

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the cultural significance of Diwali through visual representation and descriptive labelling.

Use your artistic skills to illustrate the key elements of the Diwali festival. Follow the drawing prompt below and use the word bank to add descriptive labels to your artwork. Think about the warmth and joy associated with the 'Festival of Lights'.

Draw: Create a vibrant, detailed scene of a home during Diwali. Include a central, highly detailed and symmetrical rangoli pattern on the floor. Surround the pattern with several clay diya lamps, ensuring you show the glow of the flames using bright yellows and oranges. In the background, add colourful paper decorations hanging from the walls. Use a bold, illustrative style with rich, saturated colours to capture the joyful atmosphere.



Label words: diya lamp · rangoli pattern · festive decorations · glowing light · celebration · symmetrical · vibrant colours

Steps:

1. Explain why light is such an important symbol during the festival of Diwali. How does this connect to the theme of the story?
2. Step 1: Draw a large, circular rangoli pattern in the centre of your page. Why is symmetry important in

these designs?

3. Label three specific items in your drawing that represent the theme of 'light'.
4. Compare and contrast the atmosphere of a Diwali celebration with a quiet evening at home. What sensory details would be different?
5. Justify your choice of colours for your rangoli pattern. How do these colours influence the mood of your drawing?
6. What might happen if the diya lamps were not lit during the festival? Explain the impact this would have on the symbolism of the event.