

Diwali: The Festival of Light

Learning objective: To understand the key elements of the Diwali story and explain why it is celebrated as a festival of light.

Read the sentences carefully and answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling.

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by many people. The story of Diwali tells us about Rama and Sita returning home after a long time away. The people of their city were very happy to see them. It was a dark, moonless night, so the people lit many small oil lamps called diyas to light up the path and guide them home. This showed that light is stronger than darkness, and that good will always win. Today, people celebrate by lighting lamps, sharing delicious sweets, and spending time with their families.

Word bank: Rama · Sita · Diwali · light · diya · victory · darkness · good

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

2. Why did the people in the story light the lamps for Rama and Sita? (2 marks)

3. Diwali is often called the 'Festival of Light'. Why do you think light is an important part of this celebration? (2 marks)

4. Can you name one way people celebrate Diwali today? (1 mark)

5. In the story, what does the victory of light over darkness represent? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful diya lamp with a bright flame. Add some colourful patterns around the outside to make it look special.



Extension challenge: Pip the caterpillar is writing a poem about Diwali. Can you write two sentences describing how a bright, glowing lamp makes you feel?