

Celebrating Festivals: A World of Light and Joy

Learning objective: To understand how festivals are celebrated by identifying key symbols, special foods, and traditional decorations.

Use the drawing prompt below to create your festival scene. After you finish your drawing, use the word bank to label the important items you have included.

Draw: Draw a busy festival scene. Your scene should include: 1) A group of people sharing a special meal together, 2) At least one 'symbol of light' (like a candle, lantern, or bonfire), 3) Detailed festival decorations hanging from trees or buildings, and 4) People wearing traditional or bright, celebratory clothing. Use vibrant colours and patterns, inspired by Zara the zebra's love for art, to make your festival look lively and welcoming.



Label words: Symbol of light · Traditional food · Festival decoration · Community gathering · Special clothing · Colours · Ritual object

Steps:

1. Choose one festival you have studied. Write two sentences explaining what the 'Symbol of light' in your drawing represents to the people who celebrate it.
2. Why is it important for communities to share special food during a festival celebration?
3. Label three items in your drawing using the words from the word bank.

4. How do the colours you chose for your drawing reflect the mood of the festival?
5. If you were to create a brand new festival for your school, what is one 'Ritual object' you would include and why?