

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Pip and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the key elements and themes of the Diwali story through sequencing and descriptive language.

Pip the bookworm and Ellie the elephant have learned the story of Diwali! Below are five sentences that tell the story, but they are all jumbled up. Cut out the sentences or write numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes to put the story in the correct order. Use the word bank to help you understand the special parts of the celebration.

Word bank: Diwali · Lamps · Light · Family · Rangoli · Celebration

1. 1. People clean their homes and make beautiful colourful patterns on the floor called Rangoli. (1 mark)

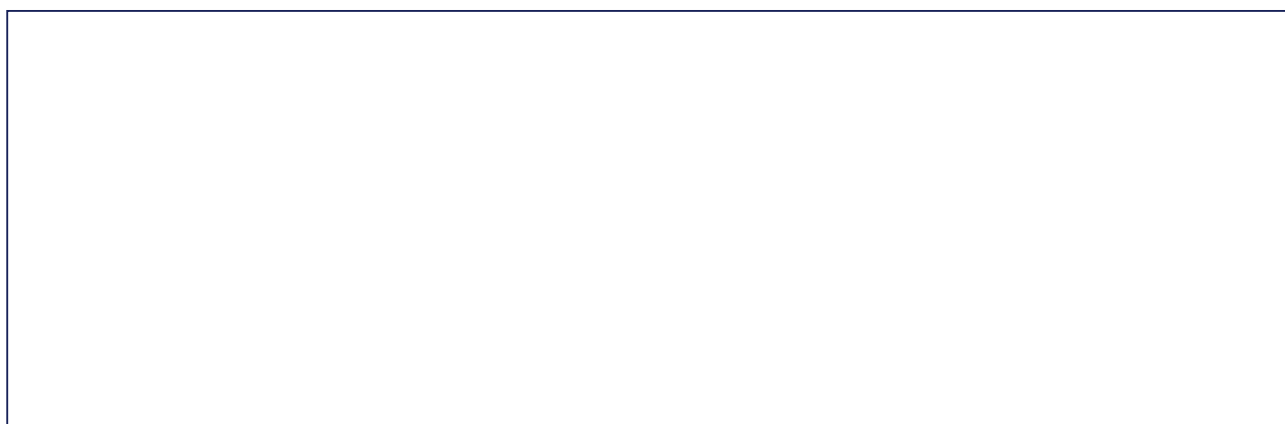
2. 2. The story of Diwali reminds us that light is stronger than darkness. (1 mark)

3. 3. Families place small clay lamps, called diyas, outside their homes to glow in the night. (1 mark)

4. 4. Everyone puts on their best clothes to share delicious food with their friends. (1 mark)

5. 5. It is time to celebrate the festival of lights with joy and kindness! (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a bright and happy Diwali scene. Draw a row of small, glowing lamps outside a house and a beautiful, colourful Rangoli pattern on the ground.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are helping Pip and Ellie get ready for a party. If you bought a small clay lamp for £1 and a bag of colourful chalk for £2, how much money would you spend in total?