

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

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

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you learn the key words for Diwali. The words are grouped into Traditions, Symbols, and Beliefs.

Diwali The Hindu festival of lights, celebratin...	Deepavali The Sanskrit word for Diwali, me...	Diyas Small oil lamps made from clay that a...
Rangoli colourful patterns made on the floor...	Puja A prayer ritual or act of worship to show...	Lakshmi The goddess of wealth, fortune and...
Ganesha The elephant-headed god who re...	Rama The brave prince and avatar of Vishnu...	Sita The princess and wife of Rama, known ...
Hanuman The monkey god who helped Ra...	Dharma The idea of living a right and virtuou...	Light Symbolises knowledge, hope, and the ...
Darkness Symbolises ignorance, evil, or sa...	Goodness The belief that being kind and ho...	Prosperity Wishing for a successful and heal...
Sweets Special treats shared with friends an...	Family The importance of coming together to...	Fireworks Used to light up the night sky and...
What is a 'diya' a...	Which goddess is...	Describe what a '...
In the story of R...	Why do people s...	Explain the mean...