

Celebrating Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To explain the significance of Diwali and describe how it is celebrated by Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities.

Use the prompts below to write a detailed report about Diwali. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together and make your writing flow.

Diwali is one of the most important festivals in the world, celebrated by millions of people...

Word bank: furthermore · traditionally · symbolises · celebration · victory of light over darkness · brightly coloured · community · festivities

1. What is Diwali and who celebrates it? (Start with: Diwali is known as...)

2. What are some of the stories or meanings behind the festival? (Start with: For many people, Diwali represents...)

3. How do people prepare their homes for the festival? (Start with: To get ready for the celebrations...)

4. What special things do people do and wear during the celebrations? (Start with: During the festival, families often...)

5. What are some of the traditional foods or treats shared during Diwali? (Start with: A delicious part of the festival is...)

6. Why is the use of light, like diyas or fireworks, so important? (Start with: The lights are used to symbolise...)

Extension challenge: Can you explain how the themes of Diwali, such as kindness and new beginnings, might be important to people even if they do not celebrate the festival themselves?