

Diwali: The Festival of Lights Diary Entry

Learning objective: To write a diary entry from the perspective of a character celebrating Diwali, using descriptive language and accurate cultural context.

Imagine you are celebrating Diwali with your family. Use your senses to describe the atmosphere. Think about the flickering diyas, the colourful rangoli patterns, and the delicious food. Use the word bank to help you write a detailed account of the day's events.

Word bank: Diwali · festival · divine · celebration · rangoli · diyas · tradition · prosperity · illuminated · savoury · virtue · triumph

1. Preparation: Describe the rangoli patterns you helped create at the entrance of your home. Why are these patterns important? (3 marks)

2. Sensory Details: Explain the sights and smells of the evening. How do the lit diyas change the atmosphere of the house? (3 marks)

3. Meaning: Justify why the triumph of light over darkness is a central theme of Diwali. What does this represent in our daily lives? (4 marks)

4. Reflection: Compare and contrast how Diwali is celebrated with how other festivals might be celebrated in your local community. (4 marks)

5. Perspective: What might happen if the diyas were not lit? Explain the significance of the light to the story of Diwali. (3 marks)

6. Creative Task: Zara the zebra is inspired by the symmetry of your rangoli design. Describe the geometric shapes you used and explain why symmetry is important in this art form. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a formal invitation to a friend explaining the importance of Diwali. Use at least three metaphors to describe the light and joy of the festival.