

Diwali: The Festival of Lights Writing Frame

Learning objective: To write a descriptive narrative about the story of Diwali using effective vocabulary and structured paragraphs.

Use this scaffold to help you write your own version of the story of Rama and Sita. Focus on describing the settings and the emotions of the characters as they return home.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, a golden glow began to flicker across the darkened path leading home.

Word bank: triumphantly · shimmering · exile · courageous · banished · guidance · festivities · furthermore · consequently · in the distance · golden glow

1. Introduction: Describe the moment Rama and Sita finally see their kingdom in the distance. How do they feel after their long journey? Start with: 'The long journey had finally come to an end when...' (2 marks)

2. The Conflict: Briefly explain why they had been away for so long. Use the word 'banished'. Start with: 'Years ago, the brave prince had been unfairly banished, but now...' (2 marks)

3. The Celebration: Describe how the people of the kingdom welcomed them back using 'diyas' (oil lamps). Start with: 'To guide their beloved prince home, the villagers lit thousands of clay lamps which...' (2 marks)

4. The Conclusion: Reflect on why Diwali is still celebrated today as a victory of light over darkness. Start with: 'Even today, the festival of Diwali reminds us that...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Nova the owl wants to know how you would use light to represent hope in your own story. Write two sentences using a metaphor to describe the light of the diyas.