

Zara's Radiant Rangoli Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the cultural significance, patterns, and techniques used in creating Diwali Rangoli designs.

Join Zara the zebra as we explore the beautiful art of Rangoli! Read the questions carefully and circle or write the best answer. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.A, 5.B, 6.Symmetry, 7.Threshold, 8.B, 9.True, 10.Rice flour. Rangoli is a traditional Indian art form used to decorate floors during festivals like Diwali. It uses patterns and bright colours to bring good luck and welcome guests into the home.

Word bank: Symmetry · Pigment · Diwali · Welcome · Pattern · Coloured sand · Threshold

1. 1. What festival is Rangoli most commonly associated with? A) Easter B) Christmas C) Diwali* D) Summer Solstice (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Rangoli patterns are often created to welcome guests into a home. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Rangoli is only ever made using permanent paint on walls. (1 mark)

4. 4. What mathematical concept does Zara often look for in Rangoli designs? A) Symmetry* B) Negative numbers C) Algebra D) Prime numbers (1 mark)

5. 5. Which of these materials is traditionally used to make Rangoli? A) Metal scraps B) Coloured sand or rice flour* C) Heavy clay bricks D) Plastic beads (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: Rangoli designs often feature a repeating _____ to create a beautiful effect. (1 mark)

7. 7. Where is a Rangoli design usually placed? A) On the ceiling B) Under the bed C) At the threshold of a house D) Inside a cupboard (1 mark)

8. 8. Why do people create Rangoli? A) To hide dirt B) To invite good luck and prosperity* C) To mark a running race D) To block the doorway (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Rangoli designs can be geometric shapes like squares, circles, or lotus flowers. (1 mark)

10. 10. One-word answer: What common kitchen staple can be ground into flour to create the base for a white Rangoli design? (1 mark)

Draw: Zara invites you to design your own Rangoli! Using a ruler and a pencil, draw a square on your paper and fill it with a symmetrical pattern using repeating shapes like triangles, petals, and dots.



Extension challenge: Research how Rangoli patterns change shape depending on the region in India. Can you find the name of a similar art form from a different country?