

A Bright Celebration with Pip

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key information and making inferences from a text about the festival of Diwali.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below using full sentences where possible.

Pip the bookworm caterpillar sat on a large green leaf, reading a colourful book about Diwali. Diwali is the festival of light, celebrated by millions of people all over the world. Pip learned that the festival marks the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. During this special time, families clean their homes until they sparkle. They decorate their floors with beautiful patterns called rangoli, made from bright coloured powders. Pip was most interested in the little clay lamps called divas. Families place these lamps in rows around their homes to make them glow with a warm, golden light. People also wear their best clothes, share delicious sweet treats, and exchange thoughtful gifts with their friends and neighbours. As the sun set, Pip imagined the whole world glowing like a starry night sky. The festival is a joyful time for everyone to gather together, feel thankful, and share happiness. Pip decided to write a poem about the glowing lamps to share with all his friends in the garden.

Word bank: Diwali · festival · divas · celebration · tradition · light · joyful

1. What are the little clay lamps used during Diwali called? (1 mark)

2. List two things families do to get ready for the festival. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think families clean their homes until they sparkle before the festival? (2 marks)

4. How does Pip feel about the festival of Diwali? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

5. If you were celebrating Diwali, which part of the festival would you enjoy the most and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a house decorated for Diwali, including a colourful rangoli pattern on the floor and a row of glowing divas.



Extension challenge: Research one other festival that uses light as part of its celebration and write two sentences explaining how it is similar to Diwali.