and bright colours.



Extension challenge: Why do you think light is used as a symbol for 'goodness' in the story of Diwali? Write a short paragraph explaining your ideas.