

Diwali: The Festival of Lights Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the story and traditions of Diwali, the Festival of Lights.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions using full sentences where required. Check your spellings and use your best handwriting.

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by many people. The story tells of Prince Rama and his wife, Sita. They had been away from home for a long time. The people of their kingdom wanted to welcome them back. It was a very dark night with no moon, so the people lit many small oil lamps, called diyas, to light up the path. The lamps showed Rama and Sita the way home. Today, people celebrate Diwali by lighting lamps, sharing delicious sweets, and wearing bright, colourful clothes. It is a time to remember that light is stronger than darkness.

Word bank: Diwali · Rama · Sita · Lamps · Good · Evil · Light · Darkness · Celebration

1. Who are the two main characters in the story of Diwali? (2 marks)

2. Why did the people in the kingdom light oil lamps? (2 marks)

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

4. How do people celebrate Diwali today? List three things they might do. (3 marks)

5. Why is Diwali known as the 'Festival of Lights'? (4 marks)

6. In the story, light is used to show the way home. Can you think of another reason why light is important to people? Explain your answer. (8 marks)

7. Imagine you are inviting Pip the bookworm caterpillar to a Diwali party. Write a short invitation (3-5 sentences) explaining what you will be doing at the party. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a pattern for a Rangoli design that you might see outside a house during Diwali. Use bright colours and shapes.



Extension challenge: Total: /25