

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the key beliefs, symbols, and traditions associated with the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of Diwali. Look at the question or key term on the front, try to remember the answer, then check the back to see if you are correct!

What is Diwali often called?	Which religion's most important festival is Diwali?
The Festival of Lights	Hinduism
What are 'diyas'?	What is a 'Rangoli'?
Small oil lamps made from clay that are lit to symbolise light over darkness	Bright, colourful patterns made on the floor using coloured rice, flour or petals to welcome guests
Who is Lakshmi?	In the story of the Ramayana, who returns to his kingdom after 14 years?
The Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity	Prince Rama
Who is Rama's wife in the story of the Ramayana?	What does the victory of light over darkness represent in Diwali?
Sita	The victory of good over evil
How do families typically celebrate Diwali at home?	Why do people light lamps during Diwali?
By cleaning their houses, wearing new clothes, sharing sweets and lighting lamps	To guide the way for Goddess Lakshmi and to celebrate the return of Rama and Sita
What is the purpose of giving gifts and sweets during Diwali?	Which animal helped Rama find Sita?
To show kindness and share happiness with friends and family	Hanuman, the monkey god