

Diwali Story Quiz

Learning objective: To test understanding of the key elements and traditions of Diwali as part of the Grade 3 ELA curriculum.

Answer the following questions based on the Diwali story passage. Each question is worth 1 mark.

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a Hindu festival celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. It usually falls in October or November. One of the most important aspects of Diwali is the lighting of lamps or candles to symbolize the victory of good over evil. Devotees light Rangoli, which are intricate patterns made of colored powder, at the entrance of their homes to welcome Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity. Fireworks are also a part of the celebration, adding to the festive atmosphere. People exchange sweets and candies, and perform puja (prayers) to thank the goddess for the blessings of wealth and prosperity. Houses are decorated with lights and flowers, and the festival is marked by great enthusiasm and happiness.

Word bank: Diwali · Lakshmi · Rangoli · candles · fireworks · sweets · lamp · household · light · devotees · prayers · goddess · festivals · puja · candies

1. What is the main symbol of Diwali? (1 mark)

2. Which goddess is worshipped during Diwali? (1 mark)

3. What do people exchange during Diwali? (1 mark)

4. What is performed during Diwali to thank the goddess? (1 mark)

5. What do Rangoli patterns represent? (1 mark)

6. During which month does Diwali usually fall? (1 mark)

7. What is the significance of lighting lamps during Diwali? (1 mark)

8. True or false: Fireworks are a part of Diwali celebrations? (1 mark)

9. What do people do at the entrance of their homes during Diwali? (1 mark)

10. What is a puja? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Diwali celebration showing the lights and decorations. _____



Extension challenge: Learn more about the stories and legends behind the Diwali festival and how it is celebrated in different parts of the world.