

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Zara

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and identify key traditions and their meanings.

Zara the zebra is creating a beautiful Rangoli pattern to celebrate Diwali. To complete the pattern, you must match the key term from the left with the correct description on the right. Write the letter of the correct description next to the term. Then, use the information to complete the 'Diwali Fact File' sentences below.

Word bank: Diyas · Rangoli · Lakshmi · Light · New Year

1. Match the following: A) Diyas, B) Rangoli, C) Lakshmi. Descriptions: (i) The goddess of wealth and prosperity. (ii) Small oil lamps made of clay. (iii) Colourful patterns made on the floor using coloured powder or rice. (3 marks)

2. Why do families light clay lamps during the festival of Diwali? (2 marks)

3. Diwali is often described as the 'Festival of Lights'. What does the light symbolise in the story of Rama and Sita? (2 marks)

4. Complete the sentence: Families often share sweets and gifts with friends and family during Diwali to show _____. (1 mark)

5. If a family buys a box of 12 luxury sweets for £8.50 and a decorative lantern for £4.75, what is the total cost of their Diwali preparations? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a symmetrical Rangoli pattern inside the circle provided, using geometric shapes like triangles and squares, just like Zara does in her studio.



Extension challenge: Research one other festival that involves light—such as Hanukkah or Lantern Festivals—and write a short paragraph comparing two similarities it has with Diwali.