

The Festival of Lights: A Diwali Drawing Adventure

Learning objective: To recount the main events of a traditional story through illustration and descriptive labelling.

Follow the steps below to illustrate the story of Rama and Sita returning home. Use the word bank to add labels to your picture to show you understand the key parts of the story.

Draw: Draw a nighttime scene showing a journey home. In the centre, include a house with a warm glow coming from the windows. Along the path leading to the door, draw many small clay lamps called 'diyas'. Surround the entrance with a colourful, symmetrical 'rangoli' pattern made of dots and shapes. In the sky above, draw a bright, full moon to light the way. Use bright colours like yellow, orange, and red for the flames and decorations.



Label words: diya · rangoli · pathway · light · celebration · home

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, welcoming house in the centre of your page. Why do you think the people lit so many lamps to guide them home? Write your answer below.
2. Step 2: Draw a beautiful rangoli pattern on the ground in front of the house. Describe the shapes and colours you have used.
3. Step 3: Label your drawing using at least three words from the word bank provided.

4. Step 4: Think about how the people felt when they finally saw the lights. Draw a smiling face near the house to show their emotion.
5. Step 5: Write one sentence explaining why the festival of Diwali is often called the 'Festival of Lights'.