

Year 1 English Assessment: The Story of Diwali

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the Diwali narrative, key characters, and the significance of light, using appropriate Year 1 vocabulary and sentence structure.

Read the story carefully with your teacher. Answer the questions below using your best handwriting and full sentences where possible.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Light. The story tells of Prince Rama and his wife, Sita. After being away for a long time, they began their journey home. It was a very dark night with no moon to guide them. The people of the city wanted to show Rama and Sita the way. They lit thousands of small clay lamps called diyas. They placed them in rows along the streets and on the walls of their homes. The warm glow of the lights helped Rama and Sita find their way back home safely. Today, people celebrate by lighting diyas, sharing sweets, and enjoying time with their families.

Word bank: Diwali · Rama · Sita · Diyas · Light · Return · Celebration · Welcome · Victory

1. What is the special name given to the Diwali festival? (1 mark)

2. Who are the two main people trying to find their way home in the story? (2 marks)

3. Why was it difficult for Rama and Sita to find their way home? (2 marks)

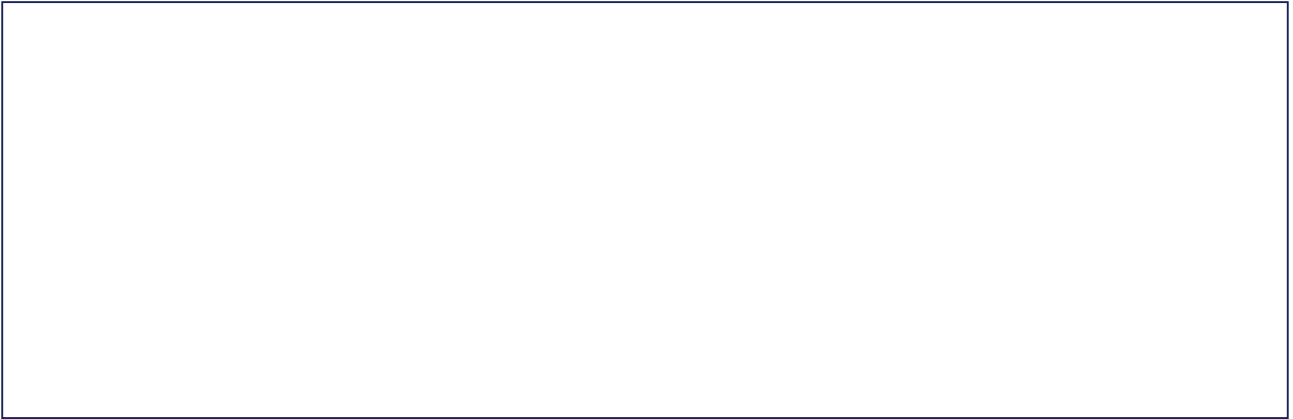
4. What are the small clay lamps called that people use during Diwali? (1 mark)

5. How did the people in the city help Rama and Sita find their way? (4 marks)

6. Think about a time you have celebrated something with your family. Describe how you felt and what you did. (5 marks)

7. Max the monkey wants to buy 3 diyas for his home. If each diya costs £2, how much money does he need in total? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a house decorated with bright, glowing diyas to welcome Rama and Sita home.



Extension challenge: Write a sentence explaining why light is an important symbol in the story of Diwali.
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