

Exploring Hinduism with Max and Nova

Learning objective: To identify and understand key beliefs, symbols, and practices within Hinduism.

Max the monkey and Nova the owl are visiting a Mandir! They have found a list of important Hindu words and descriptions, but they have become all mixed up. Help them by matching the correct word from the word bank to the description provided below.

Word bank: Mandir · Om · Diwali · Karma · Dharma · Brahman · Puja

1. The Hindu place of worship, often beautifully decorated with statues of deities. (1 mark)

2. The sacred sound and symbol that represents the universe. (1 mark)

3. The Festival of Lights, celebrating the victory of light over darkness. (1 mark)

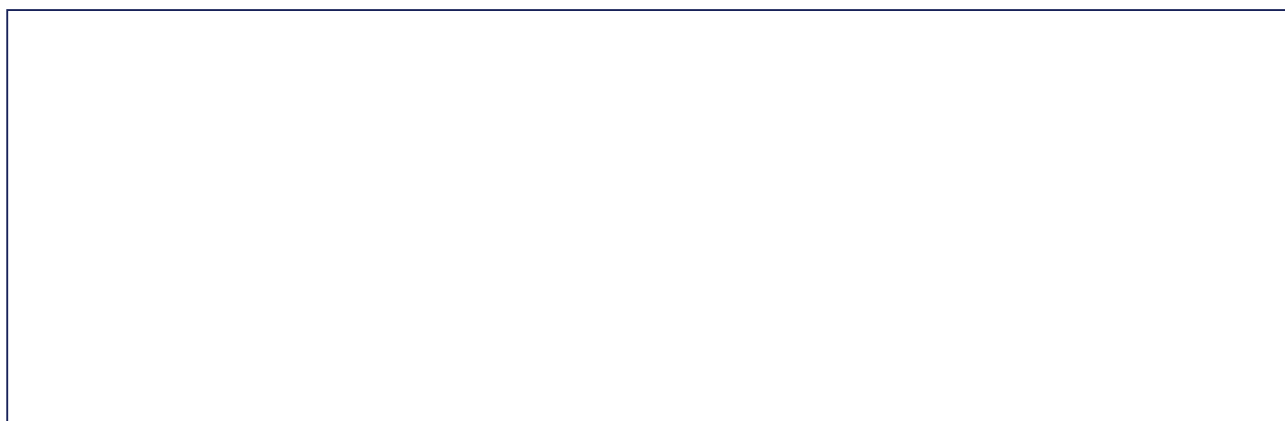
4. The belief that your good or bad actions in this life affect your future. (1 mark)

5. The duty or the 'right way' of living a virtuous life. (1 mark)

6. The belief in one supreme universal spirit or world soul. (1 mark)

7. The act of showing reverence to a god through prayer and offerings. (1 mark)

Draw: Diwali is a wonderful celebration! Draw a colorful picture of a 'diya' (an oil lamp) and some bright patterns to celebrate the Festival of Lights.



Extension challenge: Nova is wondering why there are so many different gods in Hinduism if there is one supreme spirit (Brahman). Can you write a sentence explaining how the different gods are like different faces of the same spirit?