

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To recall key facts about the celebration of Diwali, including its significance within Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism.

Join Nova the owl for a quick quiz! Read the questions carefully and select the best answer for the multiple-choice questions, or write your answer clearly for the others.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Diyas, 4.A, 5.False, 6.Rangoli, 7.B, 8.True, 9.Good, 10.B. Diwali is a five-day festival celebrated by millions. It marks the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. Families decorate homes with patterns and lamps to welcome prosperity.

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

1. 1. What does the word 'Diwali' mean? A) Festival of Flowers, B) Festival of Colours, C) Festival of Lights, D) Festival of Food* (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Diwali is celebrated only by people living in India. (1 mark)

3. 3. What are the small clay oil lamps used during Diwali called? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which goddess is often worshipped during Diwali to bring wealth and prosperity? A) Lakshmi*, B) Saraswati, C) Durga, D) Parvati (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Diwali always takes place on the exact same date every year on the Gregorian calendar. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name of the colourful patterns made on the floor using coloured sand or rice flour? (1 mark)

7. 7. How many days does the main Diwali festival usually last? A) 3 days, B) 5 days*, C) 7 days, D) 10 days (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Diwali is a significant festival for Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains. (1 mark)

9. 9. Diwali represents the victory of _____ over evil. (1 mark)

10. 10. What is a popular treat shared with family and friends during Diwali? A) A salty soup, B) Sweet treats (mithai)*, C) Bitter herbs, D) Cold porridge (1 mark)

Draw: Nova the owl is watching a beautiful Rangoli pattern being made. Draw a symmetrical Rangoli pattern using bright colours and include a glowing Diya lamp in the centre.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a Diwali feast for your friends. If you have £20.00, write a small list of items you might buy to decorate your room and provide snacks, ensuring you stay within your budget.