

The Festival of Lights: A Diwali Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall key facts and themes from the story of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of the Diwali story. Ellie the Elephant has shared some clues to help you remember!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Lamps (or Diyas), 5.Rama, 6.Sita, 7.A, 8.True, 9.Rangoli, 10.Light over darkness.

Word bank: Diwali · Rama · Sita · Lamps · Light · Darkness · Ayodhya · Rangoli

1. 1. What is the name of the festival of lights? A) Christmas B) Eid C) Diwali* D) Hanukkah (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: People turn off all the lights in their houses during Diwali. (1 mark)

4. 4. What small clay containers are lit and placed outside homes? (1 word) (1 mark)

5. 5. Who is the brave prince that returns home in the story? A) Rama* B) Krishna C) Shiva D) Vishnu (1 mark)

6. 6. Who is the princess who returns home with the prince? A) Radha B) Sita* C) Lakshmi D) Parvati (1 mark)

7. 7. Where were the people waiting for the prince to return? A) Ayodhya* B) London C) Delhi D) Mumbai (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Families often decorate their floors with colourful patterns. (1 mark)

9. 9. What are the colourful patterns made on the floor called? (1 word) (1 mark)

10. 10. In your own words, what does the lighting of lamps represent? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a bright, glowing diya lamp sitting on a beautiful, colourful rangoli pattern.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem, like Leo the Lion would, describing how you think the city of Ayodhya looked when it was lit up by thousands of lamps.