

Celebrating Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the meaning, traditions, and significance of Diwali for Hindus.

Answer the following questions about Diwali. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling where needed.

Word bank: diyas · Rangoli · prosperity · victory · Lakshmi · darkness

1. What does Diwali represent in terms of the struggle between light and darkness? (2 marks)

2. Which Hindu goddess is often prayed to during Diwali to bring wealth and prosperity to the home? (1 mark)

3. Explain what 'diyas' are and why they are placed around the home and streets during the festival. (3 marks)

4. What is 'Rangoli', and how is it used to welcome guests and deities into the house? (2 marks)

5. Imagine you are inviting a friend to a Diwali celebration. List three things they might see, smell, or taste during the festivities. (3 marks)

6. Why do people clean their homes thoroughly before the Diwali celebrations begin? (2 marks)

Draw: In the box below, design your own colourful Rangoli pattern using bright colours and geometric shapes.



Extension challenge: Research the story of Rama and Sita. Can you explain how their return to Ayodhya relates to the lighting of the lamps?