

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the key features and traditions of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, and to use descriptive language to write about celebrations.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of the Diwali story and traditions to answer in full sentences. Remember to use capital letters and full stops.

Diwali is a beautiful festival celebrated by millions of people around the world. It is known as the 'Festival of Lights' and marks the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Many people decorate their homes with colourful Rangoli patterns, light small oil lamps called Diyas, and enjoy special meals with their families to mark this happy occasion.

Word bank: Diwali · Rama · Sita · Diyas · Rangoli · Celebration · Light · Darkness · Festival · Family

1. Why is Diwali often called the 'Festival of Lights'? (2 marks)

2. What is a 'Diyas' and how is it used during the festival? (2 marks)

3. In the story of Rama and Sita, how do the people of the city help them find their way home? (2 marks)

4. Describe what a Rangoli pattern might look like using two adjectives. (2 marks)

5. If you were planning a Diwali celebration, name one special thing you would do to make your home look bright. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern using bright colours and geometric shapes, then draw a Diya lamp sitting in the centre.



Extension challenge: Max the monkey is trying to organise a Diwali party. He has £10. If he buys a box of sweets for £4 and a pack of colourful candles for £3, how much money does he have left? Write your answer in rupees and paise.