

Celebrating Our World: A Festival Sorting Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and categorise key features, symbols, and meanings of different religious and cultural festivals.

Leo the Lion is helping to organise a Great World Festival Exhibition! However, all the information cards have become mixed up. Look at the 'Festival Feature' in the questions and sort it into the correct festival category from the word bank. For each one, explain why that feature is important to the festival.

Word bank: Diwali · Eid al-Fitr · Christmas · Hanukkah · Vaisakhi

1. Lighting small oil lamps called diyas to symbolise the victory of light over darkness. (2 marks)

2. Sharing a special feast and giving to charity (Zakat) after a month of fasting. (2 marks)

3. Decorating a tree and exchanging gifts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. (2 marks)

4. Lighting the Menorah (a nine-branched candle holder) over eight nights. (2 marks)

5. Celebrating the harvest and the beginning of a new year with colourful parades. (2 marks)

6. Wearing new clothes and visiting family and friends to share greetings of peace. (2 marks)

Draw: Leo wants to add a poster to the exhibition. Draw a picture of a festival you celebrate (or one you have learned about), including at least two symbols mentioned in the activity.



Extension challenge: Can you think of a 'non-religious' festival or celebration (such as a national holiday or a family tradition)? Write down one thing that makes it special and how it brings people together.